

Nepal

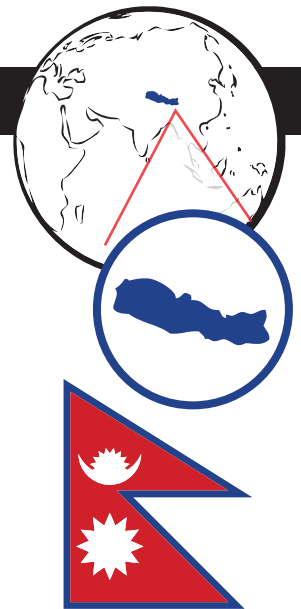
The Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLC-Nepal)

STATUS

In Fellowship ☒

STATISTICS

Ordained Pastors	<u>21</u>	Congregations	<u>25</u>
Pastors in Training	<u>15</u>	Preaching stations	<u>13</u>



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

As the HCLCN grows in western Nepal, they are praying for the resources to establish a training center in the Dang District.

SCOPE AND FOCUS OF MINISTRY

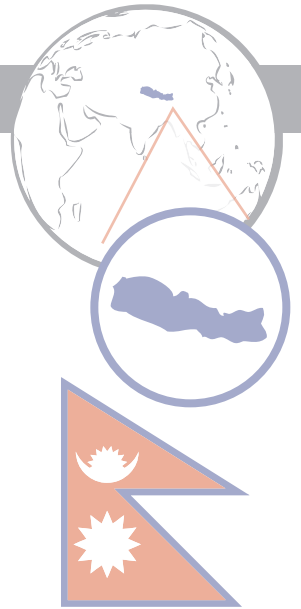
The HCLCN works in several different areas of Gospel ministry such as regular pastoral meeting and training along with a regular schedule of visits to the congregations and organizing seminars and conferences. They are also working to develop new mission fields in the eastern and western regions of the country.

Ongoing Pastor and Evangelist Training - Pastors continue to be trained and encouraged in the truth of God's Word through monthly pastoral training meetings.

Orphanage - Ten children are being cared for through CLC KINSHIP sponsorship.

Movie Evangelism - Gas generators and video projection equipment is carried into distant Himalayan villages to show videos that depict the life of Jesus.

Himalayan Bible Institute - In January of 2016 the Himalayan Bible Institute of the HCLCN was dedicated. In March of 2016 the school was approved for and granted KINSHIP sponsorship for ten students who began classes in April of 2016. These ten students attend full-time classes for one week each month and are assigned to a congregation for on-the-job training the other three weeks of each month. Students will attend the HBI for 3-6 years depending on their level of Bible training at the time of enrollment.



HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The CLC has been working in Nepal since contact was first made in 2007. The CLC in convention declared fellowship with the HCLCN in 2010. The HCLCN is based in the Lalitpur district of the Kathmandu valley. Mission fields are spread out to the central and western regions of Nepal. As the terrain of the country is mostly hilly and mountainous, the transportation system is not yet well developed so much of the work of spreading the Gospel is done on foot.

PERSONNEL

Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti is an ILC graduate. The HCLCN does not pay any salaries or provide any kind of financial support to local parish pastors. Pastors support their families and the work of the ministry through the meager offerings of the congregation they serve along with secular employment.

FUTURE PLANS

- Establishing a Bible Institute in West Nepal.
- Helping Pastor Sher Bahadur to build his house.
- Purchasing a property for a church and residence for a pastor in Kathmandu valley.



CHALLENGES

Some false teaching organizations continue to attempt to lead members away from the HCLCN to their own congregations. Leadership of the HCLCN has made it a priority to defend the truth of God's Word by strengthening the members in their knowledge of the Scriptures as they encourage them to avoid those who would lead them away from the truth.

The HCLCN is also faced with the efforts of extremist Hindu political parties who continue to encourage anti-conversion laws that could make it unlawful to preach the Gospel openly.