

Youth Vision Conference in Eastern Nepal

It was a quite different experience for me as I facilitated the Youth Vision Conference on 20th-22nd of September 2010 in *Itahari*, Eastern Nepal. It was the first time experience for having vision conference with young people, the emerging leaders of the nation. The conference was organized by Itahari Youth Group by raising all costs related to the conference by themselves locally. Vision Network Nepal, however, took care of facilitator's accommodation and travel expense. There were around thirty young leaders participated the conference. Most of them expressed that they never had learned the biblical principles for wholistic ministry such a way. At the end of the conference, they planned for number of seed projects and expressed their commitment for implementing them as well as putting in practice of Discipline of Love. (Reported by Bishnu)



1. Bishnu Facilitating the one of sessions
2. Vijay leading the group exercises on Kingdom Math 3.
3. Participants presenting Seed Projects
4. Participants serving delicious food to each other
5. Cleaning dishes
6. Farewell with Nepali Hats on
7. Group Pictures of Youth VC participants

Madan and Sophia Shah are doing very good work in western Nepal. Madan joined harvest as associate staff this year. God has blessed this young couple with two handsome sons Yeshurun and Yohshah. They are running three schools for the children of former bond slaves called “Kamaiyas” and serving as a youth pastor at Tikapur Church. Here are some of seed project they and their church did for last few months.



God blessed Madan & Sophia with another handsome son Yohshah on 1st, July 2010

School cleaning: As a practice of seed project, teachers and students of Grace School clean the school compound and surrounding areas as a demonstration of God’s love to the school and community.



Medical Camp: In coordination with local churches and Health Center a medical camp was organized at Grace School where 120 students & their parents were served and provided some basic medicines.



Goat & Piglets Support Project: we provided a goat & four piglets to four former bond slave families called Kamaiya in Shivanager so that they would share first born baby goat & piglet to others families & make some incomes to provide for their families and children’s schooling.

Riksa for poor people: through help of INF, Tikapur Church has provided four Riksas to four poor families in Bijayanager. Now they are earning \$2 a day that has been a great help for their livelihood and children schooling.

(Reported by Madan Shah)

Jesus Empowers the Oppressed One

Jagat Bahadur, a crippled boy, came to Christ two years ago as he was offered a special shoes as a demonstration of God's love by Pastor Indra and believers of New Hope Church, Chhahara. It is a small congregation of thirty believers. Last year, Prem Bahadur, a blind, came to Christ as Jagat expressed Christ's love to him through spending times with him, praying for him & giving hope in Christ and bringing him to the Church.

As they came to Christ the smile on their faces have been increased. They were not only set free from their spiritual bondage but also from their social, physical and intellectual bondages as well. Before they come to Christ they believed that it was the divine curse that caused them to be born as crippled and blind. Now they are set free from all kinds of curses and wrong beliefs. They are now so much empowered that they go around and share love of Christ and help needy people.

Recently both of them have been members of the board of a CBO (Community Based Organization) called Community Disable Service Center. Now they are helping themselves for the betterment of their lives and becoming a channel for hope and blessing to other disable people in the community like them.

Last month as they came to know about a three months self-employed skill training to disable people through a radio, they contacted the organizer and also encouraged other for the training. As they expressed their desire for the training, the local church sent them there with prayer. The training was organized by a local people with coordination of a Christian NGO in Kathmandu. The training has aimed for trainees to be self-employed after the training so that they would provide for their daily needs and no need to be depended to others for their livelihood any longer. The local coordinator Mr Sandip is himself a blind.

As Bishnu and Mr Thapa of Tansen Church visited the training center, the training coordinator shared with them about the need for additional bedding sets because the winter is approaching near and also for their desire to start a Braille tutoring class for the participant. They also requested the local churches to help buy products they make. As Bishnu discussed with Tansen Church and New Hope Counseling Center, they are willing to be a help to sell the products and also pray for the additional needs for beddings and Braille tutoring class. This little help to them have built a good relationship with them. Every time we visit them they want to hear more about Jesus and pray for them.

(Reported by Bishnu & Mr. Thapa)



Mr Thapa, a Tansen Church member, talking with Prem



Bishnu with Jagat & Prem and their new friend Holding "Muda" (bamboo stool) they are learning to make



The trainer teaching trainees making “Muda” (Bamboo Stool) three of them are blind Bishnu is sharing about ho Christ’s love to special people like them



Group picture with eight special people and the trainer with Nepali hat Jagat Bahadur seating front on the ground: front Bamboo stool they are making

Prayer Concerns for this month: Pls Pray for:

- Upcoming VC with 50-60 pastors and leaders in Western Nepal (Oct 10-12, 2010)
- Vision Casting meeting with 40 pastors and leaders (15th of October 2010)
- Additional needs for bedding sets and Braille tutoring class for self-employed training project for disable people
- The new batch of Six Months Sewing Training to poor women run by New Hope Counseling Center started this month. A partial financial assistance for the trainer which was being received from Nepali Oversees Christian Fellowship has been stopped now. May the Lord provide for the remaining needs for the training!
- Pray for Bishnu & Kamala and Madan & Sophie for their ministries in their places.