



“Jaimasi” to you from World Renew’s ministry in Nepal. Pronounced jay-ma-see, this phrase is used by Nepali Christians to greet each other instead of using the traditional, Hindu greeting of “Namaste.” Translated as “victory of the Messiah,” it is also an excellent description for the work being done following the devastating twin earthquakes that occurred on April 25 and May 12.

Victory is happening every day as men, women and children become better able to meet their daily needs and take steps to rebuild their lives. This isn’t a victory for World Renew,

but for the global church as we reach out in Christ’s name to help people of all faiths in a real and lasting way.

The Nepal earthquakes killed 9,000 people and injured 22,000 more. For those that survived, the task of rebuilding seemed almost insurmountable. More than 600,000 homes were destroyed and an additional 290,000 were damaged. In addition, roads, schools, businesses, farm fields and other infrastructure incurred significant damage.

Located in South Asia between China and India, Nepal was already one of the world’s poorest countries

before the earthquakes. Many families and communities were unable to rebuild on their own following the destruction.

You heard about these needs and were moved to respond with your prayers and financial gifts. Thanks to supporters like you, World Renew is able to help.

Together with Christian Reformed World Missions and the staff and students from the Evangelical Presbyterian Theological Seminary, World Renew provided an initial distribution of food and tarps to 1,942 families in five districts. This was carried

out through a network of Christian churches in Nepal who were able to quickly identify needs and distribute assistance in their communities.

Because of the success of this initial response, World Renew received permission from the government of Nepal to provide additional, longer-term assistance in all nine wards of the VDC of Duraguan in Ramachapp District and all nine wards in the VDC of Manakanama in the District of Nuwekot.

Today, World Renew has set up a central office in Kathmandu, a regional office in Nuwekot and has hired local staff to carry out a ministry that will meet people's needs. This has includ-



ed the further distribution of essential food, hygiene supplies, buckets, tarps, ropes, water filters, blankets, tools, and iron sheeting for temporary shelter. It has also included trauma healing, training community health



volunteers in health and sanitation, and in the New Year will involve the construction of permanent homes.

Thank you for making this ministry possible. I hope that as you read the stories on the following pages, you will be able to recognize the important role you play in these victories. Jaimasi.

Community Health Volunteers Multiply World Renew's Ministry

By Kristen deRoo VanderBerg

Marju Giuring, Mungao Giuring, and Dev Giralé are friends who know how to lead. The three women are community health volunteers in Wards 4 and 5 of Manakanama region of Nuwekot, Nepal and have been tremendous assets to World Renew.

The women have had a long time to develop their friendship. They often walk together for hours along steep mountain paths to get to training events or to visit communities in their wards. They have stood by each other as they talked to villages about difficult topics. They also bring joy to each other and laugh together as they finish each other's sentences.

Mungao has the most experience of the three. She has been a commu-



nity health volunteer for 18 years. Marju and Dev joined her seven and five years ago respectively. At first, their work was supported by another non-profit organization.

“We were part of a women’s group and were selected by our group members to become health volunteers because they thought we had potential,” Mungao said. “We had a dream to help our villages. We received some training and were then able to help others.”

Through this initial training and support, Mungao, Marju and Dev began to visit communities in their wards each month with messages about childhood vaccines, women’s health, and the importance of receiving adequate medical attention during pregnancy and delivery.

“Officially, we do training once a month in each village,” Marju added, “but as a neighbor, we are stopped wherever we are. We meet people and offer them advice and share our knowledge.”

This made these women the natural choice for World Renew to tap into following the horrific earthquakes of April 25 and May 12.

“Before, in the villages, some people had latrines but these got damaged in the earthquake,” said Mungao, “Communicable diseases spread because of problems with shelter and broken latrines. People had problems with their eyes because of the dust. There were many health issues.”

World Renew provided health volunteers such as Mungao, Marju and Dev with training in water, sanitation and hygiene. They also showed the volunteers how to use the water fil-

ters and oral rehydration tablets that World Renew would be distributing.

One of the big themes that World Renew encouraged after the earthquake was a campaign about being “open defecation free” (ODF). The campaign promotes the use of latrines in order to prevent the spread of disease.

These messages were shared with children during World Renew Child Club events — camps for children that used fun songs and stories to help children deal with the trauma of the earthquake. World Renew also shared ODF training with community health volunteers who came up with slogans and catchy ways to promote these messages in the villages.

Following these trainings, the volunteers went to the villages in their wards and shared their knowledge with others. They trained people on the use of water filters and helped to identify the best people to receive filter that

could be shared with others. Today, they monitor to make sure that the filters are being properly taken care of and are located in a central area where everyone has access to them.

As for ODF, Mungao tells me that they had been teaching people about using latrines even before the quake. With new support from World Renew, they are redoubling their efforts and are seeing results.

“People want to be open defecation free if they can receive the materials they need to build a latrine,” she said. “They are now busy digging their pit so that they can receive materials from World Renew.”

World Renew Nepal Staff

To support its response to the Nepal earthquake, World Renew has set up and hired staff for regional offices in Kathmandu and Nuwekot. We are grateful for the hard work of these staff members.





Aid for Even the Most Vulnerable Among Us

By Kristen deRoo VanderBerg

As I climb up the steep mountain-side in Ward 4 of the Nuwekot district of Nepal, I meet a man who invites me to take a break at his house. He introduces himself as Bishnu Bahadar B.K.. My translator informs me that the B.K. in his name is short for Bishwakarma, a surname that lets people know that he is from the Dalit, or untouchable, caste in Nepal.

For generations, the Dalit have been kept apart from other people in these mountain villages. Despite new constitutional protections that prohibit discrimination based on race, caste or gender, the Dalit have routinely been barred from temples, prevented from using communal wells, and even kept out of schools.

For Bishnu and his wife Dev, their low caste isn't the only thing that sets them apart. They are also

Christian. This makes them part of a religion that is shared by a mere one percent of people in Nepal.

This minority status, however, hasn't prevented Bishnu and Dev from becoming leaders. When a massive earthquake happened on April 25, 2015, they saw it as an opportunity to help others.

Bishnu and Dev's home, along with the others in their village, was severely damaged by the quake and the landslides that followed. Realizing that the location of their homes put them at risk for future landslides, Bishnu and Dev decided to donate some of their own farmland so that the community could relocate there.

"I thought, it would be better to leave that place and still be living than to stay where our families



have lived for many years and die," Bishnu told me.

He and seven other Dalit families now live on a small piece of land near Bishnu and Dev's fields. This includes Christian families from their old village, but also families of other religions.

"I have been a Christian for five or six years, but my family was



Hindu,” he explained to me. “The disaster affected people who were Christian, Hindu, or Buddhist. It did not discriminate. We must show love to everyone.”

They take great pride in the fact that World Renew — a Christian organization — is doing just that.

“We all received food from World Renew,” he said. “We all received blankets, we all received iron sheeting for our temporary shelters.”

Bishnu, Dev and their neighbors have a long way to go before they

Nepal Earthquake Response At-A-Glance

Between April 2015 and September 2015, World Renew:

- Worked with Christian Reformed World Missions and the Evangelical Presbyterian Theological Seminary to provide a one week supply of emergency food assistance and 140 tarps to 1,942 families
- Provided an additional two week supply of rice, lentils, oil, salt and nutrila (soybean-based product) to 1,325 families
- Provided plastic buckets, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, feminine products, laundry soap, comb, and oral rehydration tablets to 1,325 families
- Distributed tarps and rope to 1,325 households
- Provided blankets to 1,790 families (1-4 blankets per household)
- Distributed 1,790 temporary shelter kits consisting of 16 sheets of corrugated galvanized iron sheets, claw hammer, tie wire, and nails
- Provided 300 water filters which were set up at communal locations to serve village groups
- Supported the health of 69 children through 10 child clubs and hygiene camps
- Completed a technical survey of water sources in four wards to determine which drinking water sources had been damaged and need to be repaired
- Trained Female Community Health Volunteers on Psychological First Aid (PFA) so that they are better able to recognize trauma. Identified cases were then counseled by Community Psycho Social Workers and four people were referred to Kathmandu for additional treatment.

will have completely recovered from the earthquake. It was the monsoon season recently, so their crops had adequate rain, but in the dry season the loss of irrigation systems damaged in the earthquake will make it difficult for them to farm.

They are also living in temporary shelters constructed of iron sheeting from World Renew and wood beams that they have salvaged from their old homes. These homes kept them dry in the rainy season but will offer little protection from the cold winter weather that is approaching.

World Renew is working with the local government to get permission to address these challenges. In the

meantime, Bishnu, Dev and their neighbors are grateful for the help they have already received such as blankets to keep them warm this winter. World Renew provided each family with one to four blankets depending on the number of people in their household.

“We praise the Lord for everything,” Dev said. “We are so happy that World Renew has provided all these things to us. We want to say thank you.”

Special Thanks

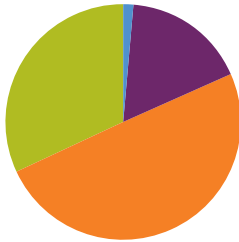
World Renew's response to the earthquakes in Nepal has been made possible through the faithful support of many individuals, churches and organizations. This includes:

- + Bijzondere Noden (Board for Special Needs) Reformed Churches of the Netherlands
- + Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund (CRWRF)
- + Dorcas Aid
- + Food for the Hungry, USA
- + Reformed Churches of New Zealand
- + Woord en Daad
- + World Concern, USA
- + World Transform, CRC Australia
- + ZOA International

World Renew would also like to extend a special thank you to the nine International Relief Managers who have served in Nepal in the past six months to help World Renew carry out its earthquake response. Thank you Harry & Annie Bergshoeff, Pete Diepersloot, Harry & Greta Harsevoort, Mike & Colleen Hoyer, Brad Lucas, and Dwayne Nienhuis for your leadership, talents and service.

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Revenue

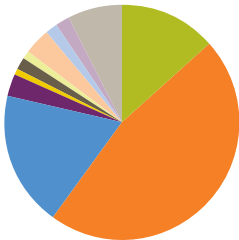


April 25, 2015 to August 31, 2015

Private Donors in the USA	\$845,626
Private Donors in Canada	\$1,317,481
Organizational Donors	\$459,574
Gift in Kind (water filters)	\$5,000
Total	\$2,627,681

Between April 25 and August 31, 2015, World Renew received \$2.6 million for its response to the earthquakes in Nepal. This included \$2,163,107 in donations from individuals and churches. These donations were leveraged through World Renew's membership in the Integral Alliance and other organizations to raise an additional \$459,574

Expenses



April 25, 2015 to August 31, 2015

Food Assistance	\$69,146
Shelter	\$239,227
Non-Food items	\$94,762
Medical	\$15,000
Psycho Social Support	\$1,000
Water Sanitation and Hygiene*	\$6,893
Direct Personnel	\$3,444
Transportation	\$18,431
Indirect costs	\$7,689
Capital Assets	\$8,706
Administration	\$38,042
Total	\$502,343

*includes \$5,000 of Sawyer water filters that were donated

Between April 25 and August 31, 2015 World Renew spent \$502,000 of the funds it had received for its emergency and early recovery phases of the Nepal earthquake response. This included \$69,000 for food assistance, \$239,000 for temporary shelter, \$94,000 for non-food items including tarps and blankets, and \$7,000 for water, sanitation and hygiene programs. The remaining balance of \$2.1 million will be used over the next two years as we continue to help earthquake survivors in the reconstruction phase rebuild their homes and rehabilitate livelihoods.



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