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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Looks to me that life and ministry are always full of adventures. Each situation teaches us a good lesson and a

need creates opportunities to do something great. I am so thankful to God and to each one of you, as you have been with us during all these times!

One-step toward self-supporting sustaining children home by adding two rooms shop!

First, the children’s home has 50 children and 15 staff. Every week we buy our groceries from different shops around the area. If we need propane gas for cooking, we have to go to one store. If we need eggs, then we go to the next shop. It is a very time-consuming job. When the two large earthquakes hit in 2015, we had to depend on local business to supply our food. Prices skyrocketed and food was difficult to find. Even though we keep a good food supply, with feeding this many people every day, we still finish the food storage within a couple of weeks.

After the earthquakes, we had border disputes with India. Nepal is very dependent on India for resources, so again the prices increased. Then we come to 2020 and COVID 19. Because of the lockdowns, all the business owner have increased their food prices. It has been a big stretch of faith for us to feed all of our staff, elderly, children and in addition to this, help people who were starving in the local communities where we work. After Corona, the monthly budget just for basic things has more than doubled. People often create a shortage of food to increase food prices, just for their own gain. The Lord has been good to us by supplying all the needs until now. In the beginning of March, we started collecting extra rice and lentils for the next few months because we saw the signs of the times. Even though we have planned ahead, it is difficult to work in a country where food shortages are created by local business owners. We have no other choice but to rely on these local business owners for our food supply, besides what we can grow ourselves. Recently one of the staff from the children’s home suggested we put in two-room shops. These rooms will be 150 sq. feet each, not so big but big enough for us. We will place them next to the building, facing the roadside in the front. I believe this will be an excellent long term investment. It will save our finances, provide jobs and income, and be a perfect opportunity for the children’s home to be better prepared when times are difficult. It will help toward being self-supporting and sustaining the children’s home.



As winter is approaching, we have added more mattresses in the children’s home.



Dinner time!



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We really believe that it is important to be able to make some provision for the work locally and not be totally dependent on help from the West. If we decide to rent out the shops, it will also generate around \$60 monthly income. Children's home staff can run the other shop and this will give Mahima Children home a small income so they can go toward independence. It will be a blessing for the community and for us.

To build these small shops, we will need:

- Bricks 10,000 (per brick 0.15 cents) \$1534
- Cement 55 bags each (Per bag sack 50 kg \$8.52) - \$469
- Two metal shutter in the front (each cost \$387) = \$774
- Tin roof \$682
- Sand 4 small truck (Per truck 76.75) \$307
- Pebbles for foundation (one tipper) \$255
- Paint \$109
- Wages to build it \$3100

The cost of building will be \$7230. In addition, we need an initial investment to stock up the shops. This will come to around \$8000. The total cost for this project will be approx \$15230

If you would like to donate towards this project, please send your donations to Globe and mark it with "Children's Home Shops".



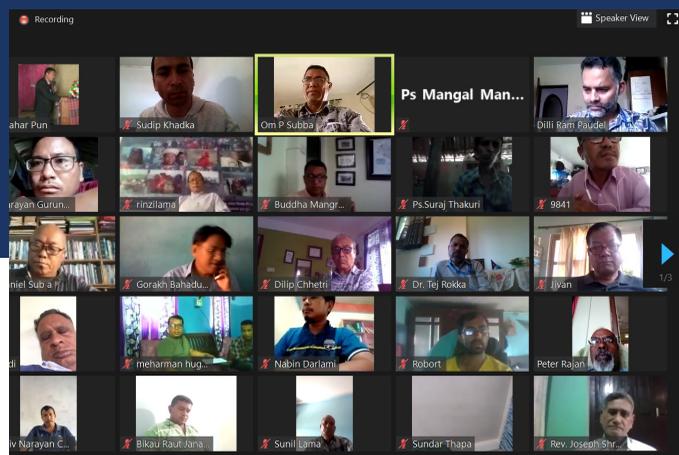
The shutter will look similar to this!



This is where the 2 room shops will be built. It is next to the children's home building



Many people do not have internet so they gather in one room to hear me speak!



Since lockdown in Nepal, I have been continually connecting through zoom with leadership in Nepal

Family Update

On October 29, we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. Anne Lise has been a blessing to my life and she has taken an adventure journey to be a missionary. We both have served in the unreached part of the world and I am honored to have her by my side.

Prayer requests

1. Please be lifting up all the people in our churches who have lost their job due to corona. The situation is tense in Nepal, so please pray for the people there.
2. Also pray for wisdom in how we can be more self supported in Nepal. God can give amazing revelation and let us see opportunities where we are.

Sudip, Anne Lise, Rebecca, Samuel og Sarah Khadka

