

# In the Mode of Grace

## Summer of 2018



The last few weeks have been pretty eventful for the Dagel family. After getting word that my brother, Steve, was ill and getting worse quickly, my brother, Bruce, and I quickly made plans to visit Steve in California. Steve died before we could see him, but we were able to visit his family, including his wife, Jean, and his son, Steven Jr., and his family. When I returned to Pueblo, Eloise and I quickly returned to CA for the memorial service and more family time.

Just weeks before Steve's death, Eloise had surgery on her foot and had to be very much down for a month. She was still recovering when we hit the road for California. All is well, however, and we are hoping to enjoy some "good ol' summer time". Hopefully, that means some back yard picnics, swimming, lots of yard work and home maintenance, but it also means a trip to Meadville, PA, where we will attend the annual gathering of Czechoslovak Baptist Convention for the United States and Canada. That trip includes at least a stop or two to see relatives along the way.

Add to that, our daughter, Angel Graham, is about to add one more grandson to our family (if it hasn't already happened). *His name is Gideon!*

In the mean time, our daily devotioncast is well into the twelfth year of production and going strong. In fact, our Iron Ladies have begun using these episodes to kick-off their weekly Bible study time together, setting the stage for a rousing and enjoyable discussion.

Our ministry at the Chateau at Sharmar Village also continues, where we bring church services one or two Sundays per month. The residents love us, and we are loving them right back. One of our friends from church, Verna Hainer, often joins us there, sometimes bringing a special song.

I remain available to fill in for vacationing pastors, and we would love to be invited to simply share the work and ministry with interested churches or groups.

As always, Eloise and I covet your prayers, and we are very thankful to those of you who go a step further and help with our financial support, either personal or for the general needs of the GraceMode ministry.



**Steven Lee Dagel, Sr.**

12/2/1947 - 5/18/2018

Worthington, MN

"Papa D"

A gentle spirit and a kid at heart, Steve enjoyed family and playing with his grandkids most. As an avid bowler (6-300 games), sports fan (Angels), and bridge player, he made many dear friends. Steve was a stranger to no one, a simple man and modest with the exception of bragging on his family. He served his country in the Air Force and worked as a machinist in the Los Angeles area. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Steve is survived by his wife, Jean (Dunn), two sons, Steven Jr. (Nikki) and Jon (Jody); daughter, Rebecca (Andy Van Hooser); brothers; Bruce and Al (Eloise), sister; Paula (Pat Sissel), grandkids; Samantha, Alexandria, Emily, Julia, Jentz, Thomas, Jonathan, Tessa and great-granddaughter, Adley. A.K.A. "Papa Steve" to Arron, Anthony, Rocco and Gigi (Scognamillo), uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dorathy and Paul, brother, Joel and grandson, Eric. A memorial in his honor will be held on Wednesday, May 30th at 11:00am at the Lakewood Country Club, 3101 E. Carson St, Lakewood, CA 90712.

Some have chosen to honor Steve's memory with memorial giving to the ministry of GraceMode. Should you desire to do that, simply designate "Steve", and your gift will be used in a special project in his honor.



# GRACEMODE ASIA

**Peter Kuruc**, GraceMode's Director of Asia ministries, is getting ready to go back to Slovakia for further exams & surgery on his eyes. He reports, however, that his spiritual vision is also clearer, in that God is providing more opportunities to minister to children in need than he had envisioned! Sponsorship of orphans and children in upcoming programs is up, and he is delighted. In a recent e-mail, Peter wrote: "I was able to find support for 15 scholarships in one project I wanted to start with the Christian school. It will be for the first 6 months. And we have one kid already in orphanage and searching for 3 more, because i was able to find donors, thank God!"

One of the girls in the care of Peter and Leena has opted to return to her parents, who are now working and able to support her. Though she will be missed, we are happy that things are better for her family. Peter and Leena pray for God's leading in continuing to be open to whatever He wants for them.

Follow Peter's ministry at [www.Hopeforkidsnepal.org](http://www.Hopeforkidsnepal.org)

# CONFIDENTIAL

Our good friend, Pastor Prem Raulo, of FAITH Ministries Odisha, India, is happy to let us know that property for a local church in Balingir, where Pastor Al has spoken, has been donated, opening the way for a long awaited church building. Building materials must be purchased, so donations are always welcome.

Many of our messages from Pastor Prem include photos of home church meetings or special meetings in established churches. There are many new believers, and we are often blessed to see pictures of believers being baptized, professing their faith in Christ. The ministry keeps Pastor Prem very busy, going from church to church, village to village, preaching, sharing the gospel and much more. He is often on busses or trains, and taxis, serving the Lord with seemingly unending energy. A used car would be a wonderful addition to the ministry's resources, allowing him to get to various churches, congregations and unreached villages.

Others work tirelessly, too, even though regular salaries are not to be had. His desires are that funding will be available, not for luxuries, but for all means by which the gospel may be preached and his own people reached for Christ. With that in mind, he often reminds me of the needs, always giving God glory in His provision and leading.

Of course, he is still praying and hoping for God's provision for the new orphanage and property suitable for housing our precious needy children.

Despite the needs, Pastor Prem is well known for shouting one word as often as possible ...

"Hallelujah!"



**Bishnu Budhthapa and Goma** are awaiting the birth of their next child in Kathmandu, Nepal. So far, both mother and child are doing well. The added expense of caring for Goma's health during this pregnancy has not slowed their desire to be where God has put them. Although we have not been able to send extra funds, we are confident that we will be able to send the extra \$2,000.00 (plus) to pay for the C-section delivery, which is the only option. The baby is due in July, but that could be moved up to "any time now", should the baby decide that the time is right.

In the mean time, Bishnu has been able to lead an excursion into new, unreached parts of Nepal. An international team came from Australia to spend 26 days with Bishnu to minister in schools in Jumla and Mugo, both virtually unreached. Even though evangelism is greatly curtailed by Nepal's laws, Bishnu and the team certainly found ways to answer questions about why they were there. They also performed dramas and sang songs relating to Christ. They were well received!

This ministry trip has helped Bishnu see what he needs to do to reach the unreached more clearly than ever, and he is formulating a plan to implement in the months and years to come. His own people weigh heavily on his heart, as they do on the heart of God.

As you might imagine, finances are a key in these plans becoming reality. Along with their regular living and ministry needs, a motorcycle would be a great help. That, and medical expenses for the baby's birth are expenses that we would call "special project" expenses. Together they come to about \$6,000.00 which is beyond the budgeted plan.

You can find out more about Bishnu & Goma's work by getting on their mailing list. Their newsletters are great!

[This page only touches on our workers' and associates' needs and ministries. Please request their updates through our office.](#)



An update from the Pandit family brings a mix of concern and encouragement. Umesh is still striving to meet the needs of a dozen extremely needy students in an area decimated by the earthquakes, and the kids are doing well. In short time, we will again need money for school fees, school supplies and other needs, like clothing for those students. We are also hoping to bring a stronger spiritual impact to the group, in spite of obstacles making that harder to accomplish.

Susma, Umesh's sister, has been approved to receive a student visa, so she can pursue her masters' degree in social work in Australia. Please pray that she can find appropriate housing and part-time employment. Pray even harder that she can find a solid church in which she can be spiritually mentored. We know that God can provide for her. She leaves on June 21st! She eventually wants to return to Nepal to help minister to children. We think she is a "natural". Should you wish to communicate with Susma, we'll have that information available upon request.

Her parents have secured a loan for her travel, putting up their traditional land as collateral. They are serious about her getting her education. Let's be serious about praying for her!



Our financial policy is simply that we ask God to provide for our ministry needs - we pray! Then we simply tell His people about the needs, letting any support decisions be between God and His people. All gifts are deemed tax deductible per IRS regulations. Year-end receipts are sent for your convenience. Homestead

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