



Dear family and friends

This year has been different for us. I have been more focused on making a stronger support base for the work, but also finding new ways of reaching more unreached people in Asia. In the last 17 years, that I have been doing ministry, I have never spent any time building a base. My focus has always been on the work in Nepal. But the truth is, without all of you, Compassion for Asia would not exist. So this year I have made my base in Pensacola and have been traveling back and forth to Nepal. God is also sharpening my vision, giving me new strength and showing us new ways of ministry.

The summer months are monsoon (heavy rain) season in Nepal. June, July and August are filled with flooding and landslides. Nepal is home to the tallest mountains in the world. The mountains are in the North and the South is low, flat land. When it rains a lot, the water rushes from North to South. The South, called Terai, is full of plain fields used for agriculture. It is also densely populated.

When the rain falls, most rivers double or triple their size on their way from the mountains and washes away nearby homes and fields on their way. Just this last month, the rain caused 133 deaths, mostly in South Nepal. Hundreds of homes have flooded. Out of 75, the flash floods and landslides have hit 21 districts hard. Most of the crops have been washed away and are ruined. This is the primary food source for the whole country, so we are most likely facing a massive food shortage in Nepal this year.

Some of the bridges connecting the highways that run East and West

were washed away. In many places landslides have piled rock and mud on the road and blocked access for transportation. Hundreds of families have been displaced after the

floodwater gushed into most parts of the Terai region. Some of our churches and missionaries with us are in the South.

We share common vision and mission and we have an



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awesome team there! We really believe in working with local people who already understand the language and the culture.

Bhim from Sunsari in South East Nepal. I met him many years back in Kathmandu in a local bus. It was really crowded, but somehow, we started talking. He had told God that he would end his life if God did not speak to him or send someone to speak to him that day. It was such a divine appointment! Later he committed his life to serve God and went on to do church planting in his local area. He and his family are safe, but his village and the whole district has been flooded. 13 lives were lost in their neighborhood and their home was under water and has been damaged. The biggest river Saptakoshi runs through this area.

Manoj and Ganga are located in Sindhuali. Both of them had been working with us for many years in Kathmandu before moving back to South Nepal. A few years back, God spoke to Manoj about starting a church in his village and they went to pioneer and plant a church in their area. The river Kanki runs through their village and now they have lost the bridge to connect with other villages. They also told me that a lot of people in their village have lost crops and animals such as goats and buffaloes, which is their primary source of livelihood. We are committed to helping them and their village as much as we can. What an awesome opportunity to share the love of God and the gospel.

If you would like to give to any of these local missionaries, please mark the donation with "flood" and we will make sure it reaches to them.

Personal updates: We spent our summer in Norway. The kids school break was for three months. Samuel turned 8 years on August 4th. Rebecca will be 10 years on September 5th. We will be in the USA for the next few months and working from here. I am still traveling, speaking, and doing fund raising. Let me know if you like me to come to your church or small groups my number is **(251) 721-1424**, email : sudip@airpost.net . I will be back in Nepal the 4th week of October, but we are planning on staying here until Christmas.

*Sudip, Anne Lise, Rebecca,
Samuel, og Sarah Khadka*



Bhim Bahadur Tamang



Prayer/Praise Report

1. Be praying for people who lost their loved ones, homes, churches and the believers in the flooded areas. Especially pray for Gaurav and his family, Manoj and Ganga, Ram Prasad's team and all the 8 churches in Makawanpur, Suklal and His family and his fellowship and Sarlhai for their families and churches.
2. Also, remember Biren and his family and the church from Kailali. Biren has gone through Bible College and later sent out as a church planter. Gaurav is from North Nepal, a place called Sindhupalchock. He is local from there. His place and ministry is hit hard from the recent landslides. The water killed his animals and washed away some homes. He and his family are safe.
3. Pray that the Lord will provide resources to be able to help the people we know that have been affected by the rain and also the lives around them. Pray that it will open the door for the gospel to be shared.