

NEPALI OUTREACH MINISTRY

Living Water Community Church, Chicago November and December, 2021

Dear co-laborers in Christ, Jaimashi!

Thank you for praying and supporting Living Water Community Church's ministry among Nepali-speaking communities. As I look back at 2021, it was a tough year. COVID-19 changed the structure of church gatherings, preaching, teaching, and all other aspects of everyday life. However, God has been faithful to his people and led us through this tough journey. All glory to Him. As we are stepping into the new year 2022, I pray that the presence of the Holy Spirit will be with us to guide us on the path of peace and justice.

Midwest Ministry



Bible Study

Midwest pastors and leaders have been meeting regularly each Thursday 6 pm-7:30 pm for Bible study and prayers. These past months, we talked about the importance of the birth of Jesus Christ in a political, geographical, and social context. Ten Nepali churches participated in the Bible study.

Carol Singing and Christmas Celebration

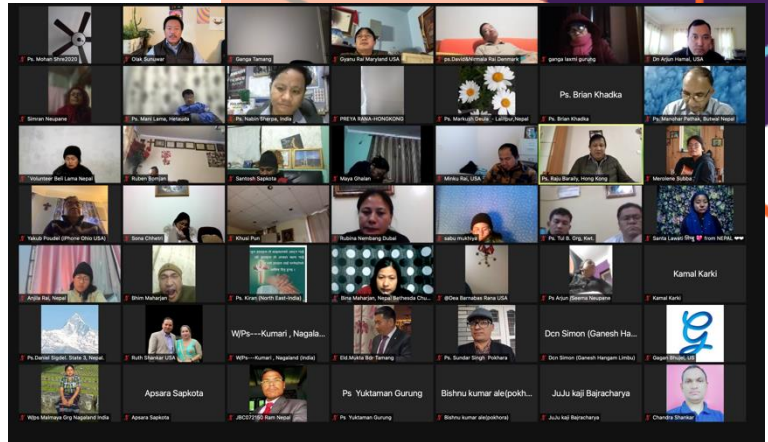
In the Advent season, the Nepali Christian community expresses the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ through singing, dancing and celebration. On Dec. 11, 2021, the Midwest Nepali churches gathered virtually to sing carol songs. One Dec. 19, I attended an in-person Christmas celebration at Grace Nepali Church (Omaha, NB) and delivered the Christmas sermon.

Leadership Training

Midwest Nepali Churches organized two days of in-person Leadership Training on December 2-3, 2021, in Des Moines, IA. They invited me to teach along with one of my professors from Nepal, Pastor Lazarus Thulung. Co-teaching with him was a wonderful experience for me. There were 60 participants from Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska states.

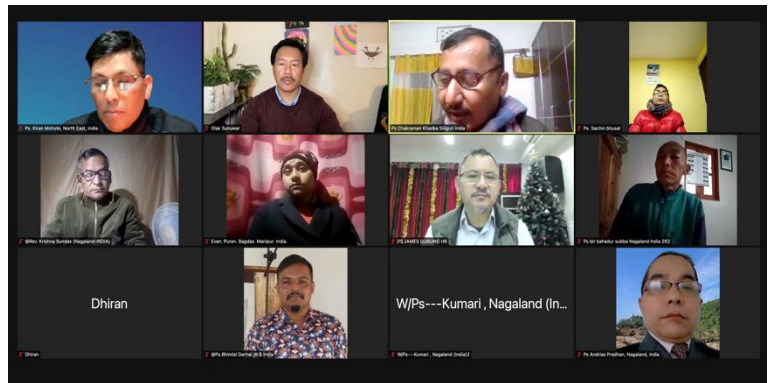
International Nepali-Speaking Leadership Training (INSLT)

I have been teaching "Christ and Culture" as part of the International Nepali-Speaking Leadership Training twice a month, every other Tuesday. There are more than 120 Nepali-speaking pastors and leaders from 15 countries who join the virtual class even though they started in-person worship in their churches. Their desire to learn and to be connected with global Nepali leaders is a great encouragement to me.



Meeting Nepali Indian Pastors

It was a great privilege to meet with a Nepali Indian pastors who live and work in the northern region of India. We talked about their wonderful ministry among the Nepali immigrant community. I was invited by Pastor Kiran Mohtey to offer encouragement virtually to these pastors for their kingdom-building ministries.



Christmas Lunch

In my birthplace, the Trisule Church (remote part of Nepal) recently built a permanent church house. Believers are happy to have a meeting place. They planned a wonderful Christmas celebration in the building. My wife Mona and I are so happy for them. We prayed for them and offered financial support to buy Christmas lunch for 300 believers.



Christmas Celebration at LWCC

Because of the pandemic and growing fear of the Omicron variant, Living Water Community Church, Nepali congregation was not able to celebrate Christmas with a large in-person fellowship like other previous years. However, a small number of believers from Madison, WI, and Chicago gathered in-person and celebrated Christmas on December 25, 2021.



Christmas celebration service at Newly constructed church building, Nepal.

Olak and Mona's Family Update

I, my wife Mona, and two daughters Yabena and Yaleen are doing well health-wise. However, we have been going through a lot of emotional challenges as my mother is going through serious depression during and after the pandemic, and recently Mona's father in Nepal also had a brain hemorrhage. He is recently discharged from the hospital but his health seems not good. I and Mona both wish to be there in Nepal with our parents but our US application for residential status is still pending at USCIS. We cannot travel. We use video calls to see and talk with them.

Yabena is in grade 5 and Yaleen is in kindergarten. We are also teaching them the Nepali language and culture as they are growing in American culture.

Mona does not have work authorization, so she is helping me in the ministry and studying Early Childhood Education at City College.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support for us and our ministry.



Olak, Mona, Yabena and Yaleen



Mona's parents on left, Olak's parents on right



Christmas celebration at Grace
Nepali Church, Omaha, NB



Christmas celebration at Living
Water Community Church,
Chicago, IL

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