

BANGLADESH – NEPAL MISSIONS REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

In February we were able to travel to Florida and report to the College Road congregation in Palatka and the Burlington - Santa Fe congregation near Branford. We had very good visits with those good churches and our reports on Bangladesh - Nepal missions were well received. We are scheduling more reports in the weeks ahead and on through the summer months.

I received a small glimmer of hope for a return to South Asia later this year. In a Zoom meeting with the administrators of Khulna Bible College I learned that the government of Bangladesh has lifted "all restrictions" which had been in place to deal with Covid 19. This potentially (or literally) should mean that the 14 day quarantine requirement for in-coming foreign visitors is no longer in place. If that is truly the case I will begin planning a return trip to Nepal and Bangladesh for late summer / early fall of this year. I realize that "all restrictions" may apply only to those affecting the citizens and residents of Bangladesh and this quarantine requirement may be considered as a separate, independent entity. I will be checking for clarification.

Jishu Soren, preacher for the Beishapara Church of Christ in north-west Bangladesh and KBC graduate, baptized three persons on Sunday, February 27. We rejoice at that news.



JISHU SOREN PERFORMING 2 OF 3 BAPTISMS AT BEISHAPARA ON FEBRUARY 27, 2022

All of the congregations in Bangladesh and Nepal are meeting now as they were before Covid. Some have begun or completed building projects, including expansion of the facilities of the Lapdung (Nepal) congregation. That building was erected after the previous one was destroyed by the earthquake of 2015, and they have already added additional rooms and space. This is the church which appointed elders and deacons in 2019.



Lapdung Church Building (Nepal) with new addition under construction

Aanand Oraun, the 2-year-old boy suffering from leukemia, is doing well under his chemo therapy treatments. He will soon be given a short break between series and have his bone marrow tested to evaluate his progress. A transplant is still a possibility; we will know more after the test.

Khulna Bible College will begin the second session of the Spring Semester Monday, March 7. Final exams for the first session began February 28. All the students are continuing to make good progress in their studies.

Lal Kross Baum and his wife welcomed a little girl into the world about the middle of February. Her name is Maya Ruth, and both she and her mother are doing very well. Lal Kross preaches in Bandarban district of Bangladesh. This is one of the most remote areas of the country. Lal is of the Baum ethnic people (immigrants from Eastern India and Myanmar) and preaches in that language. There is a population of some 70,000 Baum people in Bangladesh, mostly in that area of Bandarban. He has established several congregations in the villages of that region.

In a Zoom meeting recently preachers in Nepal requested help in purchasing Bibles and song books. The cost of a full Bible in the Nepali language is about \$6.00; a song book will cost just under \$2.00. I am trying to raise enough for 300 Bibles and 300 song books, which will be about \$2,100. If you would like to help, please send your contributions to our regular address: Highland Park Church of Christ, P.O. Box 2216, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662. Mark your donation for "Nepal Bibles."

We are also continuing to seek help for Aanand's treatments. Many thanks to those who have already given. We anticipate that he will need at least \$2,000 more than has been received to this point. His parents and family also request your fervent prayers on his behalf. We also seek your prayers for our work.

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Memorial Gifts - February 2022

Donations were made to the work of the Bangladesh/Nepal Missions in memory of the following:

Everett Greenhill	Bonnie Murks	Charles Brooks	Terry Sherron
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