



Missions News June 2015

NEPAL

Following a devastating series of earthquakes and aftershocks, Prem Bahadur (pictured, in mask) was able to buy rice to give to affected villagers in the valleys around Kathmandu.

We were able to send funds to purchase water and rice to ensure that food and clean drinking water was

available in the days immediately following the destructive quake.



As reported previously, Prem and his family are unable to occupy their quake-damaged home and now shelter in a temporary structure (pictured).

The temporary shelter will be adequate during the summer months but will not suffice during the winter. Repairing damaged buildings and newly built homes is a priority before the onset of winter in October.

THAILAND

Most people have heard of the Golden Triangle, a place famous (or infamous) for growing poppies as a cash crop.

It is the place where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet. Just a few kilometres away is the town of Mae Sai, the northernmost place in Thailand. The bridge from Mae Sai crosses the river into Tachileik, Myanmar. Mae Sai is the home of Alan Jones and the Kingdom Mission Training Centre. Alan, an Australian, has been living in Mae Sai for a few years and has opened KMTC to train young Thai, Burmese and Lao men and women for the harvest of souls in Asia.

Take a look at the YouTube clip to see what KMTC is all about.

<http://youtu.be/TI1BumXLJJo>

MISSIONS FOCUS

Mid-year is a great time to ensure that between now and the end of the year, your church has plans in place for a mission summit, conference or focus weekend.

These are held by many churches and ensure that the church can celebrate its achievements in mission over the past year and announce its missions strategy for the year to come. Central to this is that people are taught or reminded of God's priorities, and challenged to adjust our priorities to fit with his. It is also a time to raise awareness and engage people in praying for, giving to and, perhaps, planning to visit the mission fields supported by the local church.

Some churches have been doing this for many years and do it so very well. You'd be well advised to visit one of the flagship mission churches in our nation and see how they conduct a missions summit and how the people 'own' missions. What you see will inspire you and encourage you to start, or continue the journey of raising the missions temperature in your church.

Please email Cathy (cathy@apostolic.org.au) if you need further information.

DISASTER RELIEF

We are conscious of and thankful for the generous giving received recently from churches and individuals in response to natural disasters in Nepal and Vanuatu.

It should be noted that, when individuals make a deductible gift, the National Office should be notified at the time of the donation. The required details are the name and address of the donor, amount donated and purpose (e.g. Nepal). It is not possible to retrospectively raise tax receipts for donations once they have been processed.

Your Story

We would absolutely love to hear what's happening in the countries that your church is working in. If you have a story or an update like the above that you'd love to share, please send it to Cathy at cathy@apostolic.org.au.

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