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## SOWING GOSPEL SEEDS

As many people around the world made preparations for Christmas celebrations with family and friends in December last year, in Nepal the message of Christ was going forth to thousands of people with much celebration, and thousands of New Testaments were given out. Government leaders promised to establish Christmas day as a public holiday and publicly acknowledged Christian values.

In the six days before Christmas, a series of four Christmas gospel crusades were held in various locations across the nation: Kerabari in Bhogateni, Chaudandigadi in Udaypur, Rapti in Chitwan and Pokhara city. Local churches joined together to organise and serve with songs and cultural dances for the crusades.

Special guests included Mayors, Deputy Mayors, MPs, members of Christian societies, newspaper and radio reporters, and other respected people.

After one of the local pastors opened the crusade in prayer, the Christians gathered together to walk around the area with banners and musical instruments, giving an invitation for all to come.



From 1000 to 7500 people attended each crusade, with about 40% of them being unbelievers. People walked, motorcycled and bused to the crusades. For two of the crusades, ten extra buses were provided in addition to the usual city buses.

The key speaker was Rev Dr Samuel Rai, who we work with and know as Pastor Samuel, shared the message of the Christmas celebration, Jesus birth as saviour of the world. He also spoke on justice, peace, equality and freedom. He explained that in Christianity there is no discrimination on the basis of caste, gender, religion, colour, profession or

personality. The government continues to discriminate against Christians on the basis of faith, so Samuel encouraged the people to take hold of their rights as Nepali citizens, but more importantly as children of God.

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# SOWING GOSPEL SEEDS ...



He spoke of the Christians' love for God and compassion for people, and gave an invitation to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and become a child of God (John 1:12).

Seeds of the gospel were sown and thousands of New Testaments were given out during the course of the crusades. So far 350 new believers have turned to Jesus. The churches involved in each area are continuing to follow up those who attended and Samuel is believing that about 1000 will eventually make a commitment to Jesus.

It was significant to have government leaders publicly honour God. The Mayor of Kerabari declared Christmas day to now be a public holiday, and also decided that local



government will take steps for the management and protection of Christian churches. The Deputy Mayor also acknowledged that the Christian faith emphasises the importance of relationships, sharing and helping those in need.

In Chadandigadi, The Assembly member of State No.1 shared his commitment to fight for religious freedom, and support the religious right of Christians.

As part of Pearl 22, 3000 New Testaments with Questions & Answers were printed by GTN and 5000 New Testaments purchased from the Bible Society for Nepal most of which were given out during the crusades.

Samuel is so thankful for the generous provision of New Testaments to feed and sustain hungry souls in Nepal.

Please pray for those who attended the crusades that the words they heard, will continue to impact them and draw them to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray also that promises to work towards equity and religious freedom for Christians will be honoured.

## THE POWER OF LOVE



**In the very poor and remote village of Buyenda in Uganda, as the light of the new year dawned, many also received the light of truth for their hungry souls – their very own Bible!**

These ones are those who said nearly 6 months ago 'yes Pastor John, I would really love a Bible of my own'. There was such joy on the faces of those who own so little to be given a gift of the precious Word of God in their own language. In reading and meditating on God's Word, they now have opportunity to become rich in spirit, strong in faith, and know the treasures of Heaven. Glory to God!

One such treasure of heaven was a 60 year old Muslim man (pictured) who went to his mosque with a certain problem. No one at the mosque gave him care, help or a Quran. He then met some Christians who showed him love and gave him a Bible. He was so touched that he became a follower of Jesus and so did seven of his Muslim friends! The power of love!



*"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."  
Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV)*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We wish to thank you for your faithful support of Mission Outreach and Pearl 22. We apologise for having to combine the March and April newsletters as the Editor will be ministering in Nepal at the time she would normally be finalising the April newsletter. We are also waiting on a special report, which will not be available until April.

Please pray through the same prayer calendar each month but feel free to add things as Holy Spirit leads you. Please also pray for the team that is ministering in Nepal from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April.

## PEARL 22

### Myanmar Bibles - NEW

We are very excited to be able to add this new Pearl 22 Project of bibles for Myanmar. We have heard many are coming to Jesus in this nation and there is a great need for bibles to help grow the new believers. Price per bible is \$4.50, and our initial goal is for 40,000 bibles.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 40,000**

### Uganda Bibles

The need for Bibles in Uganda is greater than ever to bring encouragement, give instruction, direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities. What an honour to be able to meet this need. Price per bible is currently \$8.00.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 25,000 Balance: 23,500**

### Chinese Bibles

Project Pearl in 1981 was significant for Eddie and the many others who helped with this epic delivery of Chinese bibles. In recent times the Communist Party has significantly reduced the quota of Bibles printed and has also shut down Bible websites and apps but God makes a way where there is no way. Price per bible is \$4.50.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 100,000 Balance: 87,500**

### India Bibles: Telugu & Hindi

We have several contacts for India who all have a need for bibles in the churches they work with. The church in this nation is growing rapidly, as fear and persecution have opened the door for the Lord's people to reach out and share the gospel of Jesus. The cost per bible is \$3.50.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 50,000 Balance: 46,178**

### Bibles for Pakistan & Afghanistan

We are excited about what the Lord is doing and will do in these nations through the provision of P22 bibles, and are able to purchase them for \$5.30 each.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 15,000 Balance: 13,190**

### New Testaments with Q&A for Nepal

As part of our Pearl 22 One Million bibles, MO has committed to help supply 15,000 Nepali New Testaments with Psalms, Proverbs and approximately 240 Questions & Answers. These are common questions and biblical answers with references. This is extremely valuable for the young people and those who have converted from Hinduism. Cost per New Testament is \$3.80

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 15,000 Balance: 4,900**

### Ukrainian New Testaments -COMPLETED!

We are delighted to report that this project has been completed for now. Our new contact is able to get these printed for only \$1.20 each, hence we have been able to complete this first stage of the project in record time. Thank you to all who have so generously given. Please now pray for the safe delivery of the New Testaments as the team enter war zones to give to the Ukrainian people.

**Pearl22 Project Goal: 20,000 Balance: 0**

### Go or Give so someone else can go

Encouragement, impartation and empowering are only part of the blessings of joining a team and its impact on the church in that nation! We have teams going to Nepal, Pakistan and Philippines. Contact Neil for more information, or if you are unable to go, please consider giving so someone else can go.

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### Pearl 22:

Myanmar Bibles NEW (MYPRL22) \$.....

Chinese Bibles (CHPRL22) \$.....

Uganda Bibles (UGPRL22) \$.....

Nepal NT with Q&A (NPNTPL22) \$.....

India Bibles (INDPRL22) \$.....

Pakistan /Afghanistan Bibles (PKAFPRL22) \$.....

Pearl 22 Where Most Needed (PRL22WMN) \$.....

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

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Nepal Student Sponsorship (STUDSPON) \$.....

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

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

'To Catch the Wind' Book (EDBOOK) \$.....

Gift for someone to Go (GIVE2GO) \$.....

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

Payments can be made 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'.

## PEARL 22

**1** Pray for Pearl 22 to multiply. Bless those who give, pray, and serve. Pray that every recipient of the Word, that it be quickened to them, to nourish and ignite their spirit to bring glory to God.

## NEPAL

**2** Pray for Nepal gospel radio ministry since the owner was killed in the plane crash in January. Pray for comfort for the family and the ministry team and wisdom for the way forward.

**3** Pray for the completion of the two medical clinics in time for the openings with the NZ team in April. Pray for hearts to be prepared to receive healing to their bodies and souls.

**4 & 5** Praise God for the impact of the December gospel crusades on the nation. Pray that government leaders will honour their commitments, and that the nation would prosper. Pray for salvation for the president, that he govern from a righteous position.

**6** Praise God for Samuel's 'nation changer' anointing. Pray for continued boldness and wisdom as he speaks with authorities in various regions. Pray for the salvation of Hindu antagonists and bind their hindrances to the gospel.

## UGANDA

**7** Praise God for Bibles received in Buyenda village. Pray that Holy Spirit quicken the Word to them as they read and meditate on it. Pray for Holy Spirit fire to ignite in their spirits and move them to compassionate obedience.

## TURKEY & SYRIA

**8** Pray for God's mercy, comfort, peace and hope for the people of Turkey & Syria in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in February. Tens of thousands are dead and countless are homeless in freezing weather. Praise God for churches ministering to the needy, and pray that the love and hope they carry will draw many to Jesus.

## CAMBODIA

**9** Give thanks for 100 years of the gospel in this nation. Pray for unity and strength in the Body of Christ that a unified church would have increasing impact on the nation.

**10** Give glory to God that at the recent Cambodia Gospel Centennial Celebration, Prime Minister Hun Sen acknowledged the positive impact of the Christian community on the nation.

**11 & 12** Pray that the church would arise in wholeness and in calling to five fold ministries. Pray for the raising up of young people to serve God in various places.

## VIETNAM

**13** As the Communist Party makes stricter laws about 'misinformation' on social media platforms, pray that churches would use wisdom on social media. Pray also that this would serve to fuel the curiosity of the lost to find the truth in Jesus.

## PERSECUTED CHURCH

**14** Praise God that He is the God of the impossible. Take up the weapon of praise. Declare the 'impossible' be made possible. Pray for grace and strength to those suffering, that their inner reality would overcome their outward situation. Invite God's transformation.

**15** For those in prison camps especially in North Korea and China, pray for healing to their physical and emotional wounds, and blessing to their families. Declare God is their Way Maker and supplier of grace and mercy. Pray that their needs would be met, and that harassment would stop.

**16** For those in solitary confinement, pray that they would continue to stand for Christ. Pray for a sound mind as promised (2 Tim. 1:7), and their faith and courage will increase. Pray that every attack against the Kingdom of God would come to nothing.

## NORTH KOREA

**17** Praise God that despite being the worst country for Christian persecution for 20 years, an estimated 300,000 Christians still worship in secret. Pray for their continued courage, faith, strength, wisdom and provision.

**18 & 19** Pray the witness of believers will impact the nation, which for all its 'power' cannot shake their faith. Pray that the strength of the nation would be acknowledged as the faith of those following Christ, and ultimately that Christ will reign victorious there..

## MYANMAR

**20** Recently was the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the 2021 coup that overthrew the democratically elected government. Pray for a turning of hearts of the military to see that violence is futile. Pray for justice, peace and stability. Give thanks for the many turning to Jesus in this nation and for the successful delivery of bibles to these new believers.

## GLOBAL

**21** Praise God that He is drawing people together. Pray for an awakening to the truth and love of Jesus and that only He can still the storms in life. Pray for a revelation of eternal priorities and for believers to

reach out to their friends with the Love of Christ.

## PAKISTAN

**22** Continue to pray for God's divinely selected team to accompany Clive on the October trip. Pray for God's sovereign hand on all the preparations, and that the steps of the team will be ordered by the Lord.

## IRAN

**23** Praise God for the move of Holy Spirit on people to rise up in praise and testimony to the things of God. Pray that the joy of the Lord would continue to be the strength of the community of faith, and that they would continue to see signs, wonders and much fruit for the Kingdom of God.

## AFGHANISTAN

**24** The government has now ruled out women working for NGOs. Pray God will make a way for the necessary work to be done. Pray for a fresh anointing as women find new ways to be a blessing.

**25 & 26** Pray that Jesus reveal himself to the Taliban in order to bring change from within. Ask God's Kingdom to come and His will be done in this nation.

## UKRAINE

**27** Praise God for Holy Spirit gaining ground in this nation. Amidst the unrest, pray that Holy Spirit will continue to move and bring peace. Pray for the safe delivery of food supplies with New Testaments.

## LAOS

**28** As positions in government have recently been reshuffled, pray for God's anointing and wisdom on the new ministers to govern in righteousness and find economic solutions.

## NEW ZEALAND

**29** Pray for Phil and Sarah who returned to NZ to prepare for long term missions in Kenya that Phil's business visa application would be accepted. Pray for long term support and provision to take the next step of ministry to youth and couples in Kenya.

**30** Pray for those affected by flooding & destruction by cyclone Gabrielle. Pray for those who are homeless and in despair for Holy Spirit construction in their hearts and communities. Pray this region would be the first to see the Light of Christ.

**31** Praise God for an Auckland location for a new radio transmitter. Pray for finances to purchase and install it. Pray also that all transmitters to function in Jesus Name and fulfil their purpose to transmit the Word of God!



### Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Monday nights to pray for the nations at 'The Sanctuary' 159 Durham St, Tauranga at 7:30pm or via ZOOM. Email: [alan@nzmo.org](mailto:alan@nzmo.org) for an invite.

### Legacy Giving:

A bequest to Mission Outreach in your will is a way to leave a lasting impact of eternal value - contact [wendy@nzmo.org](mailto:wendy@nzmo.org) for more information.