

News Updates from Ram Prasad and Keshari Shrestha, December, 2024



Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,
Greetings!

I hope this finds you in good health and spirit that enables you to continue to serve the Lord and impact the lives around you.

By God's grace, we are doing quite well. The Lord has been helping me to lead the church and witness to Jesus throughout the week in different ways. As Christmas is approaching, I am sure you must be busy planning a joyous Christmas. **We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.** May our Loving Father bring lots of Joy and happiness as we anticipate to celebrate His coming to the world.

Let me update you on some of the highlights:



It has been almost 3 years since I have been supporting the work of a local charity called 'Bridges' where I go once a week on Monday to feed, clean, and support people who sleep rough and live in measurable ways. Most of them are under the influence of drugs and alcohol. They are devastated by their

family's breakdown. Whilst working with them, it gives me ample opportunity to sit with them and share the Good News and even pray with them. We thank the Lord that at least 3 members from that community come to worship at our church.

Satanist has surrendered Her Life to Jesus

Following my updates previously regarding Satanist being healed when I prayed for her a few months back. After that, I kept on bumping into her. Every time I met, she would appreciate me and hug me. Just two weeks ago, I met her and started to talk about how she was doing. I asked if she still keeping an altar of satan at her home. She started to cry and she told me "My friends started hating me. They do not like me! I am feeling lonely! I told her that Jesus is working in your life. Satan does not like you being closer to Jesus. Satan may bring barriers and troubles when you surrender your life to Jesus. I started to share the Love of God and His deliverance. My colleague Chris stepped in and joined me to evangelize her. I let both talk. I could see, that she was crying. After a half hour of persuasive evangelist talk, she agreed to accept Jesus Christ. We have asked her to remove the altar of Satan from her home and read the bible. I have given her a bible to start reading and praying to God. I thank God for bringing transformation into her life.



Muslim worship with us

Tarik is one of the friends, whom I met whilst sharing Gospel on the street and Bridges where I feed and help. After meeting several times and sharing the gospel he started coming to the church. He also brought another friend called Shahil who has also now joined the church and bible study. They are quite liberal Muslims who are open to talking about Christianity and learning about it. They even

joined the bible study where they interact with us and ask us to pray for them. Tarik has asked to pray that he would come out of the habit of drinking and Shahil has asked to pray for his training for Security Training. Let us pray that God works in their heart and convicts of their sins to accept him as Lord and Savior.

Ashia a Muslim lady from Morocco, is one of the students who come to our English Language Class. She started coming to our church with her 2 kids. They enjoyed being in the church. Please pray that she will experience an encounter with Jesus Christ.



God's Surprising Gift

Keshari and I were planning to visit Nepal to meet family and especially to see our newborn Grandchild. Since I did not have sufficient funds to buy a ticket for both of us, I told Keshari to go alone and I purchased a ticket for her to fly on the 3rd of January.

When a couple from SIM UK heard that I was not going due to the funds. They offered to purchase a ticket for me. They told me it is important to visit family. They understood the importance of visiting family because they had also served as missionaries for several years. I thank them for their generous hearts. Now I have bought a ticket for myself as well, so will be flying together on the 3rd of January. However, I will return on the 22nd of January and Keshari will return after 2 months so that she will have enough time to spend with her grandchild and her elderly parents.



Gay and Lesbian

While sharing the gospel on the street a group of students came to me and asked, what the Bible says about Gay and lesbian relationships. They were a bit shy but very friendly. The interesting thing is that one of the gay couple and another lesbian couple, each partner was of Pakistani origin. They told me that Islam does not accept them. They can not open up themselves to them. I told them that God has created you four and he loves you as same as he loves others. We are not perfect. God wants each one of us to go to heaven. But he would not appreciate indulging in such activities because the bible does not accept such relationships. However, God does not want you to perish, and he accepts you but you need to repent of your sins. They were happy. I asked if I could take a picture with them for my personal use. They were happy to take picture with me.

English Language Classes

We continue to teach the English Language to refugees and asylum seekers. We have not only refugees and asylum seekers but also Pakistani men and women who can not speak English. I teach them from the Bible to teach English which provides a safe platform to share the story of Jesus and evangelize them.

Prayer and praise points:

- We thank God for enabling us to Baptise 4 members this year.
- We thank God for the growth and unity of the church.
- Please pray for our trip to Nepal.
- Please pray for an evangelistic Christmas event on Christmas day..

In Him
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