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### **New Dawn Association's Nepal Earthquake Fund**

Yesterday, 13th May 2015, we learnt about the 2<sup>nd</sup> big earthquake ( magnitude 7.4) in Nepal. Pastor Krishna managed to write an email to us several hours later, following the disaster. He wrote, "Again, so many people have died and thousands are injured. We are out of our home, putting up tents outside, but we are all safe. Our home has also been cracked by today's earthquake". We cannot begin to imagine the situation on the ground in Nepal. The fear of further after-shocks is ever-present and the loss of lives and the damage is huge.

We are writing this brief update to keep you informed, and to thank everyone who has donated to the "New Dawn Earthquake Fund". Last week we were able to make a first transfer of **€8,430** to Nepal. Some money is still coming in and we will make a second transfer in due time.

Pastor Krishna, his wife Pabitra, and their team, have been greatly encouraged by your support and your prayers, and send their heart-felt gratitude.

During the week following the first earthquake, Krishna and Pabitra were involved in meeting the immediate needs of their local community and also his large church community. For about 8 days their home became a refuge for 120 needy people, all eating and sleeping in their house. There have been after-shocks every day, and many buildings have been destroyed or rendered unsafe. Since yesterday's second major earthquake we can barely imagine just how much the situation must have deteriorated.



**Tents for Pyutar**



**Krishna in Pyutar with tent**

The needs are great in the remote areas and Krishna's work, as many of you know, extends to these regions. He has a passion to bring the Word of God to the remote parts of his country. (The 5 small Bible Schools that we have been involved in are very much part of that vision, helping to disciple, equip and train young men and women from the remote areas.) Krishna and his team are assessing each situation to find out how best to help the villages they are specifically connected to.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May, Krishna and four other people journeyed to Pyutar, a severely affected village area where Amar Kumar, one of last year's Bible School students, is living. After the Bible School this young man returned to his home with the desire to pastor in his remote village. Since last year he has married, and established a small church and has received encouragement and guidance from Krishna. Many of the homes in

the community of Pyutar have been destroyed, including that small church. Krishna and his team took tents (ground sheets) and food to meet immediate needs. In the long term they are intending to assist them to re-build their church. They spent 3 days with the community, encouraging them and helping them to salvage what was possible from the ruins.

As soon as it is safe enough again, Krishna intends to travel to the Gorkha region to assist 2 more very needy communities. Little-by-little, Krishna and his team are deciding how best to allocate the donated funds. He is keeping us up-dated on an almost daily basis.



**Distribution of tents in Pyutar**

The Bible School building, also housing a small orphanage on the ground floor, has been rendered totally unusable. All that can be salvaged from the building is being stored, with the hope of one day being able to re-construct. The orphan children are still not able to return to school. Krishna and Pabitra now have the "Little Feet" children housed with them, in Kathmandu.

Please continue to pray, particularly for Krishna and Pabitra who have a huge responsibility amidst this disaster. They need encouragement, renewed hope and wisdom.



**Pabitra helps serve a meal in makeshift, outside kitchen**

Once again, we want to thank all of you for your generosity and concern. We look to God and believe that, even through this tragedy, He will shine forth His power.

Jennie and Don

*"O Lord, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy." (Hab.3:2)*



**Provisions**

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