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Greetings from Nepal

We praise the Lord for his protection and provision while working with poor and marginalized people.

The Lord continued to add His blessings to the work we are doing in Nepal. The last couple of months I visited church leaders, partners, churches in 3 districts and Bible Colleges to support the process of developing Integral Mission Curriculum and implementation of HIV and AIDS activities. The Integral Mission team was busy mobilizing churches and developing the capacity of leaders in governance and finance management. The review of HIV course was done and more Bible colleges are interested to implement it. We are excited about what we could accomplish together.



The UMN partners continued supporting people living with HIV for treatment, care and support. Some who started income generation activities did very well. The common problems faced by people living with HIV were stigma, lack of access to treatment and livelihood support. The religious leaders encouraged the community to reduce stigma and discrimination. One of the churches in Rupandehi mobilized its resources and community volunteers to help construct a house for a family affected by HIV. The Peer educators targeted the migrant workers and the youth. The mobilization of women groups was effective in reaching vulnerable women, children and Church youth. Some churches can now mobilize and work together in the community to address common issues like human trafficking. According to Ministry of Home Affairs in August 2014 due to the impact of floods and landslide over 12750 families were displaced, 129 went missing and 98 died. The families affected were supported by Churches, INGO, NGOs and Government line agencies.

I attended two national meetings where stakeholders including the Government officials discussed how health services could be made available to prisoners and strategies to overcome stigma in Nepal.

There are more Nepalese attending Bible study groups and we thank God for that. Currently we have external evaluation for UMN Integral Mission work and we hope the recommendation will be included in the new Strategic plan.

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It was a blessing to meet my family in the US and Francis had an opportunity to visit his friends in Nepal. Grace and Francis are back to School. We trust that the Lord will continue to use us in His work.

Some Prayer requests to remember:

1. Pray for UMN work with local partners to continue to impact the lives of the poor and the marginalized.
2. The Spiritual growth of Youth in Churches in Nepal
3. Funding for some UMN partners that have budget deficits.
4. Please pray for Agnes, Francis and Grace

God bless you all for your prayers and support

Joel, Agnes, Grace and Francis