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Thank you so much for your on going partnership and support in this ministry. In this edition we share news from:



Pastor Ram Bahadur Pun,

Nepal

After a visit to Dang in Midwest Nepal, ITEEN Director Tanka Subedi, saw how the Lord was working through a shy, uneducated, poor person who had been physically deformed by leprosy, but who was now an effective and wise pastor and church planter. Below are some short extracts from what Ram Bahadur shared:

"Many years ago when I was a small boy I caught leprosy. Back then leprosy was treated as untouchable and so I had to leave home. I came to Dang for treatment. There I heard the gospel and received Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I started doing ITEEN (SEAN) courses 12 years ago. I learnt a great deal. Seven years ago I got a strong feeling that God was calling me to serve Him as a pastor and a church planter. On the 20th of September 2008, our church, "MuktiMandali" was inaugurated and within five years we were able to start 13 daughter churches in the remote villages around Dang.

I am now confident in my work of discipleship & church planting because of ITEEN. The SEAN courses have helped me to understand and apply the

teachings of the Bible. These courses are very important for churches like ours, where people cannot go to bible schools due to lack of money or poor education.



MuktiMandali, Ghorahi, Dang.

Editors note: Just after receiving this moving testimony, we heard of the devastating earthquake in Nepal.

Do please pray for this country, and for the leaders of ITEEN and their 7.000 students.

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Your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11b

Kuala Lumpur, Malasia:

(20-25th April 2015) SEAN praises God for the wonderful Increase Conference that united 50 key leaders of TEE ministries in Asia, many of whom are users of SEAN courses. For full details of the great results please look up:

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Hilda Friesen translating for EMMC Conference/Go Mission, shares:

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80 participants from Germany, Belize, Canada, U.S.A, Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay met under the theme "Reaching more together" with the objective of helping Low German speaking people, with education and the Gospel. In Bolivia alone that group numbers over 50,000 people.

An important element considered in this conference was the translation of the SEAN Life of Christ Course into Low German. This course is being used to train church leaders who have little education, particularly in Bolivia, Belize, and Mexico. But now opportunities are opening up in other countries a well, which is very exciting.

Having personally taught the course in Spanish and English many times, I know its value. When someone unacquainted with these books asked me about them, another quickly interrupted and said emphatically: "that course is the best ever for giving someone a good grounding in the Word". Such excitement, is an encouragement to me, as I sit at my computer far away from where the materials are being used.

Thank you for the privilege of translating this material for those who so desperately need it. H.F.

And talking about translations... last, but not least!

I'm a follower of Jesus. I came to faith in Him when I was translating the SEAN Life of Christ course into my local language. I was a Muslim, a teacher and translator when I was given this job. As I progressed through the six book series, I became more and more intrigued with the Bible revelation of 'Isa', the name by which I knew Jesus. I began to compare His teachings with those of the Qu'ran and after months of confusion and fear, the Holy Spirit finally opened my eyes to the glory of the Gospel and I surrendered my life to Jesus.

The Lord continues to bless my life, and with no pressure from myself, my whole family are now also followers of Jesus. We don't call ourselves 'Christians' because of the negative connotations of that name in the Muslim world. Now, by the grace of God, I'm involved in a TEE ministry in my country that brings so many people to Jesus Christ.

I'm afraid that I cannot reveal my name or country, but, I'm your brother in Christ.

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