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# Mission Outreach



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## The Most Dangerous Place

North Korea is ranked as the most dangerous country in the world to be a Christian. Christians imprisoned in North Korea are unlikely to ever be released. If not secretly executed, they endure lives of unending physical and psychological torture, hunger and labour. They may even be used for chemical tests.



**This story is based on a real-life account of a North Korean Christian imprisoned for her faith.**

“Your name is the first thing they take. Then they take your freedom, health and clothes, companionship, even your hair. And finally, they take away the daylight.

My name is Prisoner 42. Even though the same thing happens every day, each time I am afraid. Whenever ‘42’ is called, I am beaten and kicked. It hurts most when they hit my ears. They ring for hours, sometimes days.

I’m in the interrogation room for an hour each morning. Afterwards, they return me to my cell. It’s so small, I can barely lie down. But anyway, I’m not allowed to lie down much. I must sit on my knees, with closed fists. I’m not even allowed to open them. The place I live is not fit for any human.”

When Prisoner 42 fled to China from the North Korean famine, she met Christians and joined their worship services. It was revealed to her in a dream that her grandfather was also a Christian, and she gave her life to Jesus too.

In time, she was forced into a vehicle and taken to a Chinese prison cell, then handed over to the North Korean authorities. She said, “I realised that my life was over.” She was taken to a detention centre and given the name Prisoner 42.

“I’m so alone here. All I can do is pray and sing in my heart – never audibly, only in my heart.

Here, I work 12 hours a day, sometimes more. Every day is one long nightmare. But at least I’m not alone in a cell anymore. For an entire year in solitary confinement, my skin didn’t touch a single ray of sunlight. Just to be taken outside and feel the wind, was amazing.”

One day prisoner 42 heard a faint but familiar sound coming from under a blanket – a Christian praying! Later outside Prisoner 42 discreetly greeted this woman in Jesus Name.

“Her face turned white in shock. She knew if anyone overheard us, we’d both likely be shot on the spot. But seeing no one around, she raised a silent smile.”

The two met when they could do so safely and prayed together, but since this woman bravely shared the gospel, she was picked up and taken to maximum security prison where it’s known that none survive. That’s the last time she saw her.

“God has been with me every day, every hour, every minute and every second. Yesterday, it was announced that I will be released. I have served two years.

But God has kept me from giving up. Jesus gave me Living Water to keep me going. He kept me from ending my life. He helped me pray and cry out to Him.”

Let us stand as one Body, bearing our trials patiently and having an enduring trust in God to sustain us all.

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# A Helping Hand for Nepal's Poorest



**The United Nations Development Program highlights the persistence of inequality and poverty in Nepal. During the 7 month COVID-19 lockdown in Nepal last year, the outreach and aid efforts overseen by Pastor Samuel Rai were targeted towards the poorest of the poor. Their poverty and limited opportunities are related to religion, location, community group, low education as well as social and economic exclusion. Pastor Samuel and the team of many local pastors counted it as an incredible joy and blessing to serve thousands of people despite the many risks such as corona virus infection, government restrictions, lockdown and difficult roads.**

Amidst a total population of over 29 million, with 129 different languages spoken, the team ministered to the poorest of the poor, reaching into 17 of the 77 districts of Nepal, and helping a total of 3686 families plus 1055 individuals.

Beautiful Pokhara may be the most visited tourist area of the country, but there are still many who live under the poverty line in the many slum areas in the city working for less than the minimum wage.

Though some districts may be rich in natural resources such as Rautahat, in contrast, so many people are poor and underprivileged. Many areas of Nepal are remote and isolated, meaning travel for food and aid is very difficult. The people groups in these areas live very poorly, many have lost livelihoods due to heavy rains and landslides destroying farmland. They are left with wild plants for food, and those that may have had employment do so no longer since COVID lockdown, with no savings to live on.

The minority and low caste or outcast groups are many and varied. The Dom group are people whose job is to burn dead bodies, the Sonahar are those working under the goldsmith for very low wages, and the Musahar are known for eating mouse meat, a sign of extreme poverty, to name a few. The team sought to bless these underprivileged groups in the relief work last year.

These are some of the many local pastors who coordinated the relief works in Nepal last year.

Pastor Khim Nepali is the pastor of Emmanuel church in Pokhara. He has been ministering among the poor for more than a decade now. He is also the chairman of 'Grace Social Welfare Organization'. Pastor Khim coordinated reaching out to 315 needy families who had lost their jobs. With the help of Phool Maya Gurung and Pastor Mitra Rai of Canaan Baptist Church, a relief fund was provided in Daduwa village in Lamjung district where 250 families of minority groups were reached.

The tribal group Chepang (also known as caveman), are uneducated and paid very poorly if employed at all. Pastor Sabin Praja coordinated outreach to this group in Makwanpur district. The team discovered that many that came to the distribution centre had walked for almost 5 hours to receive the help. 612 families were helped in that area.

Pastor Deepak Thapa of Gospel Manakamana Church in Gorkha coordinated the outreach to 125 families of minority and low caste groups in Gorkha.

The Jhijja Community of Sarlahi district were very well known for their hooligan behaviour, and had committed many murders amongst the general public. Now the entire community has converted to Christianity and as a result, their bad reputation has gone. Pastor Karna Joshi of Manna Church in Sarlahi coordinated the relief program to 47 families of these people, and the aim is to disciple and teach them God's ways through God's will and power.

Pastor Samuel is so grateful for the love and concern shown for the nation of Nepal. Many thanks for financial and prayerful support which is a huge blessing for reaching families and people groups. Pastor Gyanendra Chaudary of Sarlahi Covenant Church in Sarlahi reports, "The joy among the people receiving the rations was really heart-warming. We could see the happiness and gratitude in their eyes." The team continues to minister to the needy and to children in poor and remote areas of Nepal.

*"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour..." Isaiah 61:1a,2a (NIV)*

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### Audio Bibles for North Korea

This was a unique opportunity to help our suffering brothers and sisters in North Korea. Thank you, for your amazing response which has exceeded our expectations. As a result, we have completed our commitment for this project several times. We could not have done this without your support. Thank you on behalf of our suffering brethren.

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### Urdu Bibles for Pakistan

The Word of God is foundational to the Christian faith, and this year we are working with our new Pakistan Partners to provide these much needed bibles. Their need is for 330 bibles each month at \$8 per bible.



We would love to be able to help them with this, and invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this project.

**Monthly Goal: \$2,640**

### DISASTER RELIEF - Feed the Hungry

While our core purpose is to feed our brethren with spiritual food - bibles, we also need to help meet their most basic physical need - food, and to let them know Jesus loves them by fulfilling this most critical need. Our focus is on Nepal and Pakistan to provide food for the hungry, but we will also help as we can in other nations such as the Philippines, to reduce the suffering of our brethren and those they love.

CMTC Bible College - Monthly commitment \$1600

Nepal Radio Ministry - Monthly commitment \$850

## NEW PROJECTS

### Tibetan Leaders

Many of us were brought to tears when we read the amazing testimony of Yoseb, Sandrup and Gappel and their incredible journeys and determination to complete and deliver the first Tibetan bible manuscript for printing. This nation is still a stronghold of Satan and is basically closed off to foreigners, but the Lord is faithful and gives his people strategies for getting the word and help to His people. We plan to help up to 5 Tibetan leaders during 2021. We invite you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a leader.

**Monthly commitment per Pastor: \$75**

**One years support per Pastor: \$900**

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### Reprinting Eddie's Book "To Catch the Wind"

We have very few of Eddie's book 'To Catch the Wind' left and need to get them reprinted. This however is a big project, so we are calling for your help. Eddie loves to give these away and so do we, as his story is such a blessing and inspiration to everyone who reads it.

We are yet to get prices to reprint this but estimate it could cost up to \$7,000. Any gifts received towards this would be a tremendous blessing.

We thank you in advance for your prayers and considering giving to this project.

**Goal: \$7,000**

**Balance Owning: \$3,260**

## RESPONSE COUPON

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Email: .....

Phone or Mobile: .....

Pakistan Urdu Bibles (URDBBL) \$.....

Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH) \$.....

Eddie's Book Reprint (EDBK) \$.....

### Nepal

Radio Programme (NEPRAD) \$.....

CMTC Bible College (CMTC) \$.....

### Disaster Relief -Feed the Hungry

Nepal (FTHNEP) \$.....

Pakistan (FTHPAK) \$.....

Other (FTHOTH) \$.....

### China

China Pastors (CHPSTR) \$.....

Where Most Needed: (WMN) \$.....

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Payments can now be from our website at: [nzmo.org](http://nzmo.org) or via online banking to our BNZ bank Account number: 02 0466 0034018 00. Please specify your preferred project or funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'.



## GLOBAL

**1** Pray for believers across the world to know that 'the joy of the Lord is their strength', and that this authentic joy would draw nations to Jesus.

**2** Praise God for the testimony of a family of 7, who have sold all to follow Jesus and declare 'He is our Abundance', and have seen God provide for all their needs. Let us declare God's abundance and promises over those suffering loss, illness, unemployment and depression, for God's rebuilding and restoration.

## NORTH KOREA

**3** Pray for believers in prison camps, for encouragement and physical, mental and spiritual strength, that God would sustain them and reveal Himself. Contend for the complete abolition of these camps and believers' release and restoration.

**4** Pray for unity of the Body of Christ to stand with our persecuted family, and to take courage to endure all trials and opposition, knowing that our God is just and faithful.

## NEPAL

**5** Praise God for many lives touched by relief work last year. Pray that hope would continue to live in their hearts, and they would put their trust in the God of all hope.

**6 & 7** Pray for the ongoing outreach to the poor and needy in Nepal, that all people groups in the 77 districts of Nepal would hear the gospel. Pray for those who minister to be sustained in grace and in the Holy Spirit and that the labourers would be multiplied.

**8** The printing press is now in transit to Nepal. Pray that it get there promptly and safely without damage. Ask God's blessing and covering over those who will be involved in operating the press.

**9** Pray for an increase in influence on the medical clinics, that many would be made whole.

## MYANMAR

**10** On 1 February 2021 there was a military coup where several government leaders were detained, and the military announced they will take control. This has disrupted access to markets and banks, businesses and education, and the price of food and daily needs. Pray for peace in negotiations and amidst fear and anger about the situation. Pray for provision and healthcare for daily needs. Pray that Jesus would be Lord in Myanmar.

## INDIA

**11** Leela, a pregnant woman has lost her baby after being kicked by Hindu militants that stormed a house where a few Christians gathered for prayer. Pray for God to minister

healing to Leela and her family following this trauma. Pray for justice. Pray for Christians across India to remain strong and united despite increasing Hindu nationalism.

## UGANDA

**12** Praise God for the recently built 'Zion Hardware Shop' by Pastor John. Pray that this shop will bless the community materially and also spiritually as God's people reach out.

**13 & 14** Pray for the government of Uganda which has begun its 6th term since the January election. Pray for many suffering injury, loss and trauma due to the violence amidst election campaigns. Pray also that ultimately the government would rest on the shoulders of Jesus Christ, and that He would have His way in Uganda.

## CHINA

**15** Five men have been charged with distributing audio Bibles, and are facing prison. Pray that all charges will be dropped, and that their faith and resolve would be strengthened. Pray that these charges would only serve to increase awareness and hunger for the Word of God, and all hunger be filled.

**16** Pray that authorities would see the fruit of the power of God's Word – changed hearts, lives and nations, blessing and favour, so they are convicted to stop rewriting the Bible according to socialist values.

## IRAN

**17** Pray for hundreds of fervent new evangelists who have begun to share Christ and see salvations. Ask God to move powerfully through them.

**18** The severity of persecution has increased over the past year, particularly for Christians from a Muslim background, with intimidation and long sentencing for 'crimes against national security'. Pray for believers to remain strong so that the gospel spreads even more.

**19** Amidst the widespread disillusionment with the Iranian regime, pray that Iranians would find love, hope and peace in encountering their Father God.

## AFGHANISTAN

**20 & 21** Students of Kabul University are dealing with trauma as they return to their campus after the devastating attack there last November. They still see blood stains on the floor. Pray that they would have healing encounters with their Father God and know the peace that passes understanding through Jesus.

**22** Pray for the "Peace" talks taking place in Qatar between the USA, the Taliban and the Afghan Government.

**23** Pray for the 12.5 million people who are severely affected by food shortages and

living below the poverty line. Pray for those most vulnerable in the remote Central Highlands, that they would have water and be able to grow food for the year ahead. Pray for teams who seek to reach these people.

## PAKISTAN

**24** Christians are despised, so many of them live in poverty and are restricted to low-status jobs. Violent attacks have increased, and Christians seldom get justice. Pray for Christians to stand with courage and perseverance for Jesus. Pray for justice, mercy, and God's provision.

**25** Christian women and girls are particularly vulnerable. Pray that women would be strengthened in dignity and worth in the love of Jesus despite abductions for forced marriage. Pray that husbands would be transformed as they encounter Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

## TIBET

**26** The Pumi people are Tibetan Buddhists whose culture is steeped in ancestor worship and fear of the spirit world. Since they acknowledge there are gods in heaven, pray that the God of Heaven would be revealed to them as their "hee-day" (Highest Lord), that they would respond wholeheartedly. Pray for wisdom and courage in the face of spiritual opposition.

## CAMBODIA

**27 & 28** Pray for a new venture Vimean Kids Program which has a vision to give quality education to children for life skills, vocational training, leadership and discipleship.

## LAOS

**29** Pray that despite communism restrictions and the majority religion of Buddhism, the Holy Spirit would draw hungry hearts to the One True God. Pray for house church leaders to stand strong in faith amidst the potential of targeted persecution. Pray for all believers to courageously share their faith.

## VIETNAM

**30** Pray that Christianity in Vietnam would be recognised as Truth and Life giving to the nation, rather than treated with suspicion or persecution. Pray for the unity of the church to stand strong in faith and declare Truth across the nation, and be nourished in the Word of God.

## NZ

**31** As a proposed 'Conversion Therapy' ban is discussed, pray that churches can keep the right to teach God's design and creation of man and woman, and also offer counselling and prayer for those who are unsure about their gender. Pray that the Truth that the church preaches would become even more appealing to the disillusioned and that the nation would be drawn to Jesus the Rock.

## WEBSITE UPDATE:

We are delighted to advise that after 2 years, 3 companies, and a lot of determination and perseverance, our Website is now up-to-date and we have online gifting facilities. Hence, donations and gifts are now able to be paid directly from the website and by Credit Card. Praise the Lord!



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