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## DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12



Praise the Lord! We are living in a historical time. Every day is precious and life on earth is short. What a blessing to write to you.

There are many changes in Nepal and around the world. I had a great time with my mom and the rest of my family. I was concerned for her since she was fighting depression after five of our relatives died, but she was doing better than I expected. Praise the Lord! My time in Nepal was also quite productive, even though we have Corona restrictions in Nepal. I spoke, shared, and encouraged everyone.



Sharing at Kavresthali Church

### CHURCH PLANTING UPDATES:

While I was in Nepal, I traveled to Jiri. The plan in the future is to make this our next ministry base for Tibetan people groups. Traveling to Jiri has always been on narrow roads and a lot of accidents happen. A few years ago, the government decided to expand the road and make it two-lane. The work continues and it will be ready in a few months if

they keep up the same pace. It saved me some travel time and it was great to finally see some progress made.

We continue to plant churches in the most unreached and untouched areas, especially Bhotia Tibetans groups, Thami, Sherpa, and amongst the Jirel people. Many groups live very close to the Himalayas, such as Sherpas who provide support for international mountain climbers. Our goal is to have at least one church for every people group and each village in Nepal. We have already planted four churches in the Thami people groups, so we are looking into how we can reach new groups. In Jiri, I was blessed to meet the deputy mayor and other local leaders. We are excited about these new possibilities of making our ministry second base in Jiri. A few weeks ago, Suman and Sukaram, two of the older boys from Mahima Children's home, moved to Jiri to start a small fellowship there. Dinesh and his family will be joining them shortly.



At Kalang, Jiri planning and meeting with neighbors



Our team at Kalang

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Many years ago, I bought a property in Jiri and I have been asking the Lord how we could use this property for His glory. The area has beautiful nature and our dream is to have a place to train and equip leaders. We have 76 churches in different regions of Nepal and India. Many of them work in difficult areas and it would be amazing to have a facility for them to come to where they could rest and be refreshed. The Lord is doing great things in the churches and we are so grateful to be a part of His great work! It makes me excited to see salvations, baptisms, and new church plants and it is happening.



Sharing at our downtown church in Mhepy Kathmandu



The rented facility in Kalang

### NEPAL UPDATES:

The nation is in complete lockdown with the second wave of Corona hitting hard. Schools, religious worship places, and public gatherings are closed. Hospitals' beds are packed and the health minister said that they have given up. They have run out of oxygen and people are not getting help, even when they are severely sick. The government has appealed for retired nurses and doctors to be back at work with the increased number of Corona patients. Grocery stores are open during the morning for two hours and are closed the rest of the day. All the rest of the stores are closed and movement is greatly discouraged. Many children are affected by the Indian variant of Coronavirus.

### FAMILY UPDATE:

Only essential traveling is allowed from Norway and Nepal. I left Kathmandu a week before the government stopped all the international flights. I am back in Norway with kids and Anne Lise and I am out of quarantine.



Two lane road from Tamakoshi

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. A few of the older boys and some of the staff have tested positive for Corona at Mahima Children Home. Please pray for their quick recovery and that it will not spread to others.
2. Be praying for our spiritual daughter Ganga and her family, her sister, and the family in Delhi, India.
3. Please also pray for our churches across Nepal. Especially pray for Kopila and Dinesh in Chhanai, India, and for our Nepali speaking church in Delhi.
4. Would you please pray for Kalang in Jiri, as we are moving with a ministry base among the Bothia people group. This will be our base for the Tibetan region.

**A special thank you:** We would like to thank you so much, each one of you, for your contributions and prayer.

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