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## **DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**God will use the very thing that was meant to destroy you to deliver you (1 Samuel 17:1...)**



This newsletter will touch on something that is a bit challenging for us, and has been for several years. We have faced many obstacles, but have also seen God use that event to bring glory to His name. What the enemy meant for evil, God has used for our good. (Romans 8:28) Our children's home used to be located in a village named Phutung. Now Phutung, together with several other villages, have been included in the Tarkeshower municipality. Until the early 2000's, there were only a few house fellowships in this entire area, but today there are more than 65 churches! In the midst of opposition, God's work has advanced. In this newsletter, we would like to talk a bit about the recent flood around the children's home and about the opposition from the area around us.

As you all know, the summertime is also monsoon time in Nepal and for several years we have been struggling with flooding around the children's home building. The reason for this is that all of our neighbors have elevated their properties 20-30 feet higher than how the original properties were. This makes all the rainwater drain down through our property, because we are on the lowest part, before the water runs out to the main road.

Before we built the children's home, which was completed in 2006, we knew that we needed to make the property higher, so we elevated the property by 6-12 feet. We also had another 3-5 feet of height up to the first floor of the building. What we didn't know at that time, was that our neighbors would do anything in their power to try to destroy our building and remove us and the children from the area because we are Christians.

However, this summer we had a new turn of events when the mayor released the funds for the local government to build a drainage and save our building. We have already spent a lot of funds to build drainages, but it has not been enough, and the water has always found new ways of returning to the children's home property since the neighbors keep elevating their own properties.

When the people sitting in the local government were told to do the drainage, they refused and said that we should take care of it on our own, even though the problem has not been created by us. The main reason for this is probably that one of our neighbors that has done everything in his power to remove



**Flooding in front of the children's home**



**Continuous monsoon rain flowing from our pathway!**



In front of the building



Neighbor's property sliding over our wall and fence



Water has moved to first floor, inside

us from the area, is "best friends" with people in the local government. He has earned loads of money on making properties to sell and corruption is a real thing in Nepal.

I know that many of the larger humanitarian organizations choose not to work in Nepal because it is too difficult, so that tells a lot how tough it is to do honest work here.

At the moment, we do not see any other way than to pray for God's intervention and for us to raise funds to put in our own drainage. As you all know, we have been working on retrofitting (strengthening) the old children's home building and that work is about to be completed. Now we need to start on the final phase of completing this building, but it is difficult to work on painting walls and putting new tiles, when the water is flooding the whole first floor.

If anyone would like to support this drainage project, financially or through prayer, we would really appreciate it. God protects the widows and orphans and we are really praying for a miracle!

### Family update

We took two weeks off for summer vacation and visited my cousin in London who lost his younger brother and dad due to Covid. It was good to connect with him again and we were able to visit London. Later part of our trip, we took a train and visited our friends Bob and Melissa Hill in Scotland who have been serving God for many years as missionaries.

We hope you all have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for school to start back up!

### Prayer requests

1. Please pray for the flooding issue at the children's home. We need a solution to this ASAP. Pray for favor from the neighbor and that God will change their hearts.
2. Pray for Sudip as he travels to Nepal and India in mid-August.
3. Please pray for my cousin and his family that they may know God.

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