



Much has been happening in Nepal over the past six months since an earthquake brought such devastation. After seven years of frustration and much negotiation, the constitutional assembly of Nepal finally signed a constitution into law. This constitution officially declared Nepal a secular nation; meaning that no specific religion would receive preference. While this brought much satisfaction and appreciation from our Christian brothers and sisters in Nepal, it also brought with it the threat of persecution from those who wanted Hinduism and Buddhism to be named the official religions of Nepal. In addition to these new struggles, Indians along the southern border of Nepal who are sympathetic to the Hindu nationalists, have set up blockades at border crossings. These blockades have slowed the much needed imports of fuel and building materials to those trying to rebuild. Also hampering the rebuilding efforts have been the heavy rains of the annual monsoon season. Much of the work of the HCLCN to this point has been in providing basic relief in the form of food, first aid, blankets, and basic shelter in the rural villages and urban areas where the HCLCN has congregations.



Raju, along with his father, brother, and others have recently begun a several week trip to visit and distribute more supplies to those in need. They will also be assessing the availability of materials needed as they begin to rebuild church buildings, homes, and farm buildings of the pastors and members of HCLCN.

Our Lord Provides! As reported in September, our Lord has graciously moved hearts to provide sufficient funds to complete all of the proposed earthquake relief and rebuilding projects. **Offerings to the Nepal Relief Fund are no longer needed.**

Earthquake Relief Efforts for the victims of the April 25th earthquake in Nepal have followed a three phase approach...

1) Immediate Emergency Relief:

1. Food and Clean water
2. Shelter (tents, tarps, blankets, etc.)
3. Basic First Aid

2) Short Term Relief:

1. Visits and encouragement to earthquake victims
2. Medical treatment
3. Temporary shelter during the monsoon season

3) Long Term Relief:

1. Rebuilding homes
2. Rebuilding church buildings

The first two phases of immediate emergency relief have, for the most part, been completed. The CLC Board of Missions continues to stay in close contact with Pastor Raju as the HCLCN continues to carry out relief efforts.



A CLC Board of Missions visitation to Nepal is being planned for mid-January. The agenda for this visit will include...

- Ordination of HCLCN pastors who have completed training.
- Dedication of the new HCLCN Bible Training Center.
- Assess opportunities for Kinship involvement with HCLCN Bible Training Center student support.
- Assess and monitor earthquake relief efforts.
- Visit and encourage earthquake victims.
- Raju and Sanju's wedding (January 31, 2016).

"...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10