

...encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Heb:10:25, NASB).

In Step With The Reeds

June 2018

Jay Masih! (pronounced Jay Masee) This is the typical greeting among Nepali Christians, and it means, “Acclaim (in heartfelt joy and enthusiasm) the Messiah, Christ the Lord!”

We want to thank you for your love, prayers and financial support that made this last trip to Nepal a reality!! Often throughout our time there, we looked at each other and said, “People are praying!”

Praise and Prayer Review:

- Praise for the safety, health, funds, and Spirit-empowered ministry we had in Nepal.
- Praise for the group joining us at the PTM Conference in October in North Carolina.
- Praise for the opportunity we have to touch base with our families this summer!
- Prayer for direction and wisdom in planning details for our upcoming international travel.



How do we EVER capture this ministry trip to Nepal in a one-page letter??!

One traveler explained it this way: “Stepping off a plane into Kathmandu is a pupil-dilating experience-- a riot of sight, sound, and smells that can quickly turn to sensory overload.” So true!

Not only were our senses bombarded, but our hearts were too! Beneath the beautiful and magnificent mountains of Nepal lies Kathmandu, a city that even three years after the massive earthquake, is still a broken city filled with broken people. **Nevertheless**, in the midst of that brokenness, we also saw the beauty in their resilience, courage, and hospitality ESPECIALLY in our Christian brothers and sisters! Although Christians are an increasingly persecuted minority (4 churches were burned the week earlier), they are also part of the 2nd fastest growing church in the world! Honestly, as we listened to their personal testimonies of how they had come to Jesus, we felt we had walked into the Book of Acts!!

We went to encourage, but of course, you know, we were the ones incredibly challenged and encouraged in our own faith-walk with the Lord! What a thrill to be a part of the birthing of a new ACTION team in Nepal, welcoming in three new couples (2 Nepali and 1 Bangladesh). Another Nepali couple is just finishing out the paperwork and will join the crew soon! Each of them exudes a passion to train and build up the Nepali church in the Word of God. Our hearts were deeply moved by their stories of reaching out with the Gospel where it has never been heard!



After the first week of New Global Worker Orientation, seven of us (including our jeep driver) bounced and twisted down a steep and rough road for 8 hours to the southern Terai region. There, a very poor and marginalized section of the Nepali society live and labor. We visited several remote villages where BP (our

ACTION global worker) mentors over 100 pastors and leaders. What a blessing to join him for several pastoral training meetings. He also took us to a local school that he began years ago, and a ministry center he established.

Worshipping with these believers was one many trip highlights!



Though blind and crippled, he worships!

Our visit to Nepal was also a time for us to encourage a mid-wife who arrived there last November. It was a much-needed and timely connection as she is facing many challenges. Please pray for B. to get the necessary visa in order to stay and train Nepali women to be mid-wives!

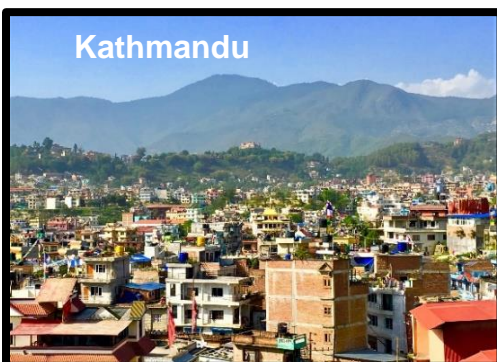
Well, we've only had time to share a few stories and pictures, "sigh." But, if you would like us to "show and tell" more about this unique ministry, let us know, and we'll see what we can do!!

Thanks for your prayers and encouragement! We love you a lot! Please let us know how we can pray for you!

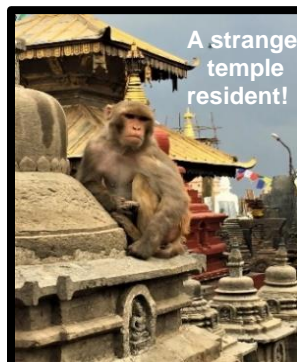
*Embracing the journey with joy,
John and Georgie*



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news..." Isaiah 52:7



Kathmandu



A strange temple resident!



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