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Desperate, Fragile yet Joyful

Squeals of horror erupted as the frayed rope finally broke, the 60L bucket fell back into the 33m deep well. Mamas and children disappeared, carrying their empty jerry cans away from the well at God's Ark of Salvation Church. The cry for help from Pastors John and Ruth in the heart of Africa, Uganda, comes from the relentless suffering they see.

Before Bibles are offered to those who can read, clean water and food are essential to sustain HOPE. Being Pastors in Uganda requires an enormous heart of love for God and others, courage, fortitude, wisdom and endurance to face the many trials of living in Africa.

2020 in Uganda was like no other. Too much rain washed away the crops, and too much sun dried up the second planting of crops. COVID-19 shut down schools where children are still unable to return. Childrens and adults die without treatment for various diseases. In addition to these pressures, Pastors John and Ruth are also faced with spiritual opposition.

Outrageous jealousy drove neighbours to pay the witchdoctor to poison Pastor John and Ruth's 12 turkeys and 2 goats, their only source of food. Devastated by their precious turkey cacasses strewn around their yard, Ruth suffered severe chest pain and had to be taken to Hospital. The stress of living with such evil minded neighbours triggered life threatening diabetes. With the powerful love of Jesus, John and Ruth extend friendship, food and forgiveness to their curious neighbours. Ruth is gradually recovering from diabetes with much help from regular visits to Kampala Hospital.

Seeing this poverty and devastation, we ask the Lord heart wrenching questions of why all the suffering and hardship, when other parts of the world are so rich? Though we may not have the answers, yet Father God shows us in Proverbs not only our calling as believers to the poor, to be kind (14:21) and generous (22:9), but the blessing, especially in provision (28:27, 13:25), of carrying God's heart in obedience to this call, and even a curse on those who refuse (28:27).

Pastors John and Ruth are running with perseverance to uplift the poor in Uganda, beautifully carry God's heart despite the trials. They have a vast vision to fulfill with outrageous joy all that the Lord has put on their hearts - to extend God's Kingdom, to buy land for growing food, to build a school for the many children that are too poor to pay school fees, and to have a Radio Station to beam the Gospel of Jesus that will conquer Islam.

After the past year of trying to cope with desperate poverty, no food, no schooling, so much sickness and near death experiences, devastating accusations, corruption (young men unjustly imprisoned for 'slave' labour), Pastor John still finds the joy to laugh.
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Desperate, Fragile yet Joyful...

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In spite of all the challenges, these Pastors forge ahead, pastoring their own communities as well as evangelising areas in Uganda where there is serious witchcraft and poverty.

John began his Theology degree, as required for pastors by the government, with 47 Pastors in his class over a year ago, and now it has dwindled to 17, due to lack of finances for food let alone fees. Where there is no money to pay fees, there is no study. Where no money to buy seed to plant crops, there is starvation. Where no money to replace the rope, there will be no water drawn from the church well. Where no money for Bibles, there is no growth from feasting on God's Word.

May LOVE grow in our hearts for the plight of the joyous, faithful but suffering church in Uganda. It is in our hands to bless Pastors John and Ruth, to strengthen their hearts and their hands as they minister so faithfully, through powerful intercession and giving. Let us answer the Father's call to be kind and generous in this way to the poor of Uganda.

-Bruce and Margaret

UGANDA BIBLE PROJECT

How do Pastors John and Ruth move forward with joy in their hearts? They are found in Christ and being renewed daily in Him. We want to give this precious gift to the people of Uganda, so they too can receive eternal hope, joy and peace that passes understanding. This is the power of the gospel and the Word of God becoming alive in them.

Uganda is a place of both physical and deep spiritual hunger. Once physical needs are met and hope is rekindled, Ugandan Pastors give Bibles to those who can read and have given their hearts to the Lord. Pastors and believers cry out for Bibles and so eagerly receive them. It is such an honour and blessing to be able to meet this huge need. Bibles are so important for the growth of the church in Uganda and will bring comfort and encouragement, give instruction and direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities.



Nepal: Miracles on Wheels!

A Hindu lady was confirmed dead by the local Doctor. They had brought her body outside and were preparing to burn it, as is the custom of the Hindus. The dead woman's niece, a Christian, pleaded with her relatives to let Pastor Bishnu pray for her Aunt. When they finally agreed, Pastor Bishnu was called to come and pray for the dead woman. Many hours later the pastor arrived at where the dead woman lay. He reached out his hand and prayed a simple prayer and the woman who had been dead got up, much to the delight and shock of those around them! Needless to say, she and another 300 people in the nearby area accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Pastor Bishnu is an anointed Nepalese evangelist who was trained in the Pokhara Bible College some years ago. Part of his ministry is to pray for healing for the sick and there have been many miraculous healings. Pastor Bishnu is a very humble man who is a committed, faithful and hard worker for the Lord.

Often Bishnu has to travel for days on buses and on foot to reach remote areas to share the gospel. He has said that his job would be far more efficient if he had a motorbike. Knowing very well the type of terrain Bishnu works in, this would be a very worthwhile investment. It would also reduce his risk of COVID-19 infection. We have agreed to do what we can to help him, so we would like to raise funds for a motorbike. MO would like to help buy a Honda Unicorn 160 motorbike for Bishnu. The cost for this is \$4000.



"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

Bibles for Uganda, Africa

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Our initial commitment for Bibles for Uganda is for **100** English Bibles at \$7.50 each and 285 Lugandan bibles at approx. \$15 each.

Total Project: \$3000 Balance needed: \$3000

Motorbike for Bishnu, Nepal

Pastor Bishnu often has to travel for days on buses and on foot to reach remote areas to share the gospel and pray for the sick. Knowing very well the type of terrain Bishnu works in, we agree with him that a motorbike would make his job far more efficient, and also reduce his risk of COVID-19 infection. MO would like to help buy a Honda Unicorn 160 motorbike for Bishnu. **Cost: \$4000**



Urdu Bibles for Pakistan

This year we are working with our new Pakistan Partners to provide 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, with so many disasters happening and increasing poverty and suffering, we must also show them Christ's love by helping meet their basic physical need of food. Our focus is on Nepal and Pakistan, but we will also help as we can in other nations such as the Philippines.

Tibetan Leaders

What an incredible journey of Yoseb, Sandrup and Gappel to complete and deliver the first Tibetan Bible manuscript for printing. This nation is still 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 are delighted to report that fundraising for this project has been completed! Thank you to all who have supported this.

We are making good progress on having updated books within the next few months and will keep you posted on our progress. Blessings to you all and thank you again!

Goal: \$7,000

COMPLETED!

CMTC Bible College - Monthly commitment \$1600
Nepal Radio Ministry - Monthly commitment \$850

RESPONSE COUPON

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Nepal

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

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

Motorbike for Bishnu (BISHBIK) \$.....

Disaster Relief -Feed the Hungry

Nepal (FTHNEP) \$.....

Pakistan (FTHPAK) \$.....

Other (FTHOTH) \$.....

Uganda Bibles (AFRBBL) \$.....

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

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

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

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

Payments can now be made from our website at: 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'.

ISRAEL

1 Today is day 5 of the 8 days of Passover, remembering God's salvation from death of the firstborn in Egypt through the blood of a lamb, and subsequent freedom from slavery (Exodus 12). May Jesus, our Passover Lamb, be revealed and worshipped in this season, and his blood be appropriated to cleanse and free the poor in spirit in every community and nation from slavery to sin, sickness and death.

2 (Good Friday) Pray that Christians across the earth would have opportunity to celebrate and share the love of God in the sacrificial gift of Jesus to pay for our rebellion.

3 & 4 (Resurrection) As we celebrate Jesus overcoming death in his resurrection, let us celebrate that sin, death and sickness now have no hold on those found in Him. Let us take opportunity to share this victory and hope with others.

TIBET

5 Today is the first of the four Buddhist observance days per month, based on the moon quarters. On these days the *Patimokkha* rules (for right living) are recited in temple gatherings of monks and lay devotees. Pray that Buddhists would have access to the Living Word of God and have a revelation of the God of Love. Pray that in their pursuit of righteousness that God would fill them with Living Water.

GLOBAL

6 Praise God that amidst the COVID crisis, many new opportunities have opened up to share the gospel. Pray that believers would reach out and have eyes to see and seize these opportunities as they bring hope and help to their neighbours.

7 Pray for healing for all those with COVID-19 and that the immunity of all people would be strengthened against this disease, and that it would no longer hold and hinder nations and communities. Pray for divine strategies and miraculous healing.

8 Pray for revival among children and youth, that they would simply take hold of hope and truth and transform their families and communities with zeal for Jesus, and that this faith foundation would remain throughout their life.

MYANMAR

9 Since February the military has taken control of the country, detaining members of government and creating anarchy where human rights are disregarded even by police. Pray that the church in Myanmar would be a shining light of hope and refuge and that

Jesus would visit Myanmar and bring the military to their knees in repentance.

MUSLIM WORLD

10 & 11 Pray that Farsi Bibles distributed in Afghanistan would bear much fruit, and that the truth of Jesus Christ would shine. Pray that scripture would be memorised and Bibles passed on far and wide, that restoration would come to this nation through the power of the Word going forth.

12 Pray for Urdu Bibles distribution in Pakistan, for wisdom in accessing finances that have been sent. Pray for favour and grace to carry out this project without hindrance.

13 Today is the approximate start of the month of Ramadan (based on new moon), the most holy month of the Muslim calendar. All Muslims are required to fast from food. Pray for a great revelation of Jesus in dreams and visions, and courage to receive and stand for Jesus.

14 Pray that Christians would continue to be strengthened in worship and the Word, and that as they do this, unbelievers would find themselves being touched by the Holy Spirit as they listen to their worship. Praise God for those already touched in this way.

15 Pray for many Christians imprisoned in Iran, detained or exiled after release because of their faith. Pray for powerful grace on Christians facing torture. Pray for miraculous provision of the extortionate bail fees set for Christians.

16 Pray for a family in Iran who have had their adopted daughter taken from them because they are Christian, that the girl would be restored to them without harm.

INDIA

17 & 18 The 18th April is the Hindu festival of Yamuna Chhath which celebrates the birth of the goddess Yamuna. Devotees fast and take a spiritual bath in the sacred Yamuna River during sunrise and sunset on this day, which is believed to purify their soul and achieve eternal joy and love. Pray that they would receive a revelation of Jesus instead.

19 India has been identified as the most dangerous country in the world for women. Pray for the work of village leaders to be powerful and effective to redeem and prevent women from slavery, and that they would have all they need to do this. Pray for women to know their God given worth and dignity in Him.

20 Christians are facing increasing persecution and pressure as the government and Hindu radicals find any reason to disrupt, arrest, closedown, re-convert to Hinduism, and create fear. Pray that this mission of death and destruction would be thwarted and Jesus is revealed to them.

21 Praise God that despite the many increasing pressures, the church is actively evangelising and growing in India. Pray for believers and Christian Ministries to remain strong, justice, peace and a favourable outcome for all. Pray believers will increase their influence in the face of the trials.

UK

22 UK is voting on Genocide Amendment to the Trade Bill. Pray for amendment to pass so that countries killing off people groups will suffer trade consequences, and be held to account.

UGANDA

23 Praise God for Pastors John and Ruth who continue to carry God's heart for the poor. Declare release from all oppression of the enemy, so that Uganda is won for the Kingdom. Speak healing over Ruth and may the testimony see many others healed.

24 Pray for the church of Uganda to be strengthened in hope, joy and peace so that it can powerfully minister these to the nation.

ANZAC

25 (ANZAC) Pray that as Australia and NZ celebrate this day, the sacrifices that the ANZAC soldiers made and our gratitude for them, would serve as a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for the freedom of all humanity, and result in a beautiful offering of praise to Him.

NEPAL

26 Pray for the resources and outreaches to poor communities with food and hope.

27 Pray for covering and fruitfulness over Pastor Bishnu's ministry as he preaches the gospel and prays for the sick.

28 There are issues delaying the release of the printing press from Kathmandu. Please pray for its release, safe transportation to Pokhara and correct installation.

NORTH KOREA

29 In a place of great restriction and pressure, praise God that His Word and His power are boundless and victorious. Therefore declare a breaking of all strongholds and idols and declare God's Ways be established in righteousness, justice and peace in the nation of Korea.



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