The Call to Nepal - from uncertainty to unmistakable fruitfulness
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A GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE

Over the years, we've received numerous invitations to teach in various parts of the world. Some are genuine, but others are part of a "conference scam"—a scheme designed to take advantage of well-meaning ministries by drawing them overseas under false pretenses. So, when the invitation came from an unknown individual in Nopal, we were cautious. But t

from an unknown individual in Nepal, we were cautious. But through the vetting process, the Lord made it clear He was at work.

### **GOD WAS MOVING**

Nepal is not an easy place for Christians as it is a predominantly Hindu country with at the most 3% professing Christianity. Religious minorities often face discrimination, including inflated prices for renting venues or getting bumped in favor of Hindu or Buddhist groups. Despite these hurdles, the Lord opened doors. Thirty-one churches sent leaders to the conference, with a total of 57 in attendance.

#### AN ENGAGED AND EAGER CROWD

We found Kathmandu to be a modern bustling city. However, despite the distractions, the conference participants came with focused hearts. Their hunger for truth was remarkable. Being highly literate, they competed to find Bible passages quickly.

For five full days, we walked through the book of Romans. Many had never been exposed to verse-by-verse teaching or truths like justification by faith, assurance of salvation, and the futility of works-



based righteousness. There were a lot of "aha" moments as light bulbs came on. Overall, there was a joyful willingness to align their beliefs with God's word. It was deeply encouraging for both Brad Rigby and me.

# THE TEAM AND THE CHALLENGES



Brad was an incredible teammate–fearless, flexible, and full of grace. He embraced every challenge, from travel difficulties to the language barrier, with strength and humor. Though neither of us speaks Nepali, the Lord provided an excellent interpreter in Krish, our key man on the ground.

Although Krish was unknown to us in person, I had communicated with him extensively via email. When we arrived, we found he exceeded our expectations. He had rallied pastors from across the region and coordinated the entire conference. Having learned English as a child in a Christian school, he was a seamless interpreter. The positive feedback from the attendees affirmed the teaching was landing well.

#### **MULTIPLYING THE MESSAGE**

One of the most exciting outcomes of the conference is how quickly the message is spreading. Typically it takes two or three trips before attendees begin reteaching what they've learned. But already we've had reports of participants reteaching Romans in their churches and communities. Not only that, but they are now translating a second curriculum. This is a beautiful reminder that the Great Commission applies to all believers–regardless of background, wealth, or geography.



#### THANK YOU

To those who prayed, gave, and encouraged us, we are so grateful. Your partnership made this trip possible. Please continue to pray for the believers in Nepal as they walk forward in faith, holding forth the word of life in a challenging land.

- **1. Prayer Points** Pray for Krish, the ongoing translation work, future training efforts, and the believers reteaching Romans.
- 2. Next Steps Be in prayer for future outreach in Nepal.
- **3. Financial Needs** Please add Nepal to your support considerations. This is an expensive field, but hunger for God's word is great.



## **CONFERENCE RESPONSES**

"In this Romans 1-8 workshop I got to know that my salvation is based on what Jesus did for me not upon my efforts and good works. When it comes to salvation, I used to add my efforts to Jesus' work, but now I understand it is different." - Ps Shankar

"After I got married, I started to attend my husband's church where they taught (false) salvations and that holiness comes from taking water baptism and the Lord's Supper, but through this training I received clarity." - **Sister Aruna** 

"I knew about the gospel but used to mix some other teachings to it like confession and turning from my sin. Through this seminar I got clarity on what the gospel is and what it is not. - **Pastor Naresh** 

"I couldn't differentiate between being declared justified and living a holy life, but now I can understand it clearly." - **Pastor Jagat** 

"I had a concept of discipleship but through this workshop I came to know that we need not to be only disciples but also disciple makers and that's what I will go and teach - to make disciple makers." - **Pastor Khem** 

"I thank God and the professors that I came to know about the three parts of salvation, especially about glorification." - **Pastor Bir** 

"I came to know about various false and unclear gospel teachings with which the country is saturated these days. This is very helpful for me in preaching a clear gospel" - **Pastor Aanan** 

