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**NEW LIFE MISSION (NLM)**

*Proclaiming the Gospel to the Himalayan Peoples of Nepal and India*

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Dear Praying Friends,

**Happy New Year** to you and greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He was faithful to carry us through 2009 and promises to give His angels charge over us as we enter the second decade of the new millennium. I want to thank each of you who have faithfully prayed for God's work here at *New Life Mission* as well as those who financially supported us in our desire to win the lost to Christ. Your regular intercession is deeply appreciated. We count on you each day as we wake up with the Lord's work on our minds and in our hearts. You are an integral part of the success of *New Life Mission*.



*Philemon and Elishiba Chhetri, Ministry Leaders*



**THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH HEALING AND DELIVERANCE**

A man from Patabung was suffering from a painful kidney disease and other abdominal illnesses. His doctor suggested immediate surgery, but it was too risky because of the man's overall health. Through prayer, the Great Physician **completely healed him from all his physical problems!** This man is now our brother and a faithful member of God's family. God totally healed a woman who had been in a coma for three days. A paralyzed man was also instantly healed after he cried out to Jesus. Praise God!



Unable to deal with her suffering any longer, a woman wanted to take her own life. In desperation she sought the prayers of God's people. After a prayer of faith by the church, the woman was set free from all suicidal thoughts! Knowing it was God who delivered her, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She is now a mighty walking testimony to our Lord's willingness to bring the lost from the brink of death to the safety of His saving grace.

*People like this woman are living testimonies of the power of God to heal and deliver!*

**Lord, been baptized, and added to churches in Nepal and India. Life is an exciting adventure when you choose to serve the living God!**



*The Kingdom of God is growing!*

**THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH MEDIA**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, I began broadcasting the Gospel over one FM station. Today that has been expanded to six FM stations! Only God could open those doors and we praise Him for the many letters and phone calls we are getting because of what people are hearing. The newest FM station in the country is not Christian, but I was asked to dedicate it in August, and they have dedicated several hours to Christian programs. By the grace of God, we are one of them.

Also in August, God opened the door for me to preach the Gospel on Nepal television. This national television network can be viewed from all over the world through satellite, internet and cable. This is the most effective mass media in Nepal and is used primarily to communicate messages on education, health, and culture. It can be picked up by simply using an antenna. Our program is only 15 minutes, but it reaches Nepal, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Laos, Mongolia, Russia, North Korea, Pakistan, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam!



*Philemon presents the Gospel on T.V. The Message is reaching many nations in the area!*



*Philemon dedicates a new FM radio station in Nepal.*

**THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH HIS WORD**

One of our pastors recently reported that he had preached the word to 1200 people in 2009. From this group, 40 people from eight families gave their hearts to the Lord and 17 of them were baptized. This is just from one of our pastors!

A few of our pastors recently preached the Gospel in the most remote areas in the district of Darjeeling in a village called Batase. We learned that there are 100 families living in this area who have never been visited by any Christians. **We are the first to evangelize this area with the Gospel of Christ.** Hearing the Gospel for the first time was very exciting, and it gave the people much hope. We are praying that the Lord will bring many to Himself by the wooing of the Holy Spirit. This is fertile ground for growing strong baby Christians!



*These zealous students are now ready to faithfully serve the Lord.*

### THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH TRAINING

Ten teachers taught 23 subjects to 11 students from nine different areas within India and Nepal during our 2009 Joel Faith Bible School! We are so encouraged by everyone's dedication. Early this year we were able to plant a new church (bringing the total to 153) and one of our graduates is pasturing this new flock.



*Nearly 700 were hungry to hear the Word of God at this year's conference. Elishiba is second from left.*

Nearly 700 pastors, missionaries, teachers, and other leaders attended this year's NLM workers' conference. This number was far above our expectations which presented food and accommodation challenges. Since most people walked up to five days to get to the location, those without proper rooms were content to sleep under the conference tent at night. I was distressed about this arrangement, particularly after it rained and turned the dirt floor to mud! However, there were only smiles and praises throughout the conference and no one spoke of discomfort! They were there to be fed the Word of God and were content to eat less so all could be blessed. I even challenged them to give of their own meager finances to help extend the kingdom. Praise God that 65 people committed to give a total of \$49.93 monthly!



*The Sherpa children appreciate their new classrooms.*

### SCHOOLS

Our five schools in Nepal and one in India are running well. Praise God we were able to add three more rooms to the school in India which had three classes in one room. Nearly 100 students from the Sherpa community attend this school so our goal is eventually to add two more stories. Thank you for helping to equip the next generation for Christ!



*Top: The local believers provide labor to build a church. The basket you see in the foreground is used to carry rocks.  
Bottom: Dhan Tamang trekked to remote village to dedicate the 19 new church buildings we were able to construct this year.*

By the grace of God we were able to construct 19 meeting halls in 2009. Converts need protection from the elements and a common place of worship. Because of my gall bladder surgery, my co-worker Dhan Tamang was the one to visit these remote villages and dedicate the new churches. The local believers gave of their labor and a third of the finances so completion could take place. How grateful we are to Christ Community Church in Pennsylvania and others for helping to make this all possible! Church halls are an on-going need so please continue to pray for

God's provision.

### A CRY FROM MY HEART

Two years ago I baptized a young widow. She has received extreme persecution from her family and neighbors since then, but she refuses to deny her faith. They are now forcing her to leave the village or return to Hinduism. She has purchased a small plot of land but needs the money to build a house. She has come to us for the \$1,000-\$1,200 needed for construction. Please pray for her and ask the Lord if you could help.

### FAMILY

God brought Elishiba through gynecological surgery in May and saw me through gall bladder surgery in October. We have recovered, and by December I was strong enough to travel to a Gospel crusade. Our sons, Samuel and Joel, are doing well in college. They continue to help in the praise and worship at church and during special meetings. For my 55<sup>th</sup> birthday they surprised me with a cake during Elishiba and my morning devotions. Praise God for a family that loves the Lord!

Again, thank you for your loving prayers and financial support. Please keep praying for us and know that we are praying for you as well. Ask the Lord, too, how you can help provide a modest house for the persecuted woman I spoke of as well as continued support for NLM, especially the radio stations. It is our desire to enlarge our listening audience to further His kingdom here in Nepal and India.

In His service,

*Rev. Philemon Okhaki*

Philemon and Elishiba

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