

HARVEST ASIA

July ~ September 2003

Lives Transformed In Nepal

Seventy-two people from Hindu and Buddhist backgrounds have come to know Christ in Nepal since January this year.

Response in Fields

In the Sarlahi field where one of our Churches was destroyed several years ago, 14 people from the Atabe village accepted the Lord. In the Udayapur field five Sherpa people came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. One has donated part of his house to be used for worship in the newly established house Church. Significant stories of transformation took place also in Rolpa (one of the most remote parts), Ramachap, Chitwan and Sindhuli.



A family who have just come to the Lord.

Youth Outreach

At the annual Youth Conference some 200 young people (aged 14 – 21) gathered in Kathmandu for a 2 day Youth Outreach. Some 25 young people dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ while a few believers responded to the call for missionary training and service.

Church and Mission Growth

"When we first started the AEF work in 1992", Nehemiah Thapa, the Director said, "we had only one Church and two full-time workers." Today AEF Nepal has 15 Churches and 47 House Groups or Mission Points. Also there are 23 full-time workers, 3 part-time workers and 4 Volunteers serving in Evangelism, Church Planting and Educational Ministries.

Ministry to Children

Grace Educational Centre, a Primary School now has 180 children from various locations near Kathmandu. Under the leadership of Mr Pitamber Neupane, a qualified Senior Teacher, the School has been making great progress.

Train Up A Child

AEF International launched the "Train Up A Child" Project last August. The aim of this project is to provide financial support for the education of those children at a very modest cost of AUD \$7.50 per month (or US\$4.00/CAD\$6.00 per month). This amount covers the child's school fees, educational materials and 1 meal during school hours. Already 45 children have received sponsorship under the "Train Up A Child" project. (We invite all those who are interested to sponsor a child in Nepal to contact the AEF International Office).

Prayers Needed

Nepal has experienced much unrest politically and economically in recent days. Pray for peace so that the Gospel can spread to more and more lives in this nation of 26 million people.



One of the classes in our day school

Praise God that thousands in Nepal have "...turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God..." and are waiting "for His Son ... Jesus who rescues us from the coming wrath".
1 Thess 1:9



THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR SHARES

PRAYER IS WORK

"... always labouring earnestly for you in his prayers" Col 4:12

"I urge you ... to strive together with me in your prayers" Romans 15: 30 - 31

Prayer is not passive activity but hard work. Prayer can be defined as a "means God uses to give us what He wants" (Bingham Hunter)

Let's trace God's work throughout the ages:

Creation

God created the World and mankind without the help of any agency or person.

Redemption

God sacrificed His Son Jesus Christ to redeem and save the world. This was again completely God's work (without the help of any agency or person)

The Present Dispensation

Right now there is a mysterious partnership between God and redeemed people. God has ordained prayer as a means to accomplish His purposes. Because we are limited and finite, God must do many things whether we pray or not. However there are some activities which God has chosen to accomplish only in response to our prayers. God waits for our prayers in certain situations before He acts.

Eternity

In eternity God's people will be co-regents with Him in administering His eternal Kingdom. We will be involved in work. This will be glorious work!

Our faithfulness in taking prayer seriously and co-working with God here in this present dispensation will qualify us for the reward of rulership and work in eternity.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests ... be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints"

Eph 6:18

An Opportunity To Reach 1.7 Billion People In Asia Through Radio

"PROJECT ASIA"

HCJB, a World Christian Radio ministry, in an unprecedented move has been granted a licence by the Australian Government to commence international Christian broadcasting to a strategic block of Asia through its transmitters in Kununurra, North Western Australia.

The potential Asian audience consists of more than 60% of the world in the major portion of what is called the "10/40 Window".

The countries targeted include India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand, Myanmar, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia etc.

HCJB APPROACHES AEF

Asia Evangelistic Fellowship International (AEFI) has been approached by HCJB's Director of Ministries to consider producing culture-specific and culture-sensitive Asian Gospel programmes that would be beamed out of Kununurra, Western Australia.

Like the Philadelphia Church in Revelation 3:8 who was given an 'open door' in spite of having 'little power' AEF by faith would like to take up this challenge that has been presented to us.

Under God we would like to prayerfully launch two kinds of programmes:-

Stage One

A half-hour programme every week in English to reach out to the Youth of Asia - currently infatuated with Hollywood, MTV and all things Western.

Stage Two

Two 15-minute programmes every week in specific target languages to reach people in Asia's restricted lands like Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

DETAILS TO SET-UP OUR STAGE ONE GOALS

- The estimated date to broadcast this programme is July 2003.
- Produce a 15 week pilot programme.
- 'Magazine' format - music, interviews and a 12 minute message.