

NEW LIFE MISSION

Proclaiming the Gospel to the Himalayan Peoples of Nepal and India

Below (L-R): Samuel, Elishiba, Philemon, & Joel Chhetri



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Dear friends and prayer partners,

EARTHQUAKE

On April 25, 2015 a 7.8 magnitude earthquake (the worst in eight decades) hit Nepal. Another 7.3 quake



happened on May 12. I was in the States at the time and felt helpless. My own heart quaked for my family and countrymen. Phone lines were down, but I eventually heard that my family was safe. Traumatized people aimlessly roamed the streets and countryside looking for shelter. Any NLM church that was spared was open to those in need. I wanted to return home, but the Lord used my presence in the US to secure some much-needed help for my country. I gave numerous interviews on radio and TV and became the face of



Giving television and radio interviews in the US after the Nepali earthquake

ANM's involvement in this crisis.

Since I returned home, much of my time has been spent coordinating relief efforts (along with five other Nepali ANM partners). Officially eight million people were affected, 600,000 homes destroyed and 300,000 homes damaged. More than 9,000 people lost their lives. I believe these numbers are higher because much of the area can only be reached by foot.

In the Makwanpur and Chitwan districts, 72 NLM churches and thousands of homes need to be rebuilt. We have accomplished some relief through Pastor Habil, but more funds are needed to complete the work.

In Dhading district we lost all seven of our church buildings and eight church members, including one of the pastor's sons.



Top: People taking shelter in an NLM church Bottom: A destroyed mountain church Top Left: An NLM pastor digs through what remains of his church. Left: So many homes and churches were ruined.

There are thousands of refugees who are waiting to return to a home, and again our funds are not enough. However, they gather outside for worship and praise God for His goodness and that they are alive.



HEARTFELT THANKS

It has been, and continues to be, a struggle. But through God's grace and your prayers and selfless financial support, much has been accomplished. You will never know the encouragement you have been to me and to Nepal and words cannot come close in expressing my gratitude. I thank you and the Lord that I am not alone. Knowing this Truth keeps me moving forward.



Waiting for gasoline and cooking fuel

POLITICAL UNREST

Currently we have a coalition government with two major communist parties and a few minor ones. The Nepal's new constitution was finalized last September and two indigenous tribes protested that they did not have enough representation in the new government. There is an enormous social diversity in the country and they wanted more inclusiveness for themselves and other minorities.

The government responded with force and killed 40 of the tribal protestors. This brought about a border blockade with India. Supplies were difficult to find. We waited in gasoline lines for three to four days.

Cooking fuel was extremely limited. Relief was difficult during this time. The blockade has been broken, but the constitution has still not been amended.

MINISTRY

Every part of our ministry is geared to reaching the unreached for Christ. God does not waste a thing and we thank Him for opening multiple ways to show His love.

Relief

In spite of the struggles our people have endured, God has used it to bring souls into His kingdom. We gave relief to everyone and non-Christians took notice. We supplied immediate needs, distributed building and roofing materials and rebuilt and repaired homes and churches.



Philemon prays for his newly appointed missionaries!

We helped and shared even during the blockade.



Top left: We distributed tin roofing sheets for homes and church buildings. Top Right: Rice was handed out to the hungry.

Bottom: Philemon gives Pastor Habil (an area supervisor) funds to help those in his region. Bottom Right: Tarps and buckets were given for temporary shelter and carrying water.

Missionaries

Church planting is on-going and our pastors are laboring hard to win the lost to Christ. On June 5th we appointed 15 new missionaries who are now working with NLM! What joy to know that new areas in Nepal and India will now hear about Jesus.

Media Ministry

By the grace of God, the Gospel has been preached over radio and television for the last eight years. The radio

program is currently broadcast on 38 FM stations—in Nepal and India. Nepal Television (a government station) sends our program to 147 nations of the world! The responses are good and coming from viewers all over the world. Millions are being blessed and asking questions about Jesus the Savior.

Schools

Our five elementary schools (three in Nepal and two in India) are also great tools for reaching the people groups in those areas. They are running smoothly and many have come to the Lord.

Youth Conference

My sons, Samuel and Joel, are the worship and youth leaders for the church.



Left: Samuel (center) prays for youth at the close of the conference. Right: Joel and Samuel—youth leaders



Materials sent to our listeners

They organized a youth conference in Kathmandu and invited the youth from local churches to participate in a talent show. The presentations in music, song, drama and dance were very anointed. At the close each youth was prayed over by our boys and several pastors.

Testimonies

For 15 years Praja could not sit or walk. She was in serious pain. The witch doctors and medical doctors did not help her. Then she met one of our missionaries who told her about Jesus. Praja allowed prayer saying, “If I get healed I will come to church and believe in this Jesus.” The missionary prayed four different times and then Praja began crawling on the floor like a child. She cried, “I’m being healed. I want to come to church. I believe in Jesus!” When others in the village saw how Jesus had healed Praja, they too came to church and accepted Christ.

Pastor Habil shared this story. A man named Mangalsing was talking to his wife when he suddenly stopped speaking and fell over dead. His wife ran to Pastor Habil and blurted out, “Come quick and help. My husband just died!” Habil followed her home and found Mangalsing already stiff and cold. Habil told everyone who had gathered to close their eyes and pray for the miracle of life to fill Mangalsing. By the time they said “Amen” Mangalsing was sitting up! He remembered nothing, but many saw him raised from the dead. As a result many believed and the church has grown.

INDIA INVITATION

In the 1980’s, I was the first Nepali student to attend Grace Bible College in Haryana, India. I have been invited to

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attend their yearly conference and graduation service for the last 31 years. I have never been able to go until this year. It was far more than I ever expected. I was treated like an angel. In every meeting I was asked to sit on stage with the mighty men of God and given opportunities to witness, pray and speak. I was even asked to put on a gown and join the faculty during graduation. I am so grateful for the honor that they gave me.

Elisheba and I went on to Delhi where I preached in a friend's church and then onto Agra where I spoke in another gathering. We so appreciated the love and care.



At Samuel's graduation

FAMILY

I praise God that He has taken me through 18 years of battling diabetes. His faithfulness is wonderful. I praise Him for giving me a life partner who helps me in every area of my life and ministry. My boys are truly a gift from Him. Samuel completed his Master's in

English and we attended his convocation on April 20th. Joel is working on his Bachelor's degree, taking animation classes and helping me in the office.

Elishiba has been battling gastric problems for two months. She has been to doctors, had many tests and taken different medications, but I have still had to take her to the emergency room. Please pray for her.

IN CLOSING

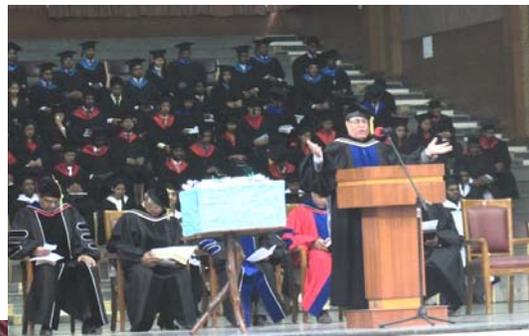
Your prayer, emotional and financial support has been a blessing to the multitudes. Lives have been changed, hearts have been mended and Jesus has been glorified! Thank you!

In His service,

Philemon Chhetri

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Top: Philemon prays at Grace Bible College. Above: Philemon ministers in Agra. Above Right: Elishiba sings in Delhi. Right: Philemon dedicates a baby in Delhi.



Top: Five new converts ready for baptism Bottom: One of the many rebuilt churches.

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