



“The Most Excellent Way”

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And [Jesus] said to them,
"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
Mark 16:15 NKJV

“The Most Excellent Way” ministry is welcomed in India and Nepal. Pastors see it as hugely useful in starting new Christian churches. It offers a solution to the serious problems brought about by the Hindu religious use of alcohol.

Until now, pastors have neglected approaching alcoholic men and women because they just did not know how to do it. Coupled with that is the caste system that results in a tendency to avoid people with alcohol problems. Now that is changing as the seeds have been planted and are growing.

God promises us that He will do more than we can ask for or imagine (Ephesians 3:20), and that is happening with Most Excellent Way in India and Nepal. May God continue to provide.

Kathmandu

Pastor Mitra supervises the “The Most Excellent Way” activities in Nepal. In the capitol of **Kathmandu**, there is one MEW meeting conducted by **Pastor Sherma** and one conducted by **Pastor Arpan**. **Pastor Sherma** travels around Nepal and **Bangladesh** quite often and has told me that he frequently tells about TMEW. Gradually, he is introducing TMEW to several Bangladesh pastors and he is very hopeful that they will start having meetings there.

Pastor Arpan pastors a **Mongol church**. The Mongolian people use alcohol from early childhood, and Pastor Arpan was no exception. Two years ago, when I first told Arpan about TMEW, he welcomed it and now uses it extensively. When I attended his church and delivered the message, it was clear that the entire church service was focused on breaking the bond that alcohol has on them.

In addition, Arpan conducts a weekly TMEW meeting on Wednesday evenings. I met and spoke with many Mongol people who have stopped drinking, and I personally saw what a huge benefit TMEW offers to them. ■ RTU



- **Anita, a Very Special Lady**

I first met Anita in 2008, when she was attending the “Asia Evangelical Bible College and Seminary” in Kathmandu. She had accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior one year previously, at which time her Hindu husband kicked her out of their home, telling her that if she tried to return he would kill her.

When I met her, she was living in the basement of a church and had only the clothes she wore. She was hungry, of course, but mostly for the Word of God.



Anita chose as her ministry to start a “The Most Excellent Way” group in a slum of Kathmandu; a slum that no other pastor would go to because it was so bad. It is my opinion that pastors do not want to deal with people in such an environment. My heart was touched that Anita willingly went there to minister.

I again visited Anita in April, 2010, and spent an afternoon and evening with her in the slum. The air was so foul that we wore dust masks part of the time, but much to my amazement, we were not attacked by thugs. It was because Anita is loved in the neighborhood and I was her welcomed guest.



In her two-year ministry, she has influenced 17 families—helping them out of alcohol addiction. Many women in the slum are alcoholics because there is no hope for them—only prostitution. Anita is changing that and I heard many women give their testimonies. She spends many hours ministering to both men and women in addition to her time in the meetings.

Anita is also tutoring five slum children that have good academic potential, and she has trained up a man to take over the “The Most Excellent Way” leadership. Anita wants to attend Bible College in India to obtain her Master’s Degree.



We pray that God will touch some hearts to provide \$50 per month for room rent so the weekly “The Most Excellent Way” meetings in the slum can continue while Anita is away at college. ■ RTU





On two occasions, I spoke at the Asia Evangelical Bible College in Kathmandu, and each time I spent one day on "The Most Excellent Way."

As a result, approximately 200 pastors have heard about TMEW. I am sure that this seed will grow and bear fruit. ■ RTU

• Literacy Classes

Geeta, Pastor Mitra's wife, supervises nine* literacy classes for wives of alcoholic men. I consider the classes to be a part of the "Family and Friends" ministry of "The Most Excellent Way".

The purposes of the classes are three-fold:

1. Evangelism.
2. Free these women from financial bondage—literacy allows them to seek jobs.
3. Strengthen their families. Break the cycle of illiteracy, giving their children a better future.

So far 110 ladies have attended, and 80 have graduated in accordance with the government-imposed standards.

Sixty-five of these Hindu ladies have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Ninety women who have applied to attend the literacy class.

Each woman who successfully graduates from the literacy class becomes eligible to take to sewing classes at Geeta's home.

RTU raised funds for a sewing machine.

We pray the Lord will provide for continuing the literacy classes in Kathmandu, Taruka, Bara, Bhaktapur, Ramechap, Balkot, Hattiban, Bagdol and Setipakha. ■ RTU



Geeta and Literacy Class in Her Home



• Chitwan

Chitwan is high in the **Himalayan Mountains**. Only one road goes there. **Pastor Mitra** and I traveled by bus (five hours trip going, eight hours returning a few days later—due to the heavy truck traffic) to the city of Chitwan.

Our bus was a 15-passenger van—with 21 passengers in it! We had a flat tire on the way, but the driver was not able to get all the lug nuts back on, so we went faster to make up lost time with one of the front wheel lug nuts off.

At Chitwan, I visited three pastors who are actively conducting “The Most Excellent Way” meetings. I personally attended each of these meetings.

At one of the meetings, I sat with an 85-year-old man who had been a witch doctor; intensely opposed to Christianity. He told me how he had set up his anti-Christian incantations outside the church each Sunday during services. All the while he was

burning incenses, killing small animals, shouting threats, etc., he was being influenced by the Holy Spirit as he heard the joyful singing and the Gospel message.

Gradually, after several months he was convicted. One Sunday he asked Pastor if he could come into the church. During altar call he went forward and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Now he attends *every* service and Bible study—it doesn't matter what is going on, he's right there. He is a powerful witness for Jesus among the large witchcraft community. What Satan meant for evil, God used for good— even in Nepal. ■
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*May God be glorified
in Nepal in
the most excellent way.*

