

## Waiting for God's love...



Our new staff members, Bishnu and Goma, have now completed their ministry training at the *International Graduate School of Leadership*, and they are preparing for their return to their home country of Nepal. Their hearts are full of blessings and wonderful memories of their time there in the Philippines, but their hearts are back in Jumla, a remote area of Nepal, where Bishnu grew up in a terrible orphanage. It is there that God has directed them to make their home and strive to demonstrate the love of God to those poor and needy people.



Goma & Bishnu  
Class of 2017

Bishnu and Goma will be leaving for Nepal in May. They will need airfare for themselves and for baby Doran. They must also ship their books and ministry resources to Nepal, find a house to rent, work out things like transportation, medical care arrangements and other details of normal life and ministry.

We are committed to their support, as God provides partners in prayer and finance. Some of their support is beginning to be promised, but the most pressing need is for the trip home and for the first month's expenses. We would love to be able to get \$2,500.00 into their account soon enough to take advantage of "early" ticket purchases, although the time of travel will be quickly upon us.

We do have a donor who is willing to match donations to get Bishnu and Goma "home". This offer is through May 20, 2017 and will provide one thousand dollars toward this need, if others step up to help, so you may be able to double your gift for a limited time. Just let us know that your gift is intended to get Bishnu and Goma home and off to a great start.

## Creative Giving Ideas

Many of us have been in the same place - wanting to support the work of the Lord, but woefully lacking in funds to share. We understand! We also know that, although God's hand is not shortened, our hands may be empty. We also are aware that there are many other causes worthy of support.

### GOD IS OUR PROVIDER!

In our winter newsletter, I pointed out that our method of raising funds is simple. We ask God to provide, and we tell His people what the needs and opportunities are, leaving any giving decisions in the hands of God's people.

There may be many who simply cannot write a support check regularly, if ever. That is okay! We really do depend on the Lord! On the other hand, we would like to let you know of some other ways that are available to help meet the financial needs without writing that check! Below is a partial list of creative giving ideas for you to consider, as you may wish to help us meet our goals of ministry. Every little bit helps!

1. A benefit Yard Sale!
2. A lemonade stand!
3. Collect & recycle aluminum cans!
4. Collect & donate new & used ink cartridges!
5. Donate unneeded usable items like:

Copier paper, envelopes, blank CDRs, working laptop or desktop, related equipment you no longer need, etc.

6. Shop online, using **Amazon Smile**, and designating Homestead Ministries, **Pueblo** as your charity (We do business as GraceMode). They send us money, you pay nothing more.

7. Donate in honor or in memory of a loved one.

These suggestions are just that. This article is to inspire creativity, that God's people may be better able to use the resources that are in their care. Feel free to use these ideas to help other charities or even your own family's needs.

We'd love more ideas to pass along! Just let us know what works for you. Our contact information is below.

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## In the Mode of Grace Spring 2017



Our 2017 banquet was a great success! El Pueblo History Museum proved to be a great venue! The food was outstanding! The

*Living Water Fellowship Praise Band* blessed us! The testimonies were powerful, and our guests were delightful!

Board members and volunteers alike worked hard to make everything come together, and all left with smiles on their faces.

Our *P B & J Club* girls, along with some youth from Grace Community Bible Church, helped with serving, etc., and a "tip jar" set up to tell them "Thank You!" yielded \$560.00, all of which will go toward their project of building a new orphanage for the FAITH Children's Home in India.

All in all, we raised about two thousand dollars, gained some new prayer and financial partners and let people know that God is at work in our growing ministry.



With prayer and financial backing, the work continues to grow stronger! We will certainly do this again! **God is good!**

## Director's Report

After our wonderful time at the banquet, Eloise and I were treated to a little time away from it all. We were invited to spend three days in Hatfield, Arkansas, at the international headquarters of the Christian Motorcyclists Association for a pastors' retreat.

It was not our first time on "Iron Mountain," and we hope it will not be our last. We were treated to plenty of great food, a lot of focused preaching, geared to pastors and their wives and sweet



fellowship with lots of pastors and our host motorcyclists, who really love Jesus. The music was also a treat for us.

We had good weather there and back, although we were not far from some pretty rough weather, including a lot of wind that did some damage in Pueblo while we were away.

Upon returning, I visited a friend of our ministry, Mary Watson, who had been admitted to hospice care. Less than a week later, I officiated Mary's funeral service in Colorado Springs. We had known Mary for a few years, and when my mom moved to assisted living, Mary was one of her tablemates. Having been friends from being in the same apartment building, Mary was a real blessing to Mom and to us. She also fell in love with GraceMode's ministry. She never missed our church services there, and she was a big fan of *Moments of Grace* and supported Pastor Prem Raulo's orphanage in India.

I was honored to officiate her service, and Eloise and I will miss her, but we do know that she is now safely with her Savior, and for that, we are grateful.

With that service and several counseling opportunities, I am back in the swing of things. Sometimes I don't quite feel like there are enough hours in the days or days in the weeks, but we will keep on doing what we do for the Lord.

There is another trip coming up in July, when Eloise and I head to Pennsylvania for the annual conference of the Czechoslovak Baptist Convention for The United States and Canada. We are recognized as missionaries with this conference, and we look forward to our time together.

After the conference, we'll head to Sibley, Iowa for a family reunion, before heading back to Pueblo. We hope for opportunities to share along the way, and we expect that home will be a welcome sight after some long hours of driving.

We would be interested in doing more traveling to share the ministry of GraceMode. We would love to share our work in churches, small or large groups, missions conferences and the like. If your church or group would like us to come, please let us know. We love sharing what God is doing in our lives and in the ministry of GraceMode.

Also, if your church would like to host an informational tea, spaghetti dinner, dessert or other meeting, we can provide a wonderful overview of what we are doing, allowing you to really become part of what we do.

As always, we covet your prayers for our entire ministry and, of course, for Eloise and me.

Serving Him together...

*Pastor Al & Eloise Dugel*

## The needs addressed...

What does it take to operate a nonprofit ministry that reaches far into the world around us? After all, Moments of Grace, the daily devotional podcast that has been around for over ten years, has been discovered in 113 countries and heard on every continent. Added to that, Pastor Al communicates with believers in many countries around the world, and we have workers we support in Nepal, India and the Philippines. There is constant growth, as you can see with Umesh Pandit's letter, which is also included with this mailing. We are also moving forward in another area of Nepal, as you can read on the reverse of this letter. Pastor Prem's work with orphans is in need of an entire new orphanage, and many new churches and other established works continue to need our prayers and support.

What does it take? First, and foremost, it takes a lot of prayer! I cannot overemphasize that need or the reality of the power we find therein! Each of us in the work, whether here or abroad, continues to stand in the need of prayer!

## The needs ...continued

Of course, the work needs to be funded somehow. Money is not evil, although the love of money can, indeed, bring the ruination of much good. We do depend on God's provision for the funding needed, and we strive to use every penny that is donated very carefully, and God has honored our faithful handling of what has been entrusted to us as a ministry.

What is being accomplished with small amounts makes us realize that God is still able to multiply resources, just as Jesus did with the loaves and fishes so long ago. Notice, too, that even Jesus prayed first. He then distributed as the needs were before Him.

Our budget continues to grow, but the funds are coming in to meet the needs, to the glory of God. If you would like more details concerning our budget needs, please feel free to inquire of Pastor Al Dugel, but the following will show what funds are needed. This is simply for your information and can help you pray for us with better understanding.

U.S.A. operations: Director support -	\$500.00 per month
Admin & office -	\$300.00 per month
Nepal operations: Umesh Pandit	\$200.00 per month
Sindhupalchok project	\$135.00 per month
Bishnu & Goma	\$600.00 per month
India operations: only designated donations are sent to Pastor Prem & his orphanage, usually about	\$500.00/mo.

We are also committed to Susma Pandit's one year of college here in Pueblo, which will be a few thousand dollars this year. That includes travel & all expenses.





## *Gariv Thatha Aanath Balbalika Haruka Lagi Sayogi Haathharu (HELPING HANDS FOR POOR AND ORPHAN CHILDREN )*



Sindhupalchok is a very beautiful district of Nepal. A huge number of illiterate people are engaged in traditional agriculture. Though it takes six to eight hours to reach there from Kathmandu, it is very backward in transportation, health care, education etc. The people are very innocent. Due to lack of education people discriminate between son and daughter. People used to sell their daughters for money. It is one of the top districts known for the trafficking of girls.

We, the team of "Helping Hands", went to Talamarang of Sindhupalchok. It took us nearly 8



hours by bus to reach there, and the roads were very scary. We decided to help to educate some poor, orphan children. We visited three schools: Terse Secondary School, Kolechaur School, and Pandhakanya School, where we found a huge number of poor and orphan children who left their studies, due to extreme poverty. We visited some of these children and found their situation to be very painful.

We are very happy that these poor, orphan children are getting the opportunity of education. The ministry of GraceMode, led by Pastor Al Dagel, is supporting us in this mission. The children will start their school classes on April 20, 2017. The above schools are nearest to their living place, and they will have to walk twenty minutes up and down daily, because there are no facilities for transportation.



We talked to school committees about our vision, and they gladly welcomed us. We received an official permission letter from the local government office of Sindhupalchok for our work.

The children are very happy to get a chance to read and write in a good school, and they have a hope of making their dreams true. We didn't know how we could fund their education, but God will take these children into his heart.

Our team has a dream of establishing a child care home in Sindhupalchok, but we do not have funds to launch this project. God is watching us, and we know that He will show the right path to make our work complete. If we are able to establish a child care home, there are many other needy children who are deprived of education who could get proper care and education. We are trying our best to help these children, but we are not able to collect donations from internal sources. We request that all who read this report please help these children and join with us in our mission.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!**

Donations for this project should be made out to GraceMode and mailed to:

GraceMode

22116 West ST

Pueblo, CO 81003 or made online by PayPal at <http://gracemode.org>

For the children,

*Umesh Pandit*

Umesh Pandit,

Team leader - **HELPING HANDS FOR POOR AND ORPHAN CHILDREN**, Kathmandu, Nepal





You may keep this portion as your reminder that you sent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a donation to the ministry

of GraceMode on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Thank you for your support! *Pastor Al*

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**You may separate here**



Pastor Al,

As the Lord enables, I will support the ministry of GraceMode in the following ways:

- I will regularly pray for the the work, the workers, and for those you serve.
- I will give financially in support of the work as indicated below:
 

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Prem Raulo	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> One time	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Bishnu Bahadur Budhthapa	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> One time	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Umesh Pandit	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> One time	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Susma scholarship	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> One time	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly

You may use the back of this card for any correspondence, including prayer requests.

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