



South Asia News and Prayer Updates

2nd Quarter 2018

Dear South Asia Partners:

Greetings from the South Asia Field Office.

The Church of the Nazarene continues with the task God has given us to preach, teach and bring healing to broken hearts. We are also praying for our God to send the workers needed to collect the harvest in accordance with Matthew 9:35-38.

SALT 2018 Meeting



God gave us the opportunity to gather with all the South Asia district superintendents and ministry leaders for three days to evaluate our ministries, as well as to dream about the work we have ahead in the next five years. We discussed and agreed to work together in what we called the South Asia Wildly Important Goal. In the next five years, we want to reach 1 million people for Christ. The following measures will be used to lead our vision and mission.

To engage and equip at least 70 percent of our church members to be fully committed to loving, caring, and serving at least one person every year for the next five years.

- To show the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ and disciple new believers all across South Asia communities.
- To faithfully support the vision of reaching 1 million people through sacrificial giving for the Lord and His church, contributing to develop sustainable churches and districts.
- To train and empower 10,000 pastors.
- To engage the global church and partners in prayer as well as investing in the vision and mission.

By December 31, 2023, we want to reach at least 1 million people in South Asia with the Gospel of Jesus, as well as with the holiness doctrine.

We used the opportunity to have our SALT meeting in a new country in South Asia that is predominantly Buddhist. The visit was blessed since we spent time “walking” the city in prayer as well as meeting with some of the elders to listen to their experiences as well as

their advice for us to come and share our faith and ministry with the people in this nation.

M+POWER BANGLADESH



During seven days, volunteers and mentors from all five districts in Bangladesh gathered at the Sreemongal Ministry center to go through M+Power missionary training. This program trains mentors to mentor volunteers who are called to go and preach the Gospel in new areas. The vision of this ministry is to develop indigenous missionaries to go to areas in the field where others can't due to tribalism or radicalism. The training is also aimed at empowering local churches and districts to embrace and encourage the call of young people to mission through prayer and giving. At the end of the training several young people and their mentors went to the altar to commit their lives to serve the Lord wherever He sends them.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT: BANGLADESH DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) TRAINING

More than 30 people gathered for four days of DAB training with Rev. Trino Jara and his wife Anna. During the time we discussed several important issues regarding DAB responsibilities. Also, we spent much time evaluating the situation of hundreds of churches and working on ways to help these churches grow healthy. It is important to say that in the South Asia Field, all of the eight districts have placed as their "Vision 20/20" goal to become phase 3 districts. One of the tasks we have from the field office is to support each district to achieve their goals.

OTHER REASONS FOR PRAISE

Spiritual Revival: North Bangladesh District

From 12th April to 15th April, 2018, a spiritual revival meeting was arranged by and held in the North District Church of the Nazarene. Between 200 and 300 Nazarene members attended there every day. Non-Christians also attended. Every day there was a sermon and times of personal testimony. There was prayer time for people who were sick; many people were healed of their sickness and the Lord was praised for this. As a result of this revival meeting, the Kingdom of God is being established, people got to know and praise the love of our Lord. People have started to come to the Lord's kingdom. Also, Nazarene members got to know more about Christ, their faith was strengthened, and they grew spiritually.



Pakistan Property Purchase

We are delighted to share that our first local church is purchasing a property in Sindhi – an area of Pakistan where there has been limited penetration by church organizations. The land will make it possible to attempt to build a church. The people here are predominately Hindus, living in desert-like conditions with limited-to-almost-no resources. Water here is scarce and often people drink dirty water; formal education is non-existent. Most missions have stayed away from building churches out of fear that the local people are so poor they would never be able to support their pastor and a church.

Led by the Holy Spirit we have committed to build a church here, and over the last two years of JESUS Film evangelism, our team was able to bring a whole village to the Lord. Currently the people who came to the Lord do not have a place of worship, but due to the promise and passion of a generous donor we will begin construction on our first church in June. This church, once built, will accommodate over 400 members from the local village.

Please pray for the construction, the well-being of these new believers, and the courage and commitment of the pastor in this poor area. Please pray for our work in Sindhi as we hope to build one more church in here by the end of 2018.

Prayer Requests From the Field Office:

Pray for the pastoral education and leadership development in the field. Recent surveys showed that we would need to train at least 10,000 pastors in the next five years if we want to cope with the growth of the church in the field. We need ordained elders to strengthen and to secure the consolidation and the future of the church in South Asia. Please pray for our God to continue calling young people to serve in the ministry as well as teachers willing to come and invest time teaching in each of our districts.

Continue to pray and support our dear Sri Lanka DS, Rev. Daniel Kalacheivan, and his three sons, as they continue to grieve for his beloved wife and their mother.

Please keep praying for our South Asia Mission Team as they work hard walking hand by hand with local leaders, trying to deal with many challenges and at the same time helping them to live lives that honor God in holiness.

Continue praying for our South Asia Partnership Meeting scheduled in Boise, Idaho, this coming October 26-27. We pray and hope we will have a good crowd of people coming and listening to exciting reports about what is happening in South Asia, as well as new ministries and projects we are proposing to reach our goals for 2023.

[By the way, you are invited to join us! More details coming soon.](#)

We request urgent prayer intercession for changes in the management of Bangladesh Nazarene Mission (BNM). We ask you to pray for Mr, Milon Patwary who is taking over BNM as its new CEO. Milon is taking the task without payment, and for that the global church, as well as the Bangladeshi leadership, is extremely grateful. He is replacing Mr.

Vanu Khan, who is now serving as liaison between the Church of the Nazarene in Bangladesh, BNM and the Government of Bangladesh, as well as property-managing administrator. Please pray for both of them and the Lord to help us advance his church in this beautiful country.

Please do not forget to continue supporting our evangelistic movement, "Love, Care and Serve," aimed to engage each Nazarene member in South Asia to reach out to at least one person every year with the love of Jesus, caring for them and serving with compassionate hearts. We envision to mobilize at least 70 percent of our Nazarenes in South Asia and to reach with the love of God at least 1 million people over the next five years. We want to be 1 million Nazarenes in 2023!

Please keep Chinta, Neseta and Abia Roy in your prayers. This is the young Bangladeshi family studying at Asia Pacific Nazarene Seminary. They also need financial support to continue with their studies.

Any person interested in helping, please contact me at tjara@eurasiaregion.org

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM BANGLADESH

We continue requesting prayer for the two new districts and their DSs: Rev. Puren Roy and Rev. Moses Bose and the leadership in Bangladesh. We continue praying for God's direct intervention for the new leaders to be able to cast and share vision with pastors and leaders so the churches fulfill the call God has given them.

Please pray for the spiritual revival in the Northwest District so we can be able to do these sort of revivals again, and for those people who are working to help others to grow in the Lord's Kingdom.

Please pray for the new Thakurgaon District as they just started and do not have a district office where they can run the District Activity smoothly.

Please pray especially for some of the Child Development Centers in the Thakurgaon District where hundreds of children are in severe need, but not one of the children have received a sponsor. Another problem is that the church building is hampered by illegal land registration.

Please pray for all our churches to awaken and open their hearts to God in order to minister to their communities through different ministries that are needed.

Please pray for Pastor Horimohan Roy at Dobarhat Church, Pirgaonj who is in critical condition due to kidney damage. So please pray for him as we believe he can be healed by the grace of God.

Rev. Dilip Roy is suffering about his wife's eyes for a long time. Please pray for him and his wife and God's healing.

Please pray for some of our inactive churches in the Thakurgaon District. Please pray for our JESUS Film team and pastor as they rejuvenate the inactive churches.

Pray for every one of the believers in the Thakurgaon Bangladesh District to be faithful in building His Kingdom.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM SRI LANKA

Please pray for pastors, their ministry and His blessings and guidance in their difficult times.

Please pray for our churches, especially for local and lay leaders and their spiritual growth.

Please pray for people who suffer because of rising cost of living all over the country.

Please pray for His guidance to reach our 2020 goal.

Please pray for people who are affected by heavy rain and suffer (loss of loved ones and houses/possessions)

Please pray for SANBC students, teachers and classes.
Please pray for JF team workers and film shows.
Please pray for NCM workers and all staff.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NEPAL

Congregations of Church of the Nazarene at Bhangbari of Palpa (western hilly village), Jayaramghat of Khotang (central hilly village), Dhulabari of Jhapa (small town of eastern plain) and Kusmadi (village of central plain) are in urgent need of the building halls for having their regular church services and other church-related activities. Locally raised funds are inadequate for what they need to build the buildings. Pray that God provides their needs.

A Work & Witness team from Glendora Church of the Nazarene, (Glendora, California) is coming to work on the construction of Kirtipur, Kathmandu, ministry center. This team will work on the construction site from June 5 – 16/17, 2018. We are almost there at the rainy season of the year while the team is here in Nepal to work on the construction site. We pray that the Lord will bless those days with favorable weather while the team works. We also pray for the travel safety of all team members.

There are 160-plus organized Nazarene churches in Nepal (including around 20 that are inactive). Pray for both active and inactive churches and especially God giving wisdom and strength to local church pastors as they look after and lead their congregations.

NCM Nepal has been one of the great tools helping the church to serve needy people. Programs of NCM have been increased since the 2015 earthquake, demanding skilled, capable and professional people with commitment to work. Pray that God helps the NCM Nepal team prepare and develop these workers.

These days, there is more restriction in Nepal against Christianity due to some of the political and religious groups of fundamentalists. Pray that God moves and the church is effective.

Pray for the JF, NYI, NMI and SDMI and SANBC programs in Nepal.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PAKISTAN

Please pray for our district superintendent and the district leaders. Pray for safety as well as for protection and the blessings from the almighty God upon them.

We also request permanent prayer for our pastors and leaders as they share the good news of salvation with their friends and neighbors.

We also request prayer and financial support for the project of building small worship halls for people to come and worship the Lord together. The construction of these small worship halls is of vital importance for the growth and consolidation of the work of the Gospel in this nation. We have 13 churches that purchased land for their Church Building and we are seeking resources to help with their construction. In a country with all the challenges we face from persecution, discrimination and poverty, the church is growing and the Spirit is doing things beyond our imagination to build the church of Christ.

In Karachi, our first batch of female students completed their "sewing and tailoring" schooling. These young women will now be able to earn a living to support themselves and to help their families financially. Please pray as we look to begin a new training center for women in Lahore and for God to supply the resources to purchase 10 sewing machines.

Also a prayer for thanksgiving for the successful leadership seminar we held across Pakistan to train our local pastors, Sunday school, NMI and NYI leaders in the need to be graceful leaders in their church and community. The response was wonderful and the impact is being felt as more pastors and churches are moving toward a more holistic ministry for the whole community.

Please keep praying for our district vision to "build holiness churches" across the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. We need God's Spirit to open new opportunities, protect our people and to support the resources to construct holiness churches all across Pakistan.

Lastly, we would like to welcome Rusty and Diane Robbins to our field. They will be serving as regional and field JFHP coordinators, as well as supporting Alabaster and W&W ministries in the field. The Robbins are coming to serve in our field after serving several years with JESUS Film Harvest Partners, as well as ministerial experience in administration and public relations. Please pray for them and for strength in their new

ministerial experience.

We also want to say good-bye to Bill and Theresa Grigory, which have served in our field for a year, in Sri Lanka. They are moving to serve in another field in the Eurasia Region. The Grigorys indeed left a good impact during their year serving among us. We will miss them.

Blessings.

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For information about the South Asia Partnership please contact Ted Diehr (tdiehr@comcast.net).

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.

The needs in South Asia are numerous yet the eternal impact is tremendous. If there is anything in this prayer letter that prompts your interest in further investment, please contact me for any additional details that you might want.

