

Hope springs up from the rubble

There is much going on in Nepal. Our ministry there is taking shape in ways that are quite encouraging. Our friend, **Umesh Pandit**, is finding it hard to make headway in his dream of helping dozens of poor and orphaned children, and the level of uncertainty tends to be discouraging.

That being said, we rejoice in that the 14 children getting their schooling in Sindhupalchok would not be properly in school now, were it not for his eager pursuit of their well being. They do need clothing replaced, and more food would surely help, but the work is under way!

Please pray that proper funding will come, so that we can upgrade Umesh's role in reaching the children. He also needs personal funding, just to keep himself and his parents eating properly and dressing well enough to face the winter.

Remember, when we first got involved with Umesh and his family, they, too, were without hope! We want to help him see his dreams of an orphanage become a reality.

HOPE comes through God's family. Umesh's dreams may well be coming true through our newest GraceMode ministry partner, **Peter Kuruc**, a missionary from Slovakia, now living in Kathmandu, Nepal. We are hoping that Peter will be the mentor for Umesh that we have been praying for through the months and years of helping Umesh survive and enter ministry.

We are blessed to have Peter taking on a large roll as our GraceMode Coordinator for Nepal. He is working with both Umesh and Bishnu, and he will be very important in the starting of an orphanage there in Kathmandu. We are hoping that Umesh, and possibly his sister, Susma, will be able to work with the orphanage that is also on Peter's heart. Their training and experience will be invaluable. We'll have more pictures and information next time!

Financing their work is a big task!



Find more about Peter's work at www.hopeforkidsnepal.org

SAVE THE DATE!
Mark Saturday, February 24, 2018

You're invited again!

Watch your mail or your e-mail for your invitation to our next gala event, our annual banquet, featuring a musical package by **Steve Desmond** and a message from **Peter Kuruc**, who serves with GraceMode in Kathmandu, Nepal.

This evening will be filled with wonderful food, great fellowship, and lots of blessings. You won't want to miss this special gathering. Tickets will go on sale in January!

GRACEMODE BANQUET

Saturday, February 24, 2018

6:03 PM



Volunteers, table hosts, and sponsors are needed.

Contact us for more information.

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

FAMILY AND MINISTRY NEWS

Pastor Al Dagel



There are times when the excitement and fun of heading up a growing ministry loses its luster, and the tasks and demands that are before me loom like an approaching storm. Knowing that our workers in far-away Asian countries are depending on funds and wisdom coming from my humble office, can weigh heavily on my own sense of peace and direction.

When those feelings crash into my own weakness, or worse, when my wife's failing health* threatens to put a choke hold on my own creativity and ministry, I could be tempted to throw in the towel. I could retire and let someone else do this.

In times like these, I have only to look back to times when God has given more blessings than I deserved; more solutions to solve problems; more peace than the struggle; and more promises from God's word, and I don't feel the need to throw that towel down. Really, I need only think of you, who pray for us, send regular or occasional support, or send a word or note of appreciation, and I know that we are where God put us, and that He is determined to keep on using us right here!

I thank God for every remembrance of you! Paul said that first, but I'll borrow from him to simply say thank you for standing (and kneeling) with Eloise and me. Thanks for our Board of Directors (most of whom are going through "stuff" now, too). Thanks to our doctors, who are working on keeping us going*. Thanks be to God, who lifts us up daily!

For these and many other reasons, I am really not even mildly tempted to quit! Instead, I am happy to look at what God is doing here and around the globe and be content to know that I am a small part of the big picture. That picture is still being painted by God, Himself!

Bring it on!

*Please pray for Eloise's upcoming cryoablation, scheduled for November 3, 2017. (Send get well cards.)

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GRACEMODE NEWS



Living in the Mode of Grace

In the fourth chapter of the Book of Philippians, the Apostle Paul wrote to a group of believers who so loved what he was doing on behalf of the Gospel, that they willingly, even joyfully, gave sacrificially toward his support. Even though Paul was not asking for more, stating in verse 17 that "Indeed, I have all and abound. I am full", he found himself greatly blessed by the gifts sent by those people.

As I see it, Paul could have supported his apostolic ministry well enough to not be a bother to others. He did not feel that he should, in any way, demand that he get fair pay for all that he did. Even so, he found himself grateful for the gifts that were sent to help him do what God had put on his heart to do. Therefore, with a grateful heart, Paul wrote and told those believers that, not only did he really appreciate and benefit from their offerings, but God, Himself, accepted those gifts as well pleasing sacrifices *to Him*. He even told them that God's response to such sacrificial giving would fill the givers with tremendous blessings of unlimited supply. That is not obligating God to respond in kind, but the blessings available from our great Creator will far outweigh whatever our sacrifices might have been.

On behalf of our GraceMode team, you should know that we feel the same way that Paul did, when we see our needs for ministry being met by your generous support. *Thank you!*

Homeless again in India

First on the list of our workers and their ministries are Pastor Prem Raulo and the FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India. Many of you have followed our relationship with Pastor Prem and his many ministries, but nothing he has done has touched the hearts of our readers like our very own FAITH Children's Home.

There has been a dramatic change in that ministry recently. The Indian government first ordered a name change for this orphanage, calling it the FAITH Hostel. That was not a problem, but what came next caught us by surprise. When the government shut down the orphanage and removed all 45 children until such a time that Pastor Prem and FAITH Ministries can purchase land and build their own building to house the hostel.

Needless to say, the displaced children are at a loss. They miss the loving care given by Pastor Prem's staff, and we are uncertain of the quality of care being given to them.

Pastor Prem and Sangeeta, his wife, are also devastated, but the government has assured them that as soon as the suitable building is in place, the children may return "home".

There are really no funds for such a project, except for a little that GraceMode and our PB & J Club girls have set aside for that very purpose. We are willing to help in any way possible, so we will set aside designated gifts for that building project. The plans have been drawn, and the price will be around one hundred fifty thousand dollars. Impossible? NOT FOR GOD!

Meanwhile, Pastor Prem continues to plant churches, lead his congregations, and mentor other pastors and evangelists, no matter what obstacles or stumbling blocks appear. God is in it all!

Help is always needed There is still time to help!



Orphanages are needed in both India and Nepal. GraceMode is in a unique situation, having workers in both countries ready to get things done. We are eager to give our workers the "green light"!



These children loved being in Pastor Prem's care. Let's pray & consider helping with a reunion!

Light in the darkness ...

Bishnu and Goma, our first official GraceMode missionaries in Jumla, Nepal, are getting better established in this sin-darkened area of their home land. Honestly, the task before them is tremendous, and the laws of the land are seemingly against them and the sharing of the message of the Gospel, but they know that God has put them there, and they are content to endure whatever hardship will be their portion.

I can't share many specifics, due to the threat posed by the strict regulations, but Bishnu and Goma have shared privately with me and with some specific supporters how even their presence has already made an impact on the lives of some who are interested in what has made them so different than most couples in the area.

Some examples follow:

A handyman of the lowest caste (untouchable) is amazed that he has been invited into their home for tea, a meal, and simple pleasant conversation. He has never been treated in this manner before. It touched him deeply!

Others have asked why Bishnu and Goma do not fight with each other. After all, they are married. A Christian view of marriage is quite new to most in the area, and it is appealing.

Just last month, Bishnu & Goma brought a youth outreach event to the community, sharing, among other things, teaching on purity, relationships, and family. Because many youths actually marry between 15 and 18 years old, the topics resonated with these young people, and this event will become an annual seminar in the area. Local pastors rejoice that there is someone who can work with the youth!



Many of the people meeting and interacting with Bishnu and Goma are being strangely drawn to them and are showing interest in attending church. Often, however, their families, including spouses, are against any participation in anything that is Christian. We knew it would be hard. We knew it would be slow going, but it is obvious to us here at the GraceMode home office that God is already beginning to change Jumla for the better. Eventually, that will mean that the light will shine brighter, and more generations will enjoy knowing that God is with them in their own land.





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Pastor Al,

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