

IMD AFRICA UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2023

Greetings Everyone,

We really want to thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. We as an IMD Team really appreciate that. We are only reporting on Nepal as promised on the previous newsletter.

NEPAL 3 - 20 November 2023

Our trip to Nepal and the two areas we visited and did training was a great success. Jajarkot which was the epicentre of the earthquake, saw many houses destroyed or damaged. One family that was reported to us had both parents killed during the quake leaving 3 children behind. Thankfully, they have been taken care of by the Nepal Government. I also asked Harihar why they build so many churches and his answer is documented below.



Rob Booth a wonderful friend and ministry side kick for many years accompanied me on this trip. He's also the Chairman of IMD International board. I'm glad we could do this trip together.



We are so grateful for all the donors who gave toward the need during this time. Thank you for reflecting God's generous heart toward the need in disaster areas. God bless. Please read Koos and Harihar's response below. I have edited some English to make the flow of reading easier.

Hi Harihar Jaymasih (Greetings in Nepali) I have a question? You told me of two parents who died during the earthquake who left behind a number of children. Did these families receive help in any way and what happened to the children? You also showed a number of homes destroyed by the quake, was any money given to help restore destroyed homes. People will find it difficult to understand that 8 churches were built and people whose homes were destroyed but not helped. It makes reporting to our supporters very difficult because we showed destroyed homes and told the story of the family who lost their parents yet no report was made about this. Can you give me some feedback on this . Blessings Koos

"The support that you provided was to help build the churches because the government does not help to build churches.

The government has agreed to help all the family members by giving Rs 50000.

But in the beginning they have only received Rs 25000.

So all the family have made some places to stay.

The children who are orphans the government has already taken them and placed them at different orphanage centres."

CHURCH BUILDING REPORT IN JAJARKOT. (Epicentre of the earthquake.)

"Praise God. Our pastor Chandra Thapa has done well in Jajarkot in church construction. He has finished 8 church buildings. From Jajarkot 8 church pastors send greetings and thanks to you and donors. At the time of writing the report it is very cold in Jajarkot. By your prayers and love they now have good churches for fellowship with God. They want to see you in future in Jajarkot. The believers also send you greetings and thanks to you and all donors. By your love and help they now have a good church building to fellowship in without getting cold. They never thought that they would have a good church building to worship in. Your meditation for us with donors makes us thank you all from our hearts.

Pastors Chandra Thapa and myself thank you so much for your prayers for Jajarkot in helping and support for the church buildings. This is a good opportunity to build relationship with other pastors. We believe our ministry will grow in Jajarkot for leadership training."

These are the church names and address of those churches we built.

- 1. New Aradhana Church Kuse-5, Dhime Jajarkot. Ps. Bhakta Jang Shahi
- 2. Atmiki Jagriti Church Kuse-8, Chheda Jajarkot. Ps. Bakhat singh
- 3. Dulahi Himculi Church Barekot-1 Dhaulakot Jajarkot. Ps. Jay Bahadur B.K.
- 4. Harvest Bible Church Barekot-2, Rokaya Village Jajarkot. Ps. Gopal B. K.
- 5. FGT Church Barekot-1. Rami Dada Jajarkot. Ps. Netra B. K.
- 6. Sawatantra Chela Nirman Church Risanga-2, Jajarkot. Ps. Laxmi prayer.
- 7. Sawatantra Chela Nirman Church Tatopani- 2, Jajarkot. Ps. Ganes B. K.
- 8. Sawatantra Chela Nirman Church Sanobheri Rukum. Ps. Ganga B. K.

"Dear Pastor Koos Basson

We have distributed jackets, caps, gloves, socks to 1 to 16 years old children and youth. The total number helped is 65 and pastor Chandra distributed to 35 blankets, for school staff we distributed jackets to 19 teachers. We have build 8 churches.

I hope that each of you who gave and helped in this endeavour is blessed. Thanks again for your support."

Expenses:

For one church Rs.34000.

We have given thirty four thousands each to 8 churches for building of the churches. They did the labour themselves. They do not pay labour and workers for building churches. Because they help for church roof and wall so that they build church by all believers. For one church they spend more than Rs. 80,000 eighty Nepalese rupees.

Ps. Harihar Tharu.



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