

In the Mode of Grace

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From the Director Pastor Al Dagel

Dear friends, family and partners in ministry,

Since our last letter, Eloise and I have kept busy with our Iron Men and Iron Ladies ministries, the church services at the Chateau at Sharmar Village on the 4th & 5th Sundays, pastoral counseling, hospital visits and, of course, the daily ministry of "Moments of Grace", including the "Moments of Grace" CD Club. These ministries continue year around and bless us greatly.

We were also happy to be able to attend the 107th conference of The Czechoslovak Baptist Convention of the United States and Canada again this July. We drove to Meadville, PA, to be a part of the conference, and it was very good for us to be there. In fact, we are being considered for their missions program, which could help us expand our ministry outreach considerably, since many churches in the U.S. and Canada are represented. It could also give us more exposure in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, since the convention's quarterly magazine, *Glorious Hope*, goes to all four countries. I may be asked to submit articles and updates in this beautiful publication.

Our current health is good right now, for which we both praise the Lord. Eloise has very functionally recovered from her total elbow replacement. We are more able to visit churches sharing the ministry, filling pulpits and raising support for the ministry and for our partners in Asia. Eloise has also revived her dramatic monolog ministry, in which she depicts a biblical character, sharing that person's personal story with our audience, often making my sermon clearer and easier to remember.

We would love to come to your church to present the work and help you in your time of worship or in a missions' conference. Contact us today!

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Reaching into Nepal

A year and a half ago, I became

friends with a young man with a dream of beginning an orphanage and teaching Kathmandu's poor & orphaned children to read. That dream was dealt a near fatal blow



when that country was ravaged by two huge earth quakes. My friend's family home was demolished, along with his means to make a living. Things were terrible, to say the least, but God used our small ministry to save him and his family from complete ruin, starvation and death.

Since the quakes hit, Umesh has started the organization that is intended to bring his dream to reality. One village has already been helped with food & clothing, but the task is monumental. Money is scarce. Everything is expensive! Still, Umesh and his team strive to make a difference. Prayers are always needed.

Meet Susma Pandit, Umesh's sister. She serves on the board of directors of the



Helping Hands for Poor and Orphaned Children run by her brother. As we look to the future of this ministry, I believe that Susma is one of the keys to reaching many

children with hope, including the hope that is in Christ. She has completed her degree in social work, but with such a task ahead, she believes that she needs more education to help run this nonprofit agency in the best possible way.

Our board of directors have extended an invitation to Susma to join us in Pueblo, in order to study at the University of Southern Colorado's Pueblo campus.

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While here, Susma will hone her skills in operating such an organization and get the training needed to incorporate Christian principles into the structure that was designed to meet Nepalese rules of business.

Beyond an invitation, we are committed to be Susma's sponsoring organization, which means that we will provide the funds for travel, tuition, room & board, books, laptop, and whatever she needs to complete her training and return to Nepal.

This is a monumental task! We are setting up an account to provide for her needs, and we need much prayer, lots of help and, of course, the funds.

We believe that God put us on this path. If you agree, we would like your help in making this happen, probably for the January semester. Along with your prayers, would you consider committing to a gift to help us help Susma prepare to reach Nepal's needy? Any amount will help! If God touches your heart, won't you consider being among the first to faithfully help prepare the way for Nepal's children to be reached?

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Nepal has the fastest growing Christian population in the world. Pray for Nepal!

India update ...

We certainly can't forget about my very good friend, Pastor Prem Raulo, from Odisha, India. His planned visit for this summer did not happen, since his requested visa was denied, as were those of several other Indian pastors. Nonetheless, his ministry continues, and we continue in partnership with him, helping care for the 42 orphans under his ministry's care. God is using him, and the many churches he and his associates have helped plant.

Pastor Prem will be again seeking a visa to travel here to the United States. Funding is in place, but we need the visa and several venues to which we can bring Pastor Prem to share the needs.

Watch for the dates to be published soon, but if you would like to invite us to share this work with you when he arrives, please get in touch with me. *We'll talk.*

In the mean time, do pray for Pastor Prem, his family and co-workers. Both of his children are away in college. One day, they, too, may wish to study here in the United States, but we'll all just take one day at a time.

As always, your designated gifts are faithfully sent to help FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India, reach the lost, and care for widows and orphans. May God bless our partners in ministry!



Pictured above are Pastor Prem, his wife, Sangeeta, son, Livingstone and daughter, Princy. To the left, Pastor Prem very recently was at an interior village, bringing the gospel to the people.

In the Philippines, we are working with *Bishnu and Goma*, a wonderful couple who are training to return to Nepal to help evangelize



their own people. Bishnu and Goma are in the Philippines to study at the *International Graduate School of Leadership*, a fine Christian seminary. Some of you have read their story in a letter we sent out on their behalf, when they were about to be joined by their brand new baby boy, Doran. Next year, the family will head to Nepal to serve the Lord, hopefully, supported by, and representing us here at **GRACEMODE**.



Pastor Al,
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