

The Library-Learning-Center of Nepal By Brother Jeff Kattan



On October 24, 2007, four Brothers from America started their three-day journey to Kathmandu, Nepal. Evangelists George Kovacic, John Genaro, Nephi D'Mercurio, and Brother Jeff Kattan, all started out with some initial difficulties with weather and the airlines but God provided the opportunity to travel together and experience the Kingdom of Nepal. The mission of the trip was twofold: visit the Saints of Kathmandu and investigate the process of starting a Library-Learning Center. One thing is for sure, the Love of God we have in America is the same Love of God you will find in Nepal.

Our work started by gathering information concerning the Library-Learning Center. Brother Madan, who is the head elder in Kathmandu, had already registered the Humanitarian Organization with the government. On Monday, we spent the day touring the University Library in Kathmandu. While at the library, we had the opportunity to meet the head librarian. In speaking with him, it was confirmed Nepal needs a Library-Learning Center. This individual told us how most of the current libraries were strictly geared towards adult learners and child-based libraries were in need to help the children learn to read and begin to understand English. The trip opened our eyes to how much the children of Kathmandu and Nepal would benefit from such a center.

In Nepal society, a caste system still exists. Most of our members belong to the low caste of this system. These individuals are very, very poor. These children are not entitled to the same educational opportunities as others in the country. The hope of the committee is the library will provide for extra opportunities for the children of this caste and provide them with the assistance they need in improving their education. The availability of books, computers, and trained tutors will not only help improve their every day knowledge but will also increase their understanding of English. Our focus became clearer while in Nepal: the children of Nepal need our help. They do not have a voice of their own, are denied the basic education all should receive, as well as the opportunity to fulfill their own dreams and goals. We, as The Church of Jesus Christ, have the opportunity to help these young people become healthy, happy servants of God. We must help the children of the Brothers and Sisters of Kathmandu.

Upon returning from Kathmandu, the committee has been investigating ways to fundraise money with the intention of generating donations and grants to help fund the costs. The committee requests your prayers as we endeavor to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of Nepal and provide a needed Library-Learning Center to these beautiful children. The committee also asks that anyone that feels compelled by God's Spirit to donate money to this worthy humanitarian effort contact a member of the Nepal Committee or Asian Sector to learn of the procedure to follow.. Let us remember the words of Paul in Romans 15:26:

For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor Saints which are at Jerusalem.