

MINISTRY STORIES

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The Tikapur Christian Church in western Nepal organized a seed project (one-day medical camp) in a community near the church called “*Shivanagar*”. The medical camp allowed the church people to know more about the community and their needs. There are five hundred families living there. They were bond slaves for generations until the Nepal Government passed an anti-slavery bill in 2001. As they were released from their master’s home, they went to the jungle and some public places for living under a tent provided by government. Literally, they did not have anything with them except the clothes they were wearing and couple of other personal belongings. Later Government provided a half a acre of land to each family but had difficulties for growing food and meeting their family needs without proper farming tools, seeds, and fertilizer. Number of organization and mission started providing some food as they could. On the other hand school going children stopped going to the school as they moved to a new place since there was no school for them. As the church know about that need, they started praying for it. The Lord, eventually, inspired the church to start a tutorial class for their children. The church started a tutorial center under a thatched hut in the community. Some of young people from the church helped teach in the center. The number of students began grow and it was moved to the church building. The number was being increased, they decided to have their own school building. The local people took the initiatives and build a school building using locally available resources. Some provided wood, some straw, and some other things. They are now happy to have a school in their community. Now, there are more than ninety students and three teachers. God started providing for the need by different people. Now they have a vision to register the school to the government and have metal roof replacing the thatched room. People’s perception toward the church has been completely changed at present because of the school. A house church was started there. Before there was not even a single believer but now there are 25 people who have given their lives to Christ and having fellowship every week.

