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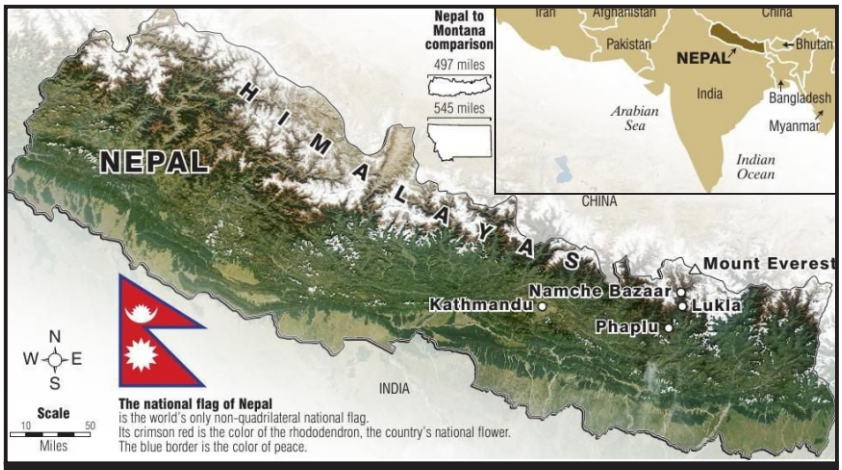

Nepal is in between the giant populations of India and China

Hinduism is the main religion in Nepal

By sponsoring national missionaries, you will:

- Make it possible for people who have never heard the gospel of Jesus to hear, for the very first time.
- Partner with those workers that already know the language, culture and area they want to serve in. Sometimes these area are restricted to Westerners.
- Partner with an organization that is solidly Biblical and evangelical.

Nepal has many ancient buildings, structures and temples.

Nepal, the birthplace of Buddha in 632 BC, is now one of the fastest growing areas for Christianity. The country has historically been a Hindu kingdom.

After the April 2015 earthquake which killed almost 9000 people, there were many open doors for the gospel.

In 1951, Nepal reported no Christians in its government census. And by 1961, that number increased to just 458.

Today, the World Christian Database ranks the country as the 12th fastest-growing Christian population in the world with 1,285,200 believers … the real number might be higher. Population is just over 30 million.

Pastor Cameron Wathen - Mosaic Church Calvary Chapel in Victoria

Pastor Michael Cyr - Calvary Chapel Sunshine Coast

A number of pastors took out their phones to record this practical exercise. That is usually a good sign they are truly getting something they want to hear.

Our Nepal team - Just the beginning

Nepal's population is 79% rural. It is estimated there are 85,000 villages in the countryside and spread throughout the mountains. Only 10,000 of those villages have a church or Christian witness.

Sponsor Your Own National Missionary

For just $35.00 per month you can help support one of these national workers. They already know the language, culture, and region they want to impact for the gospel. Your financial partnership and prayerful support will be a great encouragement to them as they face difficult circumstances. For national missionary support go to www.thepaulinitiative.com and choose the National Missionary Tab.

Though Nepal is no longer an official Hindu state, most Christian persecution in Nepal comes from radical Hindu groups who want the country to return to Hinduism. Many of the Christians in Nepal are converts from Hinduism, and these converts experience significant pressure from their families and communities. If a family discovers a member is a Christian, the convert might be expelled from their family home or even violently attacked. Also limiting religious freedom are anti-conversion laws and the destruction and forced closers of churches. Churches where foreigners gather are treated with more tolerance, though members of some Protestant churches still experience significant pressure.

Christians who are members of indigenous groups also face persecution. Nepal has a rich diversity of tribes and clans where ethnic cultures, traditions and rituals are seen as very important. Once people convert to Christianity, they stop taking part in many of these traditions and are considered outcasts by the community. They might also be subjected to violent forms of persecution.

(Open Doors Ministry)

The ladies fed the group a great selection of tasty food.

There are many "Mom & Pop Shops" all over Kathmandu

"I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.' ... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'"

Matthew 25:35-36, 40