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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



Preface

I am pleased to know that under the Himalayan Section of Seventh - Day Adventist mission, Dr. Hae Seong Kim , PMM Pastor and World Mission Director from NSD to the Himalayan Section ,has stepped forward in bringing quarterly magazine for God's leading his work in this Himalayan Country .

This magazine will have various features, which will ultimately help our members and leaders of the church in their personal lives as well as will strengthen His work in this country.

I would like to congratulate the editorial team for their excellent endeavors for this project.

May this magazine be a blessing for many people thus leading them into the Light.

Pr. Umesh Pokharel President Himalayan Section of SDA



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Dr. Hae Seong Kim

Dear Church Leaders and Members of the Himalayan Section

I am extremely delighted that the Himalayan Section is publishing such a good magazine. Through this magazine, I sincerely hope that the members of our church will share the news with each other, study the Bible, and grow spiritually.

It is recorded in the Bible, Matthew 28:19-20 as follows.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

This is the mission given to us in this age. Let's all move forward to fulfill this mission together.

To accomplish this, the Himalayan section is planning and working on the following activities:

1. We will publish and distribute the church address book.

To carry out our plan, we are contacting each church leader and gathering the sources. I appreciate your kind cooperation.



Once the church address book is complete, members can easily contact each other and use the church address book to easily find a church when they visit or move to a new area

2. We will publish the Nepal Mission News Magazine quaterly.

Through this magazine, we will spread the news of each church and share the daily life of the church members. It will also be a magazine for learning Bible knowledge by serializing doctrines.

3. Himalayan section will host and support the evangelism meeting.

If each church sets up an evangelism meeting plan, we will either provide funding or our mission team will directly host the evangelism meeting to help the church revive.

4. There is a plan to plant an international church in the heart of Kathmandu.

The Adventist Church is a global and well-organized church. By building the International Central Church in the heart of Kathmandu, we are going to allow foreign Adventists to worship in English when they come to Nepal, and to allow church members to attend when they come to Kathmandu. Please pray for it a lot.

5. If you make a request related to the sponsorship of each church to the himalayan section, we will advertise here and try to raise money for donations for you.

Please continue to read this magazine in the future

Each church is also encouraged to send the news to our section. Also, if you send us a good article, we will put it in this magazine. I pray that all the Adventist churches of the Himalayan Section will grow well in the Lord in peace.

Thank you

THE LAMP OF LIFE

For Your Precious Soul --- Faith for Today Series 1



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).

What is life? Why was man created? How was man brought into this world? Where did he come from and where is he going? Which road must he choose? Why must this road of life miserable, confusing and contradicting? These puzzling questions often confuse us and throw us into disarray. But why? It is because life itself is filled with so much uncertainty, difficulty and emptiness. The wise King Solomon of ancient Israel lived a life of extravagance, did all that his heart desired, and experienced all the wonders this world had to offer.

But he regretfully summed up his worldly experience as, "Meaningless! Meaningless! Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless. What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever" (Ecclesiastes 1:2-4). In the New Testament, James said, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes" (James 4:13-14). These two Bible verses speak of how empty and fleeting life is.

King Solomon lived the most lavish and extravagant life, yet he felt his life and seemed empty, meaningless and fleeting. So, how much more would ordinary people, who are impoverished and distressed because of their physical pain and concern, feel the emptiness and misery brought on by this world? Every man, rich or poor, enters the world crying, suffers throughout his life, grows old, and eventually dies. This is the inevitable fate of every human being.

If that is the case, what then can fill the emptiness and reverse the hopelessness of a man's life?

Although human knowledge or science has put a man on the moon, it cannot fill the emptiness within man, nor can it prevent the inevitable fate of death. Only a supreme being that is greater than the mortal self can resolve the problems of humanity. This is the very reason why we need religion in this world.

What Is Religion?

The practice of religion is the seeking of a supreme being that man believes in, worships and asks for blessings. In Chinese, the word "religion" is translated as the "highest of teachings" or "fundamental instructions."



That is to say, religion seeks to direct the minds of men to an everlasting truth that is beyond this world. This answers the fundamental questions of life. Man cannot live without religion. Mankind has always had religion since the beginning of time. A French psychologist once said, "Man is a religious animal," which means man is the only creature that can have faith. Just as man has desires, cravings, and other physiological needs, so he possesses a will for religion. This is a human instinct. Even an atheist cries out to God in moments of desperation or crisis. This is because when God created mankind, He gave us the instinct to long for Him and to trust Him.

This is the reason why mankind is the supreme creature on the face of the earth. God only gave man the privilege to understand Him, to serve Him, and to communicate with Him. What Kind of Religion Practice?

religions and religious sects in this world. But is it OK to believe in just any kind of religion that we want? There are some people who say that although the path of each religion Religion can be divided into two large merely a means to social heaven or everlasting life is just a fairy tale. But if religion is simply a cannot be true religion, and it certainly would not provide any path to everlasting life, then it is not national religion, and global religion. true religion.

The wise King Solomon once said, "There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12). Every religion claims to be true, but if it cannot provide a way to eternal life, it will lead to death. This is why man must search for the religion that is true and can lead him to eternal life.

The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah wrote, "And the Lord said, 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, and you will find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16).

Must I Therefore, true religion is the ancient path that leads to eternal life. It is the righteous road that transforms There are many different kinds of character and the road of hope that provides peace and rest in our hearts.

True Religion

may be different, the final destination categories. The first type of religion is is the same. Others say that religion is the practice of naturism, or "natural religion." It is the worship of things in enlightenment and that the notion of nature, such as gold, silver, or any object made of wood. The next type is the practice of "revealed religion." It means to social enlightenment, then it is a religion created through a god's divine revelation. Religion can also be classified according to which god enlightenment in our society. If people serve: pantheism, polytheism, religion does not provide satisfaction and monotheism. Furthermore, beyond what this world has to offer, if religion can be divided into even it neither gives hope, nor provides a more distinct camps of racial religion,



Among these, by its very nature, global religion is recognized to be the most excellent type of religion. This religion serves the one-and-only God who created the heavens and the earth, thus distinguishing it as far greater and more advanced than those which serve many different worldly gods. Christianity is understood and accepted as this kind of religion. Christianity is founded upon the Holy Bible, a book divinely inspired by God.

The Lamp of Life

Our life is like a journey on a dark path without a lamp, each day walking gingerly toward an unknown destination. We often trip and stumble on a rock, or fall into a ditch and face pain, frustration and troubles. Therefore, in order to prevent these things from happening, we need to carry a bright lamp to shine the way.

So What Exactly Is This Lamp?

A poet from ancient Israel once sang these words, "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). This "Word" that he sang of is the Bible, the holy writings of Christianity, which is a light unto our path of life.

Woodrow Wilson, a former president of the United States, once said, "When you have read the Bible, you will realize it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty." He also said, "There are many problems before me as President, but I expect to find the solution to those problems just in the proportion that I am faithful in the study of the Word of God."

Likewise, J. Edgar Hoover, a former FBI director, said, "The Bible is the guide to a perfect life. It is the nutrition for our soul. It is the inspiration for a righteous life." Furthermore, Abraham Lincoln once said, "The Bible is the greatest gift to mankind."

As mentioned before, great men who lived before us recognized the value of the Bible through their experiences. We also can live a life of security and happiness if we value the Bible and seek for its truth. Let us carefully study what the Bible is and what it offers.



The Beginning

Pastor's Message

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

In this universe, everything has its beginning, a point from where it all starts. Someone started it, someone, who worked to make things happen. The greatest book in the world "The Holy Bible" says clearly that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1.

It is so interesting to know that God started the work of creating something new and fresh. He was the one who made his hand and feet muddy. That means our God is a working God. Bible clearly tells that God started working. In the account of Genesis, it is not written as "In the beginning, God was praying or God was meditating, God was sacrificing, God was doing pooja, God was chanting some mantras. Bible clearly tells God's engagement in doing something, working, creating, molding, and making.

Therefore, we learn that God loves to see us working or doing something. He loves to see our hands and feet muddy with our hard work not simply sitting idle.

PR. KUMAR ADHIKARI

Banepa SDA Church





How was the world when first God created? Genesis 1:2 says, "the earth was without form and void and empty and dark." In the beginning, when God created the world, it was not in good shape. But Gradually God started making from good to better and the best.

GOD, S CREATION

- On the first day = Light
- On the second day = Firmament
- On the third day = Plants
- On the fourth day = The sun, moon, and stars
- On the fifth-day = Birds and fishes
- On the sixth day = Animals.

We can see there is always an improvement in his work.



Finally, God created a "Human" in His own image which is known as the "Crowning Act of God's Creation." (EG White, FLB 29.3)

In the beginning, Adam and Eve also made mistakes, and Abraham and Sarah also made mistakes during the beginning stage of their walk with God toward the Land of Canaan. Later Abraham was known as the Father of Faith.

Saul also made so many mistakes in life, he changed his name to Paul, later he was ordained as a saint, and today we call him as Saint Paul.



Therefore, when we look back to our childhood, adult life, starting a job, starting a family at the beginning our work is not perfect, it looked messy but gradually when we start working further, God gives us wisdom to make things from good to better and the best.

At birth, we were born formless, empty and dark. Gradually as we grow, we do well in school, we actively participate in all church activities, we get different types of training, we attend seminars, and likewise we continuously go on adding more beauty to our life.



Our God is working 24 hours every day.
Psalm 121:4 says, "Behold, He who keeps
Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." 2
Corinthians 4:6 says, "For...God who
commanded the light to shinehas
shone in our heart to give light of
knowledge..."

God who created light to shine is now working in your life to let His light shine through you. Each and every one of us is eligible to do great work for God. Aren't you amazed to see totally handicapped people doing amazing work in their life? Yes, all the people are in different shape and form and color but all are letting God do amazing work through their life. The secret is found in Matthew 6:33, "Seek God firstand ...everything will be given to you...." Beginning with God first is the foremost duty of a human being. Asking, Seeking, Knocking facilities is given to each one of us. We can Ask God, Seek God, and Knock God to help us to do great work in life.

Beginning your life with prayer, worship and meditation will always bring blessing. Jeremiah 29:11-13 says God has a perfect plan for your life to give you future and hope." God's plan will come true only when we work hard with God's direction.

Today I humbly request you to begin your work, confess your sins, repent of your sin, turn away from your bad habits, make things right with your family, friends, and neighbors, and reconcile yourself to God. If your family member is upset with you, a friend is angry with you, your boss is not happy your work, neighbor is upset with you, your pastor is not happy with your character then you have to make them happy, work to win their heart. Do not wait and expect others to do it for you, remember nobody will do that, you have to do it by yourself. You do not have to live as an addict or sinner or live with a bad name or character.

Our loving God has given us the loving provision to become good people, a good son, and a daughter. Right now you can decide to become a good person. You can re-begin or re-start your life again. Begin your life with God and Ask for His grace every day He will definitely help you in all your work.

James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall exalt you. "Please begin your life with prayer. Every day separate a special time to sit with your family member and visitors to read bible verses and pray together".

A Christian home must have Christ in it. Let your neighbor hear the praise and worship of Jesus Christ from your home. Let your People recognize your home as Christian Home.

Sister EG white has said, "Family who prays together will stay together." Bring Christ into your home.

IF YOU NEED HELP IN YOUR FAMLY WOSHIP PLEASE JOIN BANEPA SDA CHURCH, ZOOM ID = 84355616591 PASSWORD= NOWUNTOHIM.

Every time you will have some things to share with others. Every day at 6:30 pm we organize evening worship, a time of prayer and praise, thanksgiving and sharing. God will lift you up when you lift Him in prayer and praises. You and your family will be richly blessed in reading comforting word of God. Every day you will experience the working of the Holy Spirit in your life.



2 Corinthians 5:17 says,
"Therefore if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come."

To begin something is a new beginning for you.



Evangelism is the heavens' top priority.

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There is nothing more important to God than saving lost mankind.

He "desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth "

He is not willing that any should perish. 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9.

God has only one son and he sent him as evangelism. The focus of Jesus Christ's life was saving lost people. (For the son of man has come to seek and to save that which was last Luke 19:10)

The urgency of our times demand that we do something great for God.he has called us to give his final appeal to a dying world.sevenday Adventist christian have been commissioned by God to take the Three angels message to the world.



Pr. Robin Bashyal









Thus world mission team Himalayan of section utilized time by carrying message special his to different parts of shindhupalchok as well as kabre district of Nepal to motivate, nurture, development of spiritual life.that was our wonderful experience which was spend with everlasting God.









In fulfilling God's end-time mission evangelism plays a vital role, the heaven's mandate is clear.

The great commission of Matthew 28:19, 20 rings in our ears.

The three angels' messages of revelation 14:6-12 move our hearts.

The promise of the holy spirit's power compels us to share Jesus' love and truth today.

We hear the call of God.



GATTHAGHAR CHURCH MASTERGUIDE PROGRAM



The Master Guide Ministry is a development and mentoring program for youth leadership within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving the entire community. It is the foundation for youth ministry leadership, then builds two levels of continuing education that will help keep youth leaders strident. Being a Master Guide grants us a responsibility more than status. The Master Guide ministry was developed to train and develop leaders for the Church and specifically, for youth ministry.

On 28 May 2022, Gatthaghar Church Pastor Robin Basyal with the church leaders and youth decided to have a Master guide program with the motive of enhancing youth's personal spiritual growth, mental growth and creating general leadership qualities.



Sarita Neupane





After the church board became fully familiar with all the aims, the financial budget necessary, the objectives and concepts of the MGC organization, and the role it can play in evangelism within the church, then contact the master guide graduated team from Banepa Church to guide and monitor us throughout the entire timeframe.

Almost 30 youth got enrolled in the training which was formally started on 4 June 2022. Master guide trainers (Pradip Basyal, Christina Gurung, Srijan Shrestha, Sujal Shrestha, Seetal Khadka, and Krashis Adhikari) are giving training every alternate sabbath after the completion of church service. Ms. Christina Gurung is the communication leader to connect and flow direct messages with Gatthaghar Church.

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you & teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you











The trainer then elected a Master Guide Club (MGC) and elected a director, and deputy director, and chose a treasurer, instructors, and counselors. To be eligible for enrollment as MG, we need to be an active staff member in an adventurer or pathfinder club to teach a Sabbath School for these age groups for at least one year. Since this criterion couldn't be met by Gatthaghar church, so the MGC with the church pastor planned to teach a sabbath school for pathfinder age -groups.

Now, Gatthaghar church is actively running master guide classes. The Master Guides are leaders that serve the church in all areas of the Youth Ministry. Its curriculum is designed for youth and adults, ages 16 and older, and it prepares the participant for leadership roles with the Adventurer, Pathfinder, and Youth Ministries.

The emphasis is on in-service training and active involvement in learning new skills and developing methods for successful leadership. The church believes to develop youth leadership in the Gatthaghar Seventh-day Adventist Church.

LET NO ONE DESPISE YOU FOR YOUR YOUTH, BUT SET THE BELIEVERS AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN PURITY. – 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

TESTIMONY

Sarah Shrestha



I am so thankful to God for who I am today. It's not going to be easy to share what I am going to share. I hope I will not cry while I share this testimony with you. I have many stories from my life with a different topic like how I was born, living in an orphanage, struggling with Pride, taking drugs, life as a street kid, being hated, dressing like a guy, stealing money for several years, struggling with jealousy for several years, and even cutting my hand with a blade - attempting suicide and suffering from sexual abuse.

I also had a serious disease that Doctors couldn't cure. My life story is complicated. I will share with you briefly how I was born. My mom was sold to a man for 50 US dollar. That's how she got pregnant from that man and I was born. Sarah was not my name before. I was originally named after one of the Hindu goddesses. I grew up in an Orphanage from 3 years old until I was 11 years old. During that time, I used to come home on holiday to be with my mom for two weeks every year.

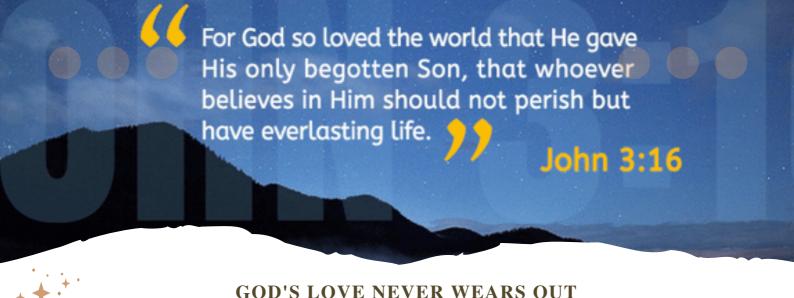
My mom used to work at the ovens in a beaten rice factory. Day and Night she used to work for that factory. My mom's salary was just 10US dollar for the whole year because she used to stay there and eat in the same place. The food wasn't even that good. So many times, I personally had to eat cold food or spoiled food from the nearby hotel. Let me tell you something, I used to eat animal blood. It was my favorite food when I was a kid. I used to eat a lot. Also, we used to eat food from the garbage. That's one of the reasons why I love homemade food. Just to let you know, If I wouldn't be Adventist today, I would probably be still eating Rabbit meat and other unclean meat!

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU

When I was 11 years old, I escaped from the Orphanage because I wasn't good enough to get good grades, I used to pee in the bed every single night and I wanted to have freedom and to be with my mom. I started to stay with my mom where she used to work. My mom didn't have a good bed to sleep in. We used to sleep in one table, but the good thing was that the table was pretty strong.

One night I kneeled down, folded my hands too tightly and cried before God. I seriously didn't know who God was and who Jesus was, even though I grew up in a Christian Orphanage. I just knew there was a true God. I was praying to him with tears pouring down my cheeks, pleading with him to get me out of my situation.

While I was staying with mom at the factory, I used to attend the Adventist Hospital Church sometimes. I wasn't attending regularly, until the other children persuaded me to join Pathfinders. I became a pathfinder student, and then I attended every sabbath.



When I first went to Pathfinders, one of the missionary ladies thought I was a boy. And she put me on the boy's side. I felt so weird. As a teenager, I was very depressed. At some point I wanted to die.

When I turned 14 years old, I had a huge fight with my mom's boss's wife. Maybe it was God's plan for my mom and me to move out of that place. Because of that horrible fight I needed someone's shoulder to cry on.

I went straight to the Adventist hospital, there Ifound one of my friends from Pathfinder, and she took me to one of the Sri Lankan grandma's houses. She connected me to a missionary family!This missionary family helped my mom and me to find a room. Later, I changed my name to Sarah. While I was taking Bible study, I came to know that Jesus died for my sins. I was so happy and excited that learned something new.

I I didn't pay much attention to the Holy Spirit, but just Jesus Christ. Ι even John memorized 3.16. wanted to get baptized early because my friends got baptized and I wanted to be part of the Church since the Pastor did not allow me to speak in front of a church without being baptized. I was in a hurry to get baptized. Till then, I didn't know that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God. After many years, my mom boss paid 2 lakhs to my mom.

HOW GOD CHANGED ME

Even after baptism, I continued drinking, taking drugs, stealing and doing other bad things. Sometimes there was no money to pay rent, to eat food and I went out to do bad things to be able to support my home. I didn't enjoy my childhood or my teenage years. At the Orphanage, at School, or at the Factory nobody come to tell meHey, I like you very much or I love you very much. I wanted to be favorite in someone's eyes, I wanted to be loved. But imagine when nobody says to you, "I like you" or "I love you." But God always reminded me, every single time that He loves me. Because of his love and grace, I am standing here in front of you sharing my testimonies. He helped me to escape from this dark place just like how He helped the people of Israel in ancient times. He has always been my loving Father. He gave me such an amazing family who are always there for me. They are like angels to me. I learned from my experience that God will never leave us alone. He can see our tears. He knows our suffering. I want to thank God for carrying me through all the hard times and never leaving me.



Investiture ceremony of Master guides

On 23rd April 2022, The investiture ceremony was held in Banepa SDA Church with 13 master guide graduates. During the graduation, Ezras Lakra, President of the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and Umesh Pokharel, president of the Himalayan Section of Nepal were the chief guest. A total of 13 master guides graduated and the remaining were pathfinders.



Women's Day special program in Gatthaghar

On 12th March, Gatthaghar SDA Church had women,s day program in the church as Women's day is celebrated on March 8. Mrs. Grace Adhikari was the program moderator and organizer. All the husbands said wonderful things about their wives, and how their love, care, and support helped them to move forward in Christ.



Evening worship at Love Nepal Center, Dapcha

SDA Love Nepal Center is located in Namobudhha-9,Dapcha, Kavrepalachowk District. A total of twenty children are staying where they have worship in the morning and in the evening every day. It is a safe place for children in need. Along with the caretaker, all live together as one big family.



Children Sabbath training in Dhulikhel

In Dhulikhel, Children Sabbath training was conducted from the 23rd of June to the 25th of June, 2022.

The major objective of the training was to grow the faith of the children with Christ. The major focus was to guide the children on the right path by teaching them the words of God.



Nepali delegates attended Southern Asia Division Council

From August 10-13 at Spicer Adventist University Pune ,India.

Nepali delegates attended Southern Asia Division Council

In that council Pr. Umesh pokharel have been re elected again to serve as the President of Himalyan Section.



Online Ministry

On August 8 and 9, 2079, a meeting was held by Korean pastor Hae Song Khim and his team on how to conduct online ministry. Himalayan Section of Nepal President Umesh Pokharel was the chief guest in that meeting. There were a total of 19 people in the meeting. Since it is impossible for one person to go to all places and do all the work, this meeting was held with the aim of being able to do it effectively online. 1 Peter 4:11 was targeted at the promise.



Opening ceremony of Thumpakhar Church

The opening ceremony of Thumpakhar Seventh-day Adventist Church Sindhupalchowk was completed Saturday, October 08, 2022. Pastor Shree Krishna Koirala lead the opening ceromony program and Pastor Umesh Pokhrel and Pastor Song were the chief guests of the inauguration. Despite many challenges and problems, we would like to express our sincere congratulations and thanks to all those involved in the full service work for opening the new church.



Baptism Program

On October 3, 2022, six people were baptized by the local pastor of the church, Robin Basyalof Gatthaghar Seventh-day Adventist Church. Baptizers were (Padma Oli, David Oli, Dal Bahadur Oli, Ruth Oli, Prathna Dahal, Aarti Gahatraj), while local church members LB Sunuwar, Pastor Kuber Lamichhane, Chature Basyal, Rakesh Lamichhane and Grace Adhikari were the witnesses.



CHURCH PLANTING PROJECT

International Kathmandu Central Church

The "Kathmandu Central Church" was absolutely necessary, but so far the capacity for the Nepal conference has not been enough.

Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal and there must be an Adventist church there.

Adventist foreigners live in the heart of Kathmandu, but there is not a single Adventist church in the Core of Nepal that worships in English.

Currently, the foundation for church planting, such as pastors, evangelism meetings, and ministry teams, is being prepared for this work. We believe that we can start a church by renting a building with the first fund of about \$20,000 and gradually increase the number of members to grow into a self-supporting church with 100 members within 3 years and more than 200 members within 5 years.

We ask for your support for the necessary funds for planting this church.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Sarita Neupane

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the first Nepal SDA Church Magazine with the latest news and updates from the Himalayan section.

Our emphasis is to work together to share gods message and the values of the kingdom of Jesus Christ's blessing. Our major objective is to create a network where we can share the news of all the Adventist and pastors' doctrines throughout the Adventist Churches of Nepal. I hope you take the time to read this and be blessed.

Colossians 3:23 KJV: And whatsoever ye do do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men