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“My Grace is sufficient for you” says the Lord, even when things are not smooth as expected. Even though we had paid off the first installment last year, we were unsure of where the large amount of money would come to purchase the church land in Khokona. However, in the next 12 months the task of raising Rs 14300000 (USD 143000) was complete and ownership of the land was transferred to Moravian Nepal in December 2016. This was the day we had prayed for but it was too great a joy to sink into our hearts. We are overjoyed today to be able to have a land to build the Lord’s house. The generosity of the British Province, the North American Province, and many other friends and non-Moravian churches made it possible to acquire this piece of land. We are in awe of God’s provision and faithfulness in the lives of the Moravian community. Thank you once again for your prayers, advise, word of encouragement and love at all times. In Early January, Rev. Besty Miller was here for just a day to visit the Moravians in Nepal and to see the church land in Khokona that we were hoping to buy at the time. She happened to be in India and we are grateful for her visit despite her busy schedule.



In November 2016, the Khokona Church celebrated its 10th Anniversary. A congregation that started with few families has now grown to over 200-member church, which is the only Moravian Church in this village. The Moravian church in the city is more of a transitional church and it continues to grow. Praise the Lord, after almost a year, we now have a new church hall on the roof top for weekly worship.

SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 1

International Kindergarten continues to grow

As of March 10, we have 101 children enrolled, of which three students Mattaniah (Toddlers), Eslie (LKG) and Josiah (UKG) are children who receive the Tuition Aid. In the words of Eslie’s mother, “We feel blessed to be able to afford to send Eslie to a school of this standard and we are very happy to see his progress. We sent a two-year-old, who could barely talk, but is now able to speak in English quite comfortably and understands English very well. Socially also Eslie has grown much. He spends more time at the school than he does at home so much credit goes to the Tuition Aid program and the school for his growth and progress.” Mattaniah, our youngest is already speaking good English “(his toddler English) and can chat with our American friends/volunteers confidently even though we hardly understand what he says. Josiah will be graduating in April and moving to Grade 1.

Shristi Academy. Starting with Grade 1 but upgrading each year.

After four years of prayers, talking to various Education authorities and planning with the NMO team and blessing of the British Province, in April 2016 we got the license to operate grade 1. We were the last school to receive license to start a new school. From this year onwards, the government of Nepal has stopped issuing school licenses. Now, each year we are expected to follow Department of Education's requirements and upgrade one class at a time and go up to grade 12. Grade one has three Moravian Children (Grace Rai, Philip Shrestha, Pragati Devkota) who are now receiving 50% support from the school scholarship program. There are 12 children in first grade this year. We have finished our formalities of acquiring permission to upgrade to grade 2. Praise the Lord!

Upgrading each year and going up to grade 12 is a huge task. Even though it's in its initial phases now, it's time to start praying and planning for the coming years. Sensing this growing need for support in the school we began to prayerfully talk to NMO, Antioch Program and British Province to send people to help at the school.

ANTIOCH SERVANTS AND SHORT TERM MISSION TEAM AT WORK IN NEPAL

The Lord answered our prayers by sending a group of 10 people in December 2015. They stayed for 10 days and left on January 6th 2016. This was the Mission team from Minnesota and Bethlehem led by Rev. Brian Dixon. This team blessed us with their presence



and time at the school by running the winter camp and at the church they taught and did some fun stuff for the youth and Sunday School children.



Then again in June, July and August God sent three more people from different walks of life. First we had Andrew Mengel, a senior from Moravian College, next we had Timothy Naisby who would soon be starting Seminary and finally Phyllis Weatherly Rosner from North Carolina. Each of them came at a time when help was most needed and the Grade 1 children received

academic support as well as fun activities.

There are more people lined up for the future and we are excited as we communicate with the Board of World Missions and the British Province. Much prayers are needed as we seek a long term space or building for the growing school. With unpredictable landlords who do not honor contracts, running a school ministry can be challenging. *But here again, we look at what God has done in the past and feel assured for the future.*



HIGHER EDUCATION AIDS IN CONTINUING EDUCATION

In the Higher Education Program, Jayanti Rai is in her second year of her Nursing program and she is doing very well. She hopes to serve in a mission hospital after her graduation in 2018. There are more students like Jayanti who are capable but lack the financial support to pursue their interest of study. Our prayers continue to be for more resources to grow the Higher education ministry.



ABOUT NMO

The Nepali Moravian Outreach was formed in May 2009 while the Pradhans were still in seminary and getting ready to return to Nepal. Their heart's desire was to continue serving the Lord in the church and other ministries, but were unsure of how they were going to raise the support they required. That is when the three churches they served as student pastors came together along with the Board of World Mission to form a committee. Until the Pradhans are reasonably self-sufficient, the objective of the Nepali Moravian Outreach Committee was to provide adequate funding to enable them to devote their time needed to accomplish their vision of sharing the good news of Christ and to grow His church and other ministries. Today the Nepali Moravian Outreach is blessed to be involved along with the British Province in supporting not just the Pradhan's but many more exciting works as shared in this newsletter. The committee consists of members from three Moravian Churches of Bethlehem. Edgeboro Moravian Church, Central Moravian Church, College Hill Moravian Church and Board of World Missions along with the Pradhans (Moravian Church Nepal - under the British Province) The ministry in Nepal is part of the South Asia mission work under the jurisdiction of the British Province. The British Mission Board also provides financial support, but in time the Nepali mission is expected to become self-sufficient in respect to normal operating expenses of its ministries.



NMO Team

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Please pray for new enrollment in grade I and II. (our target is 20 students this year)
2. Resources and completion of additional school furnitures, additional computers, multi purpose shed and other expansion work.
3. For a bigger space and buildings as we upgrade each year and the long term lease agreement to operate a school facility.
4. Teachers for Grade II and LKG.
5. Land lords - for their cooperation and support.
6. To be Christ's witness through quality education and service to the local community.

The ministries of the Nepali Moravian Outreach have been supported by friends, individuals, churches and organizations. Donations can be mailed to:

College Hill Moravian Church
72 W. Laurel Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

On the Memo line include one of the following.

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| NMO School | Used for the purchase of items to maintain and grow the school. |
| NMO TA | Used to provide IKS tuition aid for Moravian children. |
| NMO HE | Used to provide higher education assistance for Moravian adults. |