# **NEPALI OUTREACH MINISTRY**

# Living Water Community Church, Chicago November – December, 2023

Dear prayer partners, Jaimashi!

Happy New Year 2024!

I hope this message finds you well. I thank you for your prayers and support for this ministry. Without your involvement in this ministry, it would not be possible to reach out to these young and energetic Nepali pastors and leaders.

I thank God for His faithfulness. In all circumstances of our life's journey, my wife Mona and I have felt God's presence and the church community's support. We have received tremendous encouragement and support for this ministry, and are so thankful!

## Midwest Weekly Prayers and Bible Study

Midwest pastors and leaders have been meeting via Zoom every Monday from 7 pm to 9 pm for Bible study and prayer. It has been four years since we started meeting virtually each week to pray, study, and discuss. In the past few months, Dr. Richard Subedi, Pastor Yam Gajmer, and I have led Bible studies on the topics of faith, leadership, and the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sunuwar Family

This dedicated group, which now includes 20 pastors and leaders, consistently participates in these meetings from a wide range of locations, including Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, St. Louis, South Dakota, and Iowa. Additionally, pastors from India and Nepal have also joined these meetings.



Midwest pastors and Leaders prayer and Bible Study

# Leadership Training and Christmas Talk

I hosted a leadership training on November 26, 2023, from 8 to 10 PM EST for the pastors and leaders of Bhutanese Nepalese Churches in the USA. Dr. Manoj Shrestha from Baltimore shared on the topic "Mistakes Leaders Make." Approximately 50 Nepali-speaking pastors and leaders joined the training from different states and from Nepal. The goal of the training was to identify mistakes and offer recommendations on solutions.

On December 17, 2023, Bhutanese Nepali Churches organized the "Christmas Talk." I was invited to take part in the discussion and respond to questions from Nepali Churches. It was a live forum, and found the questions sincere and appreciated the views offered by others.



## **Mentorship**

I have been mentoring a few leaders since 2018: Ran Limbu, who completed the Journey Leadership program from AMBS and pastors at a Nepali church in Madison, WI. Bikash Biswa also completed the Journey Leadership training and is assisting his pastor as youth minister in Akron, OH. He is praying about planting a new Nepali church. I am blessed to have these godly brothers to mentor and learn from. Joseph Bardewa, a leader at Hosanna Nepali Church in Pittsburgh, PA., requested me to mentor him last year. Unfortunately, I was not able to schedule the time. However, we agreed to start from this year and are excited to journey together for the kingdom.

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

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