



June - July 2021

## DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

-St. Francis of Assisi



Some of our staff and a few of our children were tested positive with Indian variant covid at Mahima Children's Home in Kathmandu. Now they all are out of isolation and quarantine. Thank you for praying for them.

Thank you also for praying for our children and staff at Asish Children's Home. Their leader, Lok Mani Dakhal, was just released from the hospital where he was fighting for his life due to corona. His wife and several children are still in isolation and we pray that no one else will get sick. Thank you also to those who have given extra support to help cover all the extra medical bills. It really means a lot!

## RAM GOT A NEW JOB!

I am excited that Ram from Mahima children's home has been offered a new job in the civil police force. He and his brother came to the children's home over 14 years ago. They were small kids, living on the streets and begging money from people walking by. Their father left them, and their mother used to work for the people as a house cleaner when she could while struggling with some health issues. The local government asked us to keep them at our children's home. Ram has now finished



Ram's final year at Mahima Children's Home

his bachelor's degree. While applying for a job, he was helping the small children at Mahima with their studies. His brother, Laxman, is still studying and will be staying at the children's home until he is finished. We believe in helping our "children all the way".



Pastor Sanotsh distributing food!

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF CONTINUES

We are still actively engaged in humanitarian relief work. In addition to the massive Corona pandemic, Nepal is faced with extreme poverty, flooding, and landslides. Currently we are helping people in desperate need in Nepal and India. CFA has helped over 1500 families and 25 churches with essential food and medical support and has served thousands of meals. Some of the things we have donated are food, masks, antibacterial, etc.



Lots of people are in need of food so we try to help as much as we can



## PRESENT UPDATE ON NEPAL

While writing to you, a second wave of the Indian Covid-19 variant has overtaken Nepal. Several weeks of complete lockdown has helped, but Nepal is still struggling. However, the government is still looking into easing the lockdown and slowly

opening the country again. Since the second wave of Covid started, I have lost two close friends and a cousin in June. I still don't even know how many of our other pastor friends are lost, but the number is increasing.



Hindu religious cremation ceremony of my cousin



This is a 2 year old photo with my cousin (right) who passed away. I am in the center and my other cousin is on the left.

As Nepal is a developing nation there is very poor infrastructure. In a pandemic like this, it is close to impossible for people to get immediate help when they need it. Hospitals are also expensive, so people often wait until it is too late for them to get help. ICU's are still packed and grocery stores are only open for two hours in the morning. The national statistics do not match with the real numbers of people getting sick and dying.

Monsoon season just started. This means excessive flooding and massive mudslides.

Several people have already died this season and the number is expected to increase. We will help as many people as we can. Serving in a poor country, we see that the country seems to only react to crisis after crisis, but is never able to prevent it. Crisis always hurts poor people the most.

We continue to receive requests from people and churches, asking for food and medical help. If you would like to help us help them, please send a donation to Globe and mark it with "CFA Humanitarian".



Picture from Kantipur news on flooding on Melachi

## FAMILY UPDATE

We will be taking a couple off weeks of in July. The kids are off school and we will be staying in Norway this year because of Corona. We will be sleeping in a tent in the mountains and go for mountain walks. We pray for all of you that you will have a wonderful summer break and that you all stay healthy. Please let us know if you have any special prayer requests.

A special thanks to Ralph and Cindy Seibel, Christoph and Gina Boyanton, Scott and Hilde Marie Ritzheimer for their donations.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please continue to pray for Asish Children's Home. 13 people tested positive and they are all recovering.
2. Pray for the families that have lost their loved ones during this pandemic, both in Nepal and worldwide.
3. Pray for the government of Nepal and the victims of flooding and mudslides.

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