



Living in the Mode of Grace

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GRACEMODE News

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Pastor Al Dagel



Eloise and I have had quite a summer! You may remember that we lost my brother, Steve Dagel, to pancreatic cancer in May. That meant two trips to California, followed by a trip the the Czechoslovak Baptist Convention for the United States and Canada, which met in Meadville, PA.

While on our return trip from the convention, we got word that our pastor, Larry Phelps, suffered a seizure, which temporarily took him out of his pulpit. I was able to fill that pulpit for two weeks, allowing our pastor to regain strength before returning to preach the Word. It was my delight to serve our own church in this way.

Just as Pastor Larry returned to his ministry, I got word that Pastor Clay Austin of Faith Baptist Church was injured in a motorcycle accident. This supporting church needed someone to fill that pulpit, and I was blessed to be invited to fill that need for as long as I was needed. What a blessing it has been to be able to preach in both churches, totaling six Sundays, but the biggest blessing is that we saw God answer our prayers for both pastors' quick recovery. Pastor Clay still is recovering, but he has found that preaching from a wheelchair still brings the message to his loving congregation *loud and clear!*

Eloise and I needed to be away for one more long drive in late August, as we made our way to Durango to be with our daughter, Andrea, and her husband, David, who underwent a much needed surgery. What a joy it was to be able to pray with them before and after the successful surgery! We are glad that we could be there for them!

Recovery for both pastors and for our son-in-law is going faster than expected. The doctors did their best work, but the Great Physician touched each one, specifically answering our prayers. **To God be the glory!**

In the mean time, God has been working in our interactions with our missionaries and partners in ministry, as you will see as you continue reading, but before we move to those reports, I want you to know more about how God is providing for us, GraceMode your missionaries.

First, God is our provider! That almost goes without saying, but it is important to know that we do, indeed, depend on Him for all things. He has proven to be faithful!

Second, Eloise and I are "sort of retired", in that our primary income source is from Social Security. In addition, we do sewing jobs, which help us make ends meet and allow us to be more generous in our personal giving to the work of the Lord. The ministry of GraceMode does provide a stipend to cover housing expenses, since our home provides the GraceMode office. That stipend needs to be raised as support, which comes from God's people, occasional pulpit supply or honoraria from weddings, funerals and the like.. Usually, our own General Fund giving provides most of what we receive. (Note: General fund gifts fill in many gaps, helping much!)

I really wish that I could write about specific ministry plans that our missionaries to Nepal are formulating. More and more, the political and religious tension and threat to Christians and their mission are on the increase, under penalty of law. Recent laws enacted have made it against the law to *even carry* Christian literature or Bibles. You may already know that helping someone "convert" or change religion is punishable by five years in prison, plus a hefty fine. Christian churches, orphanages and ministries are being closely watched, and that does, indeed, make the work more dangerous and difficult.



On the other hand, our workers, along with other believers, continuing preaching the gospel within the church, living lives of testimony, integrity, and love, which does generate interest in Jesus, whom we serve. In spite of many obstacles, God is moving in the lives of Nepal's people, but the needs of our workers are stretched beyond expected limits. We would love to be able to send more support for all areas of need, but the donations have dwindled through the summer. Some have stopped giving, and many have yet to be moved by God to lend their financial support.

Honestly, we really don't ask you for donations. Rather, we pray, asking - even begging God to meet the needs. Then we simply tell you of the needs, asking God to touch the hearts of those who can help meet the needs. *If you feel the tug, not of emotion, but of the Holy Spirit, you should give.*

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Why we do what we do...
Umesh Pandit



Susma Pandit, who almost made it to Pueblo for schooling, is now in Australia, pursuing a Master's degree in social work.

We are happy to have been able to provide a new laptop computer to help in her studies, and we connected her with friends in Sydney, who have helped her plug in to a local church or two. She still needs a better job, but she is happy to be getting the education needed to help children in Nepal.



Peter and Leena

Our Asia Director, Peter Kuruc, is busy doing the work of the Lord, but he needed to take some time in Slovakia for medical tests, some church visits and for surgery on his eyes. He is back in Kathmandu, but he is still recovering from the surgery. Please pray for good vision and overall health.

Peter is taking an opportunity to earn his Master's degree from his college back home, being able to do most of his work online. With medical and studies, some things may be put on hold, but he and Leena are committed to the cause of Christ. Can't say much more, due to dangers mentioned on page one.. Please Pray!



Bishnu, Goma, Doran and Ivan

Greeting Pastor Al,

I am back to the family in Kathmandu yesterday. I taught training in "Community Development", which was a totally new subject for them (in Jumla). One of the reasons I taught this course is that the church in Nepal does not consider "Community Development" as a total of Ministry or Gospel, so some of the students have a hard time accepting this, but I got positive feedback at the end of the session. This tool is very applicable in present day Nepal, considering the new laws that have been implemented, which means that you are not allowed to carry the Bible or any booklets representing Christianity.

I was able to talk with local leadership in Jumla about leadership development and youth training. They have a very sad answer. There is no unity among the leaders, which is very sad! No one wants to help anyone. Please pray with us!

I received the money yesterday. Thank you so much for your prayers and everything.

We love you always.

Blessing,

Goma, Bishnu with Doran and Ivan



Prem & Sangeeta

Respected Pastor Al,

Greetings in Jesus' Name. Hope everything is good there, and thanks for prayer help and for sending me family support regularly ... Always, we are praying for you and for Eloise, all board members and for our Iron Men and Iron Ladies, also for all sponsors and for our daily episode of *Moments of Grace*.

These days, very bad things happen in our state and country by Hindus and wicked people, because our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is a bad man and not supportive of Christians, but he is planning to stop gospel preaching and printing of Holy Bibles, but our God is almighty! He will never allow the preaching of the gospel or the printing of the Bible to be stopped! **Hallelujah!**

By the grace of God, ... our gospel work of pioneering and church planting work is going well in seven districts of Odisha. My big dream is reaching thirty districts of Odisha with the gospel and church planting.

By your prayers and that same grace, our ten evangelists and pastors are working very hard and faithfully in interior villages in both Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. I get daily or weekly updates regarding their work, problems and needs, and I encourage them through the Word of God and with words of faith.

Our co-workers are facing persecution and threats. Hindus throw gospel tracts and literature, along with their ministry bags! Still, our workers keep strong in their faith and calling for His Kingdom.

Our ten associates in Odisha and A.P. look after thirty congregations under the FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India organization, as they minister through evangelism, believers's baptism, Sunday services and observing the Lord's Supper. This month will include a baptism program in a village congregation. We need your prayers, because our government made a very strict rule for baptism, but we know that the Holy Spirit will give us knowledge and wisdom to do everything well.

Here are the evangelists' & pastors' names and assignments: Pr. Paritosh Bag (Balangir); Pr. Mukesh Jena (Rayagada); Pr. Tarjan Digal (Kandhamal); Pr. Srikant Pani (Gunuour); Ps. Susant Digal (Kandhamal); Pr. Soban Kumar (AP); Ps G. Eliya (AP); Ps. E Timothy (AP); Pr. Subash Lima (Gajapati); Ps. Sorj Lima (Garjam).

We all live by faith in God's provision. The need is great, but our God is far greater!

With love,

Pastor Prem Raulo

Founder and director of FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India

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GRACEMODE *and me - together*



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