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Missionaries To

Nepal

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Dear Brother Rick and Church:

It has been three months since we last communicated with you about the situation in Nepal and the ministry in Kathmandu. I waited intentionally to let the political process unfold so that we might report a clear and accurate picture of what has taken place.

The political environment in Nepal has stabilized for the first time in almost twenty years. The election took place without any significant problems. Next, the King resigned his position and gave the absolute power of governmental control to the elected government. Again, this took place with only minor problems. Then, several weeks later the governing body of elected officials elected a President. While the future of this government still remains uncertain, life in Kathmandu and rural Nepal is becoming normal.

With this in mind, the independent Baptist Nepali pastors in Kathmandu organized a three day retreat to meet for encouragement and spiritual refreshing. Thirty-nine pastors attended the retreat. Many of these men had labored in secrecy and under very difficult circumstances for years. Now they wanted to meet together openly and declare their allegiance to Christ together. These men, for three days, openly poured out their hearts to the Lord and each other in prayer and fasting. Each individual pastor's request was met with prayer and fasting by the other pastors. These men of God knew that no amount of fellowship could meet the need of a new era of freedom for the gospel in Nepal. These men dedicated themselves to the self-denial and sacrifice that had characterized their ministries for years and would be needed to continue the flow the gospel of Christ in Nepal. What an amazing response this was to the challenge that is so clearly set before them.

On July 31, Karen and I celebrated our thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. We praise the Lord for His goodness to us. It is only through His goodness that we have experience the good hand of his blessing upon in marriage and ministry. As we wait the arrival of our thirteenth grandchild, a girl due August 11, we marvel at how good the Lord has been to us.

May our Lord continue to bless you as we wait His glorious return.

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"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Nahum 1:7