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Dear Friends:

Many of you have been wondering what progress has been made for the victims of the Nepal earth quake. The national and international news media has virtually stopped reporting on this disaster while the victims continue to improvise yet suffer as the seasonal monsoons are upon them. However, the needs will be in crisis mode for a long time.

The psalmist wrote so long ago:

"In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me." Psalm 86:7 (NIV)

People in Nepal, also, are calling upon the God that makes and keeps promises. He is answering in a variety of ways as a hungry people cry for help. Here are some visual records of the efforts and relief many of you have helped provide as God answers them through all of us.



This man is so happy that someone cares and helps.

Getting relief to the outlying areas is not easy. The Nepal government is not able to reach all areas struck by the quake. Some remote areas have not been accessible by helicopter. Our mission leadership in Nepal, Kiran Das, has been able to "adopt" and provde aid to 2 communities that the government and other aid groups have not reached.



Just one part of the trip to bring aid. (Kiran Das has the back pack just to the right of center.)

To reach these villages there is first a 5 hour bus trip then by a taxi type service (we would usually call them pickups). This extends the trip for another 5 hours then the teams need to walk carrying the supplies for an additional 6 hours. This is a total of 16 hours to get relief to destitute communities.

These supplies are then distributed equally among the community members many non-Christians and Christians alike.



Transferring supplies.

So far contributions have been nearly \$10,000.00 for which we are so grateful. One ministry (Tom Shanklin Ministries) has funneled just over \$4000.00 through BLM for relief efforts in Nepal. We are pleased to report that every cent designated is reaching those that need it most. (No overhead, no hidden costs or administration fees. PTL!)



This lady is happy with just some help as Kiran also poses with relief workers.

But through all of this the Leadership, those teachers and Christian brothers and sisters, find this disaster a real opportunity to give the non-Christians help, hope and the plan for eternal life found in Jesus. This has been a time of great ministry as well as an opportunity to provide teaching in word and deed for discipleship training. (Doing What Jesus Did.)



Training leaders for Christian work goes on.

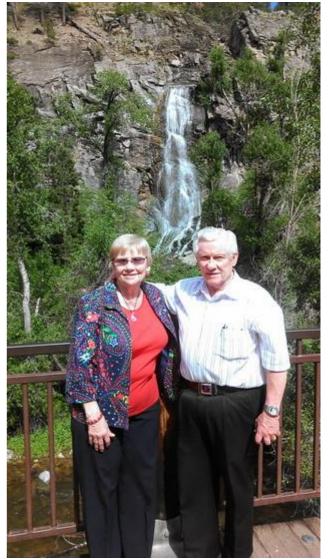
Thank each one who has been able to provide support in these troubled times. Please continue to pray for the people of Nepal as they continue to face the hardships and challenges of the present and the future.

It gives us a great deal of satisfaction just to be servants to those in need of so much as well as being an instrument for Him. He really cares!

May God abundantly bless you and all you do for the Lord.

Sincerely,

Ray and Wilma Phipps



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