



GGWO
Pokhara,
Nepal
 Pastor Narj &
 Sharmi Gurung

God is working in marvelous ways in Pokhara. The Gospel of grace is truly setting people free from the bondage of religion. Believers who have been in the faith for many years are beginning to understand that grace is God's answer not only for our salvation, but also for our sanctification and service. Grace is ultimately refreshing, releasing and redeeming to the humble, but is obnoxious, offensive and obstructive to the proud!

My wife gave birth to a beautiful healthy baby girl, Upasana Joy, on Feb. 16, 2010. God has indeed brought us so much joy through her. Thank you for your prayers through the pregnancy and delivery. Though surgery was required, there were no complications to both mother and child.

In March, we began showing Pastor Schaller's Biblical Psychology class twice a week. We watch it in English on Saturday afternoons after church service and then go over it again in Nepalese on Wednesday evenings. The new church building was completed in April. We have a capacity for more than 200 people. We are adding three multipurpose rooms, which will function as Sunday school, Bible college classrooms and an office/meeting room.

Pastor Karl Silva came to visit us at the beginning of May. He brought along Pastor Roshan and his wife from the Vasai church, Pastor Rajan from Kathmandu, and John, Kathy and Luke from Mountain View church in the U.S. Despite the nationwide general strike called by the Maoists, we conducted a two-day seminar and also had the dedication service for the new church building. Pastor Karl and the team peddled on bicycles from the hotel to reach the church to minister to us!

In June, we had two weddings. The first was the marriage of James, our worship leader, and Elishiba, a precious member in our Body. Both of them have beautiful hearts for the Lord and are students in our Bible college. The second ceremony was for Dr. Jiwan and Preeti, precious members in our Body. Dr. Jiwan plans to do his residency in the U.S. and is praying, Lord willing, that it would be in the Baltimore area so they could be in the Baltimore church and study at MBC&S.



GGWO
St. Petersburg,
Russia
 Pastor Alexey &
 Olga Bratsev

In July, we had an amazing time in the Word with Pastor Schaller here at our Russian summer conference, "Above and Beyond." It was held at St. Petersburg Christian University premises. We had attendees from different parts of Russia; from Moscow, Karelia and Siberia, also from Baku and Central Asia. During outreaches in the nearby park, we sang and talked with people about the love of God, His Finished Work, and we invited people to come to Christ and to His church.

By the great grace of our Savior, we keep feasting on the Word as we listen to classes from MBC&S in Baltimore. We enjoy reaching out and having corporate prayer meetings. We thank God for the boldness He gives us to proclaim the Gospel of grace. How beautiful it is to see people receive salvation.

We're glad to be part of GGWO and to have the incredible fullness in Christ in His Body with all of you. We desire to continue in the anointing of His grace. We thank God for your portion—it blesses us to see you in the Baltimore church as we watch your services on the Internet or by DVDs sent to us.

Prayer Requests

- Spiritual growth
- Men in the church
- New disciples of grace
- Finances and fluency in English language for P. Aleksey and his family so they could come and study at MBC&S.

Thank you for praying for us.

We welcome you to visit us!



GGWO
Istanbul,
Turkey
 Roger & Liz
 Robbins

Thoughts from recent messages by Pastor Matti preached at our church in Istanbul: A person who does not recognize anything but the visible world is poor, blind and naked in the spiritual invisible world. If I do not receive the riches of Christ in spiritual blessings, then I am truly poor. If I do not open my eyes to the truth of the Bible and my own human depravity, then I am truly blind. If I do not clothe myself in a robe of righteousness given by our sinless Savior, then I am truly naked and condemned before an Almighty God. This can be our own condition as carnal believers—on occasion, but this is the constant condition of a lost soul. In addition to this, a lost soul has additional truths that burden him: he cannot live forever on this earth, he cannot save himself and he cannot see God. When you consider all these issues, the burden on the shoulders of each lost soul is simply unbearable. In Matthew 11:30, Christ said, "Come unto Me all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. My yoke is easy, My burden is light." He is the only one who can give us a new and lighter burden. He is the answer to each one of the burdens given above. Before the Great Judge, He took each burden upon Himself on the Cross.

What is that light burden that Christ has given us? Among many other things, it is a burden for the lost. When I think about the thousands and thousands of souls who are perishing every day, it can easily overwhelm me. In fact, it doesn't usually feel like a "light" burden at all! The burden for the lost is a great responsibility and often it can feel so heavy that it weighs us down. But the lost soul carries a far more unbearable burden! The lost soul is in bondage to his sin, with no way of escape on his own. It is our great responsibility to offer others the burden that we carry—which is full of freedom! "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," (2 Corinthians 3:17). So although the burden for the lost is serious and very urgent, we carry it with joy and purpose because the love of God has set us free.

Prayer Requests

- Consistent monthly financial support— URGENT. We are working in Baltimore for the summer, hoping to get back in September.
- Key men in the church to become disciples and leaders
- Our persecuted Iranian friends—release from prison
- Growth in the church over the summer months
- Team members Umid and Gulshoda and their children
- Kemal and his daughter, Kubra, who are in Baltimore while Kubra is receiving treatments at Johns Hopkins; she's had heart surgery and the main brain surgery. Pray for a miraculous recovery of damaged cells and organs in her body, strength and endurance for her father, Kemal, and for her mother and siblings in Istanbul who are anxiously waiting for their safe return.

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- Translation of Biblical Psychology class from MBC&S to be completed by the end of this year; James and Albert who help translate.
- Kabita has been able to get free dialysis treatment for her kidneys in the National Kidney Center in Kathmandu; for long-term survival she needs a donor; husband Jeewan and son Bijaya are opening up to the Gospel.
- Santu Maya, leader of Ladies' Ministry; is having treatments for breast cancer; her husband Bhim, a retired army officer, is working in India; their two sons and two daughters; the eldest son Rabindra is working in a U.S. military camp in Afghanistan.
- Church leaders: Sewak Baniya, Tej, Albert, Gokarna and James; singleness of vision, bond of unity and wisdom in the ministry as we go forward with Christ and His Great Commission; pray for me, too, as I disciple these men in the Lord.
- Introduction to Theology and Biblical Psychology classes; our 12 students—many have never had the opportunity to learn the Bible as they are learning it now.
- More souls; people are learning corporate soul-winning, giving tracts in the highways and byways, sharing the message with boldness and inviting people to the church.

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