



Living in the Mode of Grace

June 2026



Save the Date

We are pleased to announce that our annual Fall banquet will be on October 16, 2026 at The Oasis, Christian Church in Pueblo West, CO!

Our special guest and keynote speaker will be

Bishnu Bahadur, Budhthapa - GraceMode - Nepal

Watch for more details. *Ready for school*

Transforming lives in Kenya

John Olwanda, our GraceMode-Kenya missionary, is working on his final semester of theological training by extension, and he is doing well. He is continually applying what he is learning as he leads his church, ministers to school children and the people of his village, helping church leaders in other communities, speaking at meetings, seminars and evangelistic campaigns. Most recently, John reported that his trip to Nukuru for a large meeting was very beneficial go all. John and others preached and taught with good results, including the salvation of five who attended. After his graduation, John hopes to also be able to respond to invitations to minister in other nearby countries.

Meanwhile, John and all three children battled illness at times thought the last six months. All are doing well now, but their health insurance company has failed to make timely payments, forcing John to need to pay cash for treatments. Just before leaving for Nukuru, John needed to be treated for pneumonia. He made the trip anyway, finishing his treatment during the meetings, and is now well and excited about God's provision!

Below is a picture of John with some of the beautiful children now able to attend school. Most recently, six children also received their "text book Bibles", which are also helpful in their church training.



From the Director - Pastor Al Dagel

God's imprint has been on the ministries of GraceMode well into 2026, and there is much a head in every area of our work for the Lord. This letter will touch on both struggles and victories on every front.

Our updates have been slow in coming this year, because Eloise, my wife, has suffered both a broken hip and a broke ankle since our last newsletter. She spent Christmas Day in the hospital after hip surgery, and just a few weeks after that surgery, she broke both ankle bones, having surgery again. The resulting time being non-weight-bearing and in a wheelchair for eleven weeks has been intense for both of us.

I have been able to continue to provide our daily devotioncast, "Moments of Grace", serve as the pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, and be Eloise's "nurse" and care giver. I even had some skin cancer issues to deal with earlier this year, including two successful Mohs surgery procedures. This may help explain why communications with many of you have been so hard to handle.

The good news is that Eloise is continuing to gain strength and mobility. She is using a walker and receiving physical therapy. She is also in the swimming pool almost daily, which is wonderful therapy and exercise for her continuing recovery. We are even planning a vacation trip to the midwest for some wonderful family time.

In this letter, you will find some wonderful reports on how God is using our GraceMode missionaries (in spite of health issues). I am also pleased to let you know of our upcoming annual banquet, scheduled for October 16th of this year. Yes, life and ministry go on! Thank you for your prayers, participation, and support! *Pastor Al Dagel*

Another Iron Man has been called HOME.



On Monday, June 22, 2026, we lost the last of our founding Iron Men Members. One of my closest friends, Jim Buterbaugh, Jr., went to be with the Lord after a long battle with multiple health issues. He will be greatly missed!

Jim was involved in many ministries, and GraceMode was high on his list of ministries that he loved and supported. He supported our ministry in Nepal and prayed regularly for all of our missionaries and ministry partners. He has directed me to use his estate to further the work of the Lord, and we will certainly honor his wishes.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 18th at The Avenue, where Jim was a much loved member. Gifts honoring Jim's memory may be sent to GraceMode by mail or online, noting "Jim".

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent

from the body and to be present with the Lord. II Cor.5:8 nkjv

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GraceMode is thriving in NEPAL

Bishnu and Goma's story continues to change, as God opens doors of ministry, and both the ministry and their family continue to grow. We are not able to share everything, due to time and sensitivity of some in the areas of service, but we do want you to see a glimpse of the life of this missionary family in Nepal.

With our Christmas project, many have been saved, churches have been established, local churches have been empowered and challenged to disciple and serve new believers and congregations. Children have gotten warm jackets, and whole villages have heard the Gospel.

Goma, who is not a stranger to hospital stays herself, has ministered to many in need of her guidance through medical emergencies and needs. Many have found help that seemed to be impossible. Some have been invited to stay with Bishnu and Goma during recovery time.

Goma just spent a month in hospital treatments, and is finally again able to help others in their time of need. Some time ago, the teen pictured here had a need for spinal surgery. Goma directed his family to a different hospital & surgical team. He can now walk! Here he is pictured giving his testimony at church!



In past letters we have shown Christmas distributions, a school for disabled kids receiving beds for all 100 children there, a man's house rebuilt after an earthquake, and much more! God put Bishnu and Goma back into their own homeland to reach the unreached and to serve the body of Christ. Right now, one of the villages reached just a couple of years ago has a thriving congregation of believers, and they have been building their own church building. They need a completed roof before the heavy rains, and we have helped them. God works in the lives in many in Nepal through Bishnu and Goma, who are simply humble servants, delighted to be used!



Bishnu and Goma's family is not just the five of them. Due to broken families, a children's home being shut down and the harshness of life in Nepal for many children, their family is bigger. Some are living with them, and others are greatly helped, while they are able to stay in their homes. This adds an extra layer of responsibility and added financial burden, but these additions, quite simply, are from the Lord, Who is their provider!



As we prepare for fall and winter projects, we are hoping to increase the budgeted funding for GraceMode Nepal. We are planning to bring Bishnu to Colorado in the fall for our annual fundraising banquet. We are also hoping to introduce many of you to him, his ministry and ours, and to add many prayer warriors and, prayerfully, more donors.

"Dear pastor AI, Greetings in Jesus name. How are you all? Hope Eloise doing good. Love you both and praying. Thanks for prayer help and regular support. Ministry going good. Nowadays the India situation is not good to preach Gospel but boldly our all evangelists and pastors are working hard and doing faithfully. I know that GraceMode ministry is lifting them in prayer. God bless you all! Send them our love n prayer and thanksgiving to them for their regular funds And thanks for your hard work to raise funds for FAITH ministry, Odisha, India.



All of our orphan and needy and poor kids are doing good. All kids passed their final exams. Now kids are excited to get new admission in new classes. Keep praying for them for all of their needs: cloths food education items and for our teachers' support. Love you Pastor AI. We are praying for you and for Eloise and for GraceMode.

With love, Pastor Prem Raulo FAITH Ministry, Odisha, India."

PRAY FOR INDIA!

Since 2013, Pastor AI Dagel and Pastor Prem Raulo have been partnering together to minister to dozens of poor and orphaned children, poor widows, lepers, and to India's people who are in need of Jesus and the Truth of the Gospel. The children in the care of FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India, are wonderfully cared for, taught, and spiritually fed, preparing them to be leaders in the church of tomorrow. Pastor Prem is always on the move. He visits our three orphanages, leads his team of evangelists and pastors, speaks at many conferences throughout the area, and much more! Pictured above is a young man who came to Christ from being a practicing Hindu. This new believer desired to follow the Lord in believer's baptism, but in order to make that happen, Pastor Prem had to see two different magistrates to get permission for this change of religion. It is difficult, but Prem and his team are boldly sharing the Gospel and helping believers to thrive!



Pictured here are some of our happy children in the care of Prem's ministry.

PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS, SAFETY, BOLDNESS, AND GOD'S LEADING.

I'll pray often for the ministry of **GRACEMODE**

In addition to regular prayer, as the Lord provides, I will donate to the GraceMode ministry as indicated below:

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	PASTOR PREM RAULO (SANGEETA)	
	JOHN OLWANDA (ESTHER)	
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