



South Asia

South Asia Partnership • Praise and Prayer Newsletter



September 8th, 2019

Dear South Asia Partners,

FROM THE SOUTH ASIA FIELD OFFICE:

Recently God put in front of me a precious devotional reading about Spiritual tiredness and reminded me about the times when we are under tremendous pressure and we want to quit and run away. The story of Elijah in 1 Kings 9 speaks about a committed God servant burnt out because the burdens of ministry. Elijah was totally depleted and in distress in such a way he ran away and hide. A big majority of our District Superintendents and Pastors through South Asia live in constant stress because different situations from being a minority in countries with radical religious majorities, to extreme poverty and constant natural disasters. We are constantly reminded that our leaders are just people that need to look to God and to deeply depend on him for guidance and wisdom. I have seen some of our leaders exhausted and disappointed but I have seen also the Lord sending His angels to support them. I have heard the voice of God commanding them to get up and eat!. Our South Asian Leaders learn every day that even in spite the stress of their daily life; God is on their side encouraging and giving them courage to continue their journey. We have a task; pray for each of them; for the District Superintendents; Ministry Coordinators, Area conveners and local church pastors. Thanks so much for your investment in prayer for our South Asian leaders.

God Bless,
Trino Jara

Praises from the Missions team:

- Rusty & Diane Robbins - Church Resource Packs (CRP) for new Jesus Film Harvest Partner Preaching Points have arrived in Bangladesh.
- Ramesh & Karuna Pathara - Praise for Ramesh's mother having a good cancer report after treatment. Also for all of Ramesh's work putting appropriate policies and procedures in place for the South Asia Field in order to manage God's resources with honesty and transparency.
- Amitava & Rosemary Chatterjee - Great progress is taking place in the area of pastoral education in South Asia due to their leadership. This is critical for the Field. He is also helping with pastoral and leadership training.
- Andrew & Jenna Stout - Praise for the granting of their Visa! Pray for them as they finalize the details of their transition and pray for their ministry!
- Creative Access Leadership - Praise for follow-up with new family where

Gospel was shared. New family has started coming to church. Also a new college student is coming and there are another 4 families showing interest!

- Praise for a recent visit to another country to explore ministry opportunities. Pray for wisdom & the Lord's leading as these ideas are explored further.

Praises from the Districts:

- Thakurgon District - SALT mtgs, NYI camp with 48 young people last month, beginning of M. Div Program in Bangladesh
- North District - 137 recent baptisms
- Other Bangladesh Districts - Praise for enrollment of students in South Asia Nazarene Bible College (SANBC); Great compassionate response of the church to the Dengue epidemic and for relief supplies to hundreds of families that have lost everything to Monsoon floods; Also praise for the youth camp emphasis to mobilize the youth to focus on evangelism and discipleship.
- Pakistan - Praise for recent Sunday School rallies where over 30 churches have participated; A new church has been organized and is in the process of purchasing land; Six buildings are under construction for new churches; Praise for the ongoing support being received.
- Nepal - Praise for New goals established by Dilli to grow new districts; Praise for new leadership for NCM Nepal (Rev. Machindra Samsohang)
- Sri Lanka - Recent Tell the Story Training for Pastors and Jesus Film Teams; Recent receipt of Bibles; Recent Seminar that the Shalom church hosted at the request of the Government Education Dept. for ~ 500 students

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for all of the Pastors and ministry leaders across the South Asia Field as well as all of the students enrolled in training and classes.
- Pray for all of Jesus Film Teams to be effective and protected
- Pray for all of the compassionate ministry efforts across South Asia to show Jesus' love and be a gateway for sharing the Gospel
- Pray for Karuna Pathara as she travels to help Districts develop strong Sunday School and Discipleship ministries
- Pray for Amitava as he is facing some health issues and back pain. Also pray for the Lord to provide resources that are needed for pastoral training and for faculty to come and teach as well as the leadership in this area.
- Pray for the Stouts family as they transition to the field and for the new baby that they are expecting.
- Pray for the existing Creative Access country ministry efforts and for team visiting in October to help evaluate progress; Pray for families to be receptive; Pray for wisdom in the evaluation of new opportunities.
- Pray that the emphasis on evangelism and discipleship across the entire field would reap a harvest of new committed believers.
- Pray for the people of Karachi Pakistan who have been impacted by flooding and sickness; For peace in areas where there is the threat of war or persecution; Pray for Aneel and his team.
- Pray for the recent leadership restructuring on Nepal to bear fruit; for NCM Nepal to have increased effectiveness and for Dilli's efforts to lead the church towards new Growth in the areas of new churches and new districts
- Pray for the efforts to register the church in Sri Lanka through the Parliament; Pray for the upcoming youth camp, distribution of Bibles, and for the effective use of the recently held Tell the Story training; Pray for NCM Lanka and the new structure to the leadership
- Pray for the upcoming South Asia Vision Trip that will be taking place in October; Pray for those traveling to have protection and to be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the New missionaries that will come to take over as the FSC in January of 2020.
- Pray for the NMI, SDMI, and NYI emphases that are taking place across the field. Pray that the youth will continue to be reached and developed into future evangelistic leaders.

Photos from the South Asia Field shown below including recent Baptisms in the North Bangladesh District and recent Sunday School and Worship in a church in Pakistan.

More photos are in the pdf - see link below.



Additional Pictures from South Asia:

PICTURES TO SHARE

Tell the Story Training in Shalom CoN in Badulla Sri Lanka



Government School Teachers Training in Shalom CoN in Badulla, Sri Lanka



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Thank you for your interest and support of the South Asia Field. God is moving and thank you for wanting to be a part of it.



Sri Lanka

Bangladesh



Nepal



Pakistan
