



BAPTISM IN THE NILE

The recent disastrous flood in Nepal brought global focus on this ancient country known as the world's only Hindu country, until 2008 when its monarchy was abolished.

My introduction came when our team of pastors travelled various Asian countries on a mission trip in 2001, and stopped briefly in Nepal. It was a shock to the senses to witness the free movement of monkeys playing and moving in the Swayambhunath Stupa—a Buddhist temple overlooking Kathmandu and locally known as the "monkey temple". Locals reminded us these monkeys were descendants of the ancient monkey god Hanuman and for that reason these monkeys were considered sacred-revered and even fed by locals.

Nepalis believe their nation was also the birthplace of Buddah (683 BCE); his followers exist alongside Hindus who practice similar spiritual beliefs in that area, together occupying 89% of Nepal's religious commitment while Christians only comprise 2%.

While tourists enjoy the spectacular natural beauty (as we did also) Christian leaders on our mission longed for opportunity to introduce Nepalis to the Creator of all the beauty around them. Unfortunately, passive resistance to the Gospel is still resistance. Only time and circumstance can make an individual (or a nation) open to the goodness and grace of God.

RADIO

In a nation of 29+ million living in communities largely tucked in valleys and mountainsides, radio just made sense. So, in 2011 we began to send in Nepali programs, with the help of a long-time broadcast friend. Like many of the gospel-resistant places where we broadcast, less attention on us is better, so we have been careful to speak softly but consistently on every broadcast.

EARTHQUAKE

Nepal has a painful history of earthquakes (1833; 1934; 1988; 2015) where thousands of lives lost, many injured, large numbers of families displaced and pain washing over a nation with every disaster.

FLOODS

Dating back to 1947, Nepal has also suffered many, many floods with no end in sight. This 2026 flood has some calling for climate change as the culprit, but with over a century of flooding and earthquakes that have produced endless suffering, might we consider something else?

After following Buddah and other gods for 600 years before Christ, could this be a moment of awakening? For Christ followers, the answer is clear! As His followers, we MUST do all within our ability to make Jesus known to Nepal...to make sure their choices are informed.

Even before we could pick up a pen, we picked up a phone; soon we had the first commitment of Nepali Bibles distributed among flood victims who would receive them. We initiated support for constant on-air radio broadcasts of the Nepali Bible only. And our friends from Sonset carried in solar powered radios which can receive our partner radio stations, distributing them to victims living in tents in the hills above the flood zone.

NEPALIS RECEIVE BIBLES



Our good friends at Galcom have partnered with us to provide solar powered radios (equipped with audio Bibles) for distribution among victims living within the sound of our partner radio stations and others are joining in with support for Bibles. Please pray we can get these through historically restrictive Nepali customs.

What can be a higher priority than the Word of God (either in print or audio) in a flood zone where so much pain has shaken a nation? This is certainly a moment to pray the God who created Nepal might be acknowledged by its people, and that His Word would forever silence the superstitions and idolatries that have for so long smothered Nepali hearts and minds.

Please pray about helping us with solar radios and Bibles at this critical moment when hearts may be open to Him! (Solar radios with Nepali audio Bible \$20 – Nepali language Bibles \$10).

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

4,000 miles south west of Kathmandu lies the Ugandan village of Nakyessa, located just 2 hours north of Kampala. At first glance, it looks like any other rural village where too much heat, sparse rainfall and barely enough money have lulled it into complacency. It is anything but complacent.

In fact, 40 years earlier it was a demonic stronghold where evil was openly practised as clan leaders forced families to accept generational demon worship, offering many burnt offerings in the process.

But the time came when one of the young members that had been forced to witness these abominable practices, came to faith in Christ. He touched the throne of God and was never the same after that. In fact, late one night, reminiscent of Gideon, he travelled from Kampala to Nakyessa and burned down the 9 demonic shrines that had been dedicated to the evil world. And in that late night attack on the gates of hell, young Deo declared *“Only Jesus Christ will be worshipped in this place from now on”*.

Deo soon went on to be with his God after he and his team of young pastors were all killed in a car accident. All seemed quiet in Nakyessa. 20 years later we arrived, oblivious to all that had transpired. From time to time our team noticed tell-tale signs of traditions related to fear that comes from the evil one; small children had minor disfigurements, deliberately inflicted by mothers afraid their child would fall victim to child sacrifice, a practice that was a real concern to police when we arrived in Uganda. Other times witch doctors would do a dance of spells as our Canadian team worked to help the school; other times we would find ourselves surrounded by crowds led by demonic-inspired “leaders” performing culturally practised circumcision-on youth and in fields without pain killers.

And there were the rumors Nakyessa was a center of witchcraft in Uganda-we heard that over and again.

These would all make us wonder...

ONLY JESUS

The day came when we had completed all the Lord gave for us at Nakyessa. After 12 years it was time to move on to north Uganda but before we left, we felt deeply convicted we must build a church in the village. Canadian volunteer Ken (Jajja to locals) employed his architectural skill to design a unique church that was wind resistant-a real benefit in this area where so many roofs came off during storms. But he insisted we place it where he felt urgency. Our team had always been spiritually synchronized so the decision was easy. We built it in Nakyessa, near the cemetery where Deo was resting.

UNIQUE DEDICATION

On dedication day, our friend Bishop Musisi commissioned young pastor James and his wife to pastor this church and all who would come for spiritual help. It was a very unique experience...but, Grivas’ conversation with us later, was the exclamation point.

Years earlier it was his brother Deo who had destroyed the 9 demonic shrines in the village and it was Deo who declared that only Jesus would be worshiped here...

HERE just happened to be the EXACT spot where we built the Nakyessa Church; the spot that had once been dedicated to demonic worship, and no one knew until now. But it was still not over...

During the construction process, the (now) old man who had found Jesus – after many years of leading the demonic worship on this site – this old man wanted his last moments on earth to fix a problem he had been part of. As we prepared to work on the new church, he assembled the village that had once followed him in demonic worship and spoke as forcefully as he could, telling him he had been wrong all those years and now he follows Jesus-**if they do not choose Jesus then they will be in hell**. Hundreds of people accepted Jesus that day, repenting of their own demonic practices.

Within a month, this old saint was with Jesus! His Eph 2:10 moment had been completed. His 100+ year old body could finally rest!

ONLY JESUS

Young Pastor James was not even alive when Deo’s prophecy was declared. But it was as if he had been there and took up the challenge. He began to preach...and preach...and preach.

Not only in the village; he travelled much within the district and even across the Nile, in search of souls. As people would accept Christ, they would be discipled; he would hold conferences for all churches so Nakyessa might become the centre of Christianity.

We brought him to our Life Essentials Centre for his own equipping. In fact he enjoyed it so much he almost missed his ride home...his van full of pastors had waited but could not find him, so they started to leave-he had been standing in the centre, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere and had forgotten his departure time...I can still remember him...running for the van, suitcase on one hand and a piece of toast in another, taking only a moment to look back and smile at us...

This week was special for us. 40 years after Nakyessa had been a demonic stronghold; 20 years after we first arrived in Nakyessa and only 8 years after building the new church, Pastor James sent us photos of a Nile baptism, explaining the church had no water in its baptismal tank because rains have not yet come. In fact, his baptismal tank has been busy when filled. Since his commissioning, Pastor James has preached many crusades, wearing out his amplifier and generator (he needs \$5,000 to replace these items if the Lord leads you) but during this time he has planted **9 new churches!**

These rural believers are so precious and so vulnerable to spiritual confusion since tribal and superstitious practices still prevail. Simply, they need to see for themselves what their God says-they need their own Bibles. James has requested 300 Bibles for at least 300 people he knows of within these 9 churches, that are too poor to own one. I told him we would pray...

BREAKING STRONGHOLDS

Different nations-different cultures-different languages, all in the grip of the same enemy. Our calling is to make Jesus known; the tools in our hand are more than enough for any nation and person-radio and Bibles! Please pray about these tools used to bring down strongholds in hearts and minds!

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