

South Asia Partnership Prayer News



"You're never too old to be a testimony for the Lord!"

- Dilli, Nepal



General Prayer Requests

You'll find general prayer requests from each country in South Asia on the South Asia Field website:

www.southasiafield.org.

If you haven't received these prayer news by email, we'll be happy to add you to our mailing list. Please contact **Field Strategy Coordinator** Dr. Hermann at (drhermann@eurasia-help.org).

Your Flight has been Delayed

That's nothing unusual in South Asia, and there are all sorts of reasons for it – fog, an important person, technical difficulties with the plane, other things. It happened several times on our last trip. How good to know that our Lord is never delayed! He knows what he is doing and he builds his church – with us or in spite of us. We saw glimpses of that during our recent district assemblies: in the work of the districts during the last twelve months; thousands of people that have been touched, transformed, and become new members in our churches. Or in the lives of people that under normal circumstances would never have been ordained.

People like Dhan Bahadur. During the assembly in Nepal I was able to meet this brother. It was a very special privilege to lay hands on him together with many other elders when Dr. Porter ordained him elder in the Church of the Nazarene. Him, Dhan Bahadur? What sense does it make to ordain a person well in his eighties?

Dhan Bahadur would have agreed with you just a few years ago: "It makes no sense. I can't do it. I'm too old!" When Dilli, our

district superintendent, asked him what he was talking about he answered: "I'm too old. I can't be part of a JESUS Film team!" Dilli responded: "You're never too old to be a testimony for the Lord!"

Dhan Bahadur took this as a permission to go. For hours he walked over the Himalayan hills (rather "mountains" for most people) to share the good news – week after week, month after month. Today the church he started in the mountains is the largest Nazarene church in Nepal with several hundred people. But he didn't stop there: Close to that congregation he started one after the other additional church.

I have no clue how long the Lord will keep him serving his church in Nepal, but I know one thing: Dhan Bahadur is an example to all our pastors. And I am grateful for people like him that continue serving no matter what their age. Thanks for praying for Dhan Bahadur and all the others that were ordained during the past few weeks! Too old? The Lord's call is never delayed.

In Christ's love,

Dr. Hermann Gschwandtner, FSC South Asia

Praise & Prayer—South Asia

In early March the South Asia Leadership Team is meeting for its annual planning session. Apart from the regular church work a special session about child development will be added to discuss how centers can become sustainable. Pray

for wisdom and guidance in all deliberations.

Our delegates for General Assembly are starting their visa process. Pray for this to be successful and for funds to send delegates to Indianapolis.

We praise God for his blessing during four district assemblies in Nepal and Bangladesh. Pray particularly for over forty men and women that have been ordained for pastoral ministry in those countries.



Praise Items



We praise God that three district assemblies were successfully organized and the BNM board and Annual General Meeting successfully completed in **Bangladesh**.

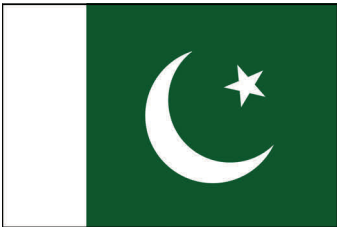
We praise God for his help in starting ministry in new areas in **Sri Lanka**. We also praise God for the mini youth & prayer camp that the NYI of Badulla district, Sri Lanka, organized in a new area for

two days. More than 50 young people and church leaders gathered for this (*see pictures*). It was a very blessed time for the people and gave new energy to the pastors and leaders. Please pray for the young people who came to this camp and for their salvation.

We praise God for the dedication of the new ministry center in Kathmandu, **Nepal**. More details are mentioned below.



Prayer Items



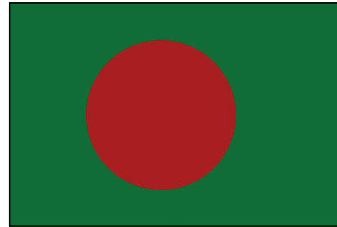
Pakistan:

Please pray for our District Assembly (taking place very soon), that we can have this without any hindrance. Please pray for all the pastors and visitors who will be attending the assembly.

Please pray for Jeff Jackson and David Argabright who will be visiting Pakistan, especially for their safety.

Please pray for the delivery of the JESUS Film Projectors, that we will have no issues by the custom officers.

Please pray for the registration of the new board and that God will remove all and any obstructions in the way.



Bangladesh:

Please pray for the new district superintendent in the Bangladesh North District, Rev. Manik Roy and his family.

Please pray for the Bangladesh South District and their new district advisory board.

Please pray for the new board of BNM and for Rev. James Baroi, the new Chairman of the BNM board.

Please pray for the newly organized churches and new Nazarene members as well as for all the ministers who received new district licenses.

Please pray for the political situation in Bangladesh and for protection of JESUS Film teams and their families.

Please pray for the visa process of the delegates we want to send to General Assembly.



Sri Lanka:

Please pray for the new JESUS Film teams, the team leaders, members and their families.

Please pray for newly started church-type missions and new mission churches.

Please pray for our coming district assembly (23 Feb.), for all arrangements, safety of all delegates and safe journeys for the leaders and visitors coming to the assembly.

Please pray for SANBC classes conducted this next month and this year, for the students and for all the needs related to the SANBC program.

Please pray for our building needs and ministry center needs.



Nepal:

Pray for the new ministry in the Western parts of the country and for wisdom and protection for all our teams there.

We praise God for the new national ministry center in Kathmandu. We pray for all the training sessions and the ministries geared towards the capital and the whole country.

We pray for all leaders of child development centers and successful training for all the kids.



For information about the South Asia Partnership please visit our website (www.southasiafield.org/opportunities/partnership.html) or contact **Field Strategy Coordinator** Dr. Hermann Gschwandtner (drhermann@eurasia-help.org). Donations for the South Asia Partnership need to be designated **APT 1017** and sent to the General Treasurer at the Global Treasury Services, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66200.