

NEPALI OUTREACH MINISTRY



Living Water Community Church, Chicago July – August, 2023

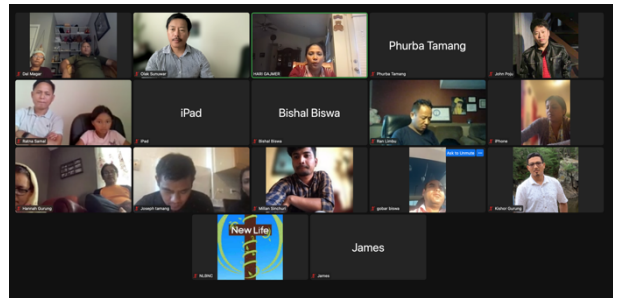
Dear prayer partners,

Greetings in the name of our savior, Jaimashi!

I am deeply honored to be a part of this ministry, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and unwavering support. The purpose of the Midwest Ministry Newsletter is to illuminate the ways in which God's work is unfolding among Nepalese-speaking churches in the Midwest region and other parts of the USA.

Midwest Bible Study

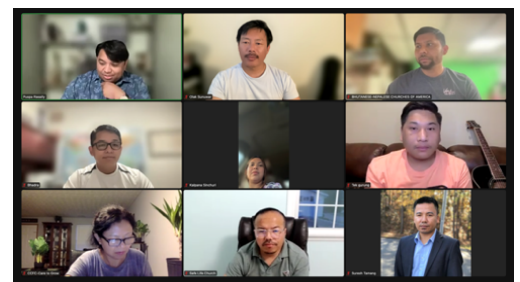
Midwest pastors and leaders have been faithfully convening in virtual gatherings every Monday from 7pm to 9pm for Bible study. This dedicated group, now consisting of 20 pastors and leaders, consistently joins these meetings from various locations including Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, St. Louis, South Dakota, and Iowa. Notably, the number of participants has been steadily increasing, reflecting the growing interest and engagement in our Bible study sessions.



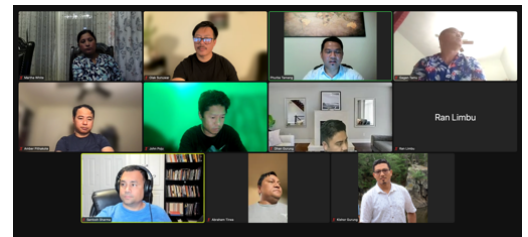
Pastor's Meeting and Prayers

During the preceding two months, we have convened in a virtual setting, uniting in prayer and diligently seeking divine guidance for our ministry within the Nepalese-speaking church communities.

- The Board of Bhutanese Nepali Churches of America (BNCA), of which I am a member, convened to pray and assess the BNCA Summit held on June 29-July 1, 2023 at Harrisburg, PA. We received positive feedback from the participants, but, have been asked to focus more on addressing conflicts among pastors and issues related to divisions within the churches. We will pray and plan to work on these suggestions.
- The Midwest Unity Network has appointed a new board for the years 2023-2026. I will continue to serve as an advisor to the organization. We gathered for prayer and offered words of encouragement to the newly appointed board members.



BNCA Board

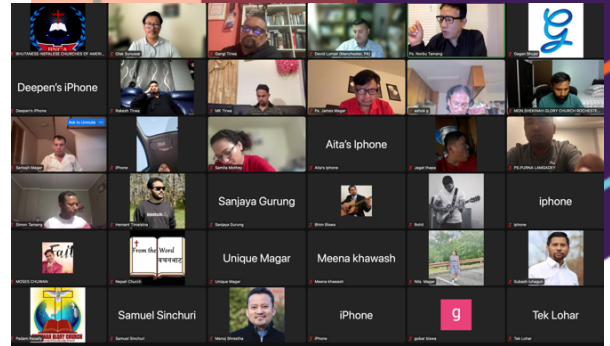


Midwest Unity Network Board

Leadership Training

Fifty-five Nepali-speaking pastors and leaders from various states across the USA had the opportunity to attend a virtual session on August 27, 2023, aimed at equipping them with the skills to mentor young leaders in ministry. The session was led by Rev. Norbu Tamang, originally from Bhutan and currently serving as a pastor in Columbus, OH.

This leadership training was organized by the Bhutanese Nepali Churches of America, where I serve as an education coordinator and board member. We conduct these types of leadership training sessions for Nepali-speaking pastors and leaders once every three months.



Panel Speaker at Nepali-Speaking Youth Seminar

It was great experience to be a part of a panel of speakers at the Nepali Speaking Youth Seminar in Harrisburg, PA, from August 3 to 5, 2023. During the panel discussion, Dr. Manoj Shrestha, Rev. Nima Ghising, and I responded to questions and discussed the importance of theological education for church leadership, youth, and families.



Prayer Request

The level of persecution against Christians in Nepal is on the rise due to the increasing sentiment of Hindu nationalism promoted by radical Hindu political and religious leaders. Church buildings have been vandalized, pastors and believers have been physically and verbally assaulted in public while carrying Bibles or attending fellowship. Nepali Christians are falsely accused of slaughtering cows and consuming them, which is deeply offensive to Hindus as they consider cows and oxen as one of their gods. Unfortunately, the Nepali government remains silent and has not taken any steps towards promoting peace or justice. Please kindly pray for these issues in Nepal so that peace and justice may prevail.

If you have any questions regarding any of this ministry or would like more information, please contact me (see information below). Thank you for your kind support and prayer for this ministry!

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