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A Refuge in Nepal

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For those of us who have grown up in the western world, it is difficult to imagine the life of a refugee in Damak, Nepal.

camps have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ before.

From November 4-16, a team from

toothbrushes. The team will also give out lovingly-handmade clothing to needy children. The services provided are truly a miracle for many,

when you consider that most of India, which borders Nepal, lives on less than a dollar a day.

There will be a pastors' conference to teach, strengthen, and encourage as well as several festivals to preach the Good News with follow-up by pastors and staff who attend the RSA trainings. Kid Stand (www.kidstand.org) will be sharing the Good News with children through drama, dance, acrobatics, and more! It will be exciting to see how the Lord uses all the team members' gifts and passions to draw

people in Damak to Jesus! Please pray with us for a great harvest! ●

Damak is a town and municipality in the lowlands of south-east Nepal. The population is approximately 50,000. There is a large Himalayan tea garden nearby.



There are 7 Bhutanese refugee camps in the area of Damak, they house approximately 100,000 men, women and children. Built in the early 1990's the 7 camps consist of several Nepalese ethnic groups, 64 castes and 4 religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Kirant and Christianity. The residents were refused re-admission and citizenship by their native Bhutan for campaigning for democracy in politics and religion. Most of Bhutan is Buddhist and many of the refugees are now Hindu and speak Nepali. The refugees depend on the World Food Program for their daily rations to live. Paid work is not allowed in the camps, and the incidence of suicide, alcoholism, and violence is high. Many in these

RSA will partner with a team from All Nations Ministries (Evangelist Mike Parker) and Kid Stand from Dallas, Texas. The RSA Medical team will bring medical services to the three Beldangi camps in Damak with the assistance of local pastors and medical personnel. The team will bring hope through the message of the Gospel and healing through medical outreaches. They will screen for physical issues, give medicines, reading glasses and instruction on oral hygiene with

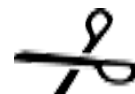
Transportation in Damak, Nepal is definitely different than in the western world!

Pray for Nepal

November 4-16

For trip updates and photos, visit: <http://www.facebook.com/ReidSaundersAssociation>

Please cut out the prayer guide below and place it where you will see it often and remember to pray.



Nepal Prayer Guide

- Fri, Nov 4** Team departs PDX
- Sat, Nov 5** Team arrives in New Delhi, India
- Sun, Nov 6** Team travels to Damak, Nepal
- Mon, Nov 7** School & Community Outreaches, Clinic Day # 1, Pastors' Conference # 1
- Tue, Nov 8** School & Community Outreaches, Clinic Day # 2, Pastors' Conference # 2
- Wed, Nov 9** School & Community Outreaches, Clinic Day # 3, Pastors' Conference # 3
- Thu, Nov 10** School & Community Outreaches, Clinic Day # 4, Pastors' Conference # 4
- Fri, Nov 11** School & Community Outreaches, Clinic Day # 5, Pastors' Conference # 5
- Sat, Nov 12** Festival Day #1, Large Pastors' Conference
- Sun, Nov 13** Festival Day #2
- Mon, Nov 14** Team travels to Agra, India
- Tues, Nov 15** Team does sight-seeing, departs India
- Wed, Nov 16** Team returns to PDX



Photos from this February's pre-trip (L to R): Nepalese man plows a field, pastors receive training, Fred and Brett Butcher and a local pastor baptize, Pastor Sunny Abraham (right) with 2 pastors.



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El Salvador: One Year Later

Recently Ruth Daniels, Latin America Coordinator, interviewed Salvadoran pastor Carlos Moreno. The two worked together to coordinate a city-wide festival in Santa Tecla, El Salvador last summer.

Ruth: How did RSA help your church fulfill its calling in Santa Tecla?

Carlos: RSA helped us to impact Santa Tecla through preaching at parks and schools. Santa Tecla is a city with a lot of youth. The activities we carried out in the city were shocking to them because they realized that the Christian life is not boring but exciting and full of gifts for those who obey him. Many were surprised that despite the rainy weather we had, God's word was still preached. Another thing that was amazing to the people was that this huge event was free for all. This taught us that God remains true to what he teaches in his Word. The message of salvation is free for all as it is the salvation of their souls itself.

Ruth: Describe any ways the Lord answered prayer for the festival and outreach events.

Carlos: During the planning stage, for every detail regarding the activities of the event, we presented them to God in prayer. And He certainly delivered. As a church we had several days of prayer before the event. This was done not only by our church but by other congregations. God answered each one of those prayers. We asked Him for protection, health, resources, care, strength and courage to serve Him, and God gave us all that and more. We still talk about those answered prayers and apply what we've learned to other activities we are doing now.

Ruth: What is your impression of the RSA staff and the mission team members?

Carlos: They demonstrated love, community, good humor, dedication, discipline, gifts, and a heart for service. In short, I observed in them the fruits of the Holy Spirit and the conviction to serve God without expectations. The traits of RSA

personnel and the members of the group greatly impacted the youth in our church, at the school, and other places where they ministered.

Ruth: How was your church impacted by the mission?

Carlos: It was a great opportunity for my church to serve God as a team, but also work alongside RSA and other churches that joined us to help at the festival. It was nice to see children, youth, adults and seniors together serving God. The church has grown both spiritually and physically. God has brought several new families to the church although not as a direct result



A woman and her son pray to receive Christ at an outreach event in El Salvador (summer 2010).

of the festival, but as a fruit and blessing for being obedient to God. Since we've grown in numbers, we also need to physically grow. We have purchased a piece of land for a new church building. When I meet with pastors of other churches who helped plan the festival, they always thank me for the opportunity we gave them to participate in the event and ask me when we will do another one. This is because it was a great blessing to their churches and a unique opportunity for them to help increase God's Kingdom and to glorify and honor the King.

Ruth: One year later, is the mission still bearing fruit in your church and in your community?

Carlos: We observed that people need to hear the message of God, but more than that they need to have their lives transformed. In El Salvador everyone knows who Jesus is, but do not know him personally. This is a big challenge for the children of God to be the light in our mist. Seeing different age groups involved in this project, working without any self-interest and serving the community surprised the people in our community. Even the city officials are asking us when we will do another festival because they have seen the fruit of what we did. That fruit is that the city is calmer and has a sense of stability.

Ruth: Are those who accepted Christ last summer growing in their faith today?

Carlos: Definitely yes! A year later God continues to bring new families to our church to be disciples, and more of our members are participating in the church activities. Two of the areas that have seen much growth since the festival are the children's and youth ministries. Don V. is a person who accepted Christ at a medical clinic and who now regularly attends our church services. Most of the people who accepted the Lord at the festival, medical clinics, and schools live far away from our church but we continue to assist them to find a local church closer to their homes.

Ruth: Has your church engaged with the community in a different way since last year's festival?

Carlos: Since we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Nazareth School by doing the festival with RSA, we have had more opportunities to help the school. Now there is an ongoing prayer ministry at the school and parents now have the opportunity to attend parenting seminars. Also, once a month our church visits the children's orphanage CIPI. Furthermore, the military school has opened their doors for our church to continue holding chapel time there. Our church also started a ministry where we provide assistance to needy people through different activities. ●

Churches Unite for GhanaFest 2012

Recently Reid Saunders, Brett Butcher, and Tim Robnett represented RSA in Accra, Ghana as they met with Pastor Harry Thomas of Come Alive International (Creation Festivals) and local leaders to prepare for GhanaFest 2012. They experienced great excitement among the churches, the media, and even the government.

While in Accra, the team was able to meet with inter-denominational Christian leaders. They were able to make an official announcement about GhanaFest on the morning show of Ghana's largest TV network, which assured their continual coverage of the event. Reid and Pastor Harry were on the radio. And the team fielded questions at a press conference with 60 in attendance! Even the President and the Vice President of Ghana told them they plan to attend GhanaFest and give a greeting!

The local festival committee is full of outstanding leaders, and the churches have begun all-night prayer meetings on a regular basis. They are asking the Lord to bring revival among the youth in their country. Reid and Pastor Harry spoke at a 1-day pastors' conference with about 300 in attendance.

At the launch, leaders from the city officially invited RSA and Come Alive International to partner with them for GhanaFest. The launch was historical! Never before had all the denominational heads come together for an evangelistic campaign. There are over 300 churches involved, and the leaders of these churches expect God to do great things through this festival. While he was there, Reid sensed that "the Spirit of God is truly *uniting* the body of Christ in order to *bring people into* the body of Christ!"

The RSA mission team for GhanaFest is comprised of people from all over the USA and will be serving at medical clinics, women's conferences, the festival, and more! It will be exciting to see how the Lord answers prayers and fulfills His purpose for the nation of Ghana. The mission trip is scheduled for January 20-31, 2012. GhanaFest is the weekend of January 27-29. ●



The launch for GhanaFest 2012 was a historic event!

Champion Spotlight: The Myers

Craig and Carma Myers first became involved with RSA in 2005 after getting to know Brett and Shannon Butcher in a small group led by the Myers. Craig and Carma have served RSA in a number of ways over the years: Craig helped with the fundraising for the Salem Riverfest. Carma babysat newborn Sarina Butcher so that Shannon could work in the Salem Riverfest office. The Myers have partnered as table hosts for fundraising events, financial supporters, financial support for people who have gone on missions, office volunteers, and prayer supporters.

Carma is also part of a special team of volunteers sewing clothes to be given to children on missions trips, and she cares for Sarina (age 4), Owen (age 2), and Noelle (age 1) Butcher so Shannon can work in the RSA office one day a week. Carma and Craig are also a wonderful support to Carmen and Shannon while Reid and Brett are away on missions.

As Craig and Carma reflected on how they have been impacted by their involvement with RSA, they remarked, "We have become more aware of the world of evangelism and the practical ways God's message is carried forward. Both the Butcher and the Saunders families are humble, sincere, hardworking servants for the Lord. Their tireless, self-sacrificing effort of carrying the salvation message to the unsaved is an inspiration to all that experience the RSA ministry." ●



Craig and Carma Myers with Owen and Sarina Butcher (April 2009).

2012 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Ghana — January

Israel — May

Guatemala — Summer

Sri Lanka — October

Australia — November

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