

## Gospel for Life November 2016

## Discipleship Launch in Nepal

Dear Friends and Family,

In the providence of God, our earlier plans to minister in Nepal were cancelled due to a scheduling conflict with earthquake relief teams. And, recent persecution by Hindu authorities shut down several Christian orphanages in the greater Katmandu area. But, the change in plans has revealed an even more significant open door for GFL. A Nepalese pastor friend has asked us to partner with him in launching a discipleship movement in Nepal. In our upcoming December trip Jay and Pastor Bedu will be providing discipleship conferences for pastors in two different regions of Nepal (Dec. 8-22, 2016).



**Predominantly Hindu Nepal has great spiritual needs.** Not only because the church is very young there, but also because of the thousands of new believers requiring discipleship. Now that pastors have begun grounding their church members in gospel essentials, they are asking "What is next?" The answer is the Great Commission. Christ's last command, "make disciples" is to be our first priority.

Jay and Pastor Bedu share a deep passion for disciple-making. Both see it as urgent if churches are to thrive. Nepalese churches are in desperate need of shepherds and training pastors. In Nepal, when a pastor dies, it is common for the church to close. This ought not to be. Therefore, our goal is to help churches build their ministries around discipleship. The work that Jay and Pastor Bedu intend to do is not a onetime inoculation. Our vision is national and ongoing. Our plan is to assist churches in equipping training pastors who will help create a discipleship movement in Nepal.





We need your prayers; we are not under the illusion that this can be done by our own efforts. Our conviction is that Christ desires every member of His body to be brought to maturity (Col 1:28-29). Discipleship is how this takes place. Our Savior's compassion for His sheep is expressed in the following manner, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

(Photo on the right is the Pastors' Conference in Nepal 2013)



## We are requesting your prayers for the 'Discipleship Launch in Nepal' Please Pray:

- That all of our flight connections would be operational.
- For the health and safety of Jay and Michele.
- That teams of disciple-makers would be formed in every region of our ministry.
- That all the resources for this missions trip would be provided.

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Because of the generosity of our partners, GFL has \$3000 in savings earmarked for missions travel. THANK YOU to those who have already donated to our Asian missions!

- Two RT airfares to Katmandu for Jay and Michele: \$2185 total.
- Domestic RT flights in Nepal: \$1284 total.
- Lodging in Nepal: \$475. Meals: \$265.
- Meals for the Nepalese pastors at the conference in far western Nepal: \$500.
- Meals for the Nepalese pastors at the conference in Pokhara: \$700.
- Cost of printing and binding "Eight Life-changing Questions" in the Nepali language into 1000 books: \$660.

This leaves \$3069 needed to fund this mission's trip.

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Thank you so much for your prayers and support! Jay, Michele and the GFL Team