

## Scripture Union Nepal Ministry News, July to December 2018

Christian Non-Government Organisations are the most hit by the present government's policy against Christians and the new anti-conversion law that came into effect in Nepal from August 2018. However, neither our God has stopped working, nor we have. Despite many changes in the land and in Scripture Union Nepal, many hundreds of children, young people and adults were blessed by SU ministries in the past six months. Following are some glimpses of them.



### Children Camps (VBS)



#### Kanchanpur VBS

A VBS (Vacation Bible School) children camp was organised at Laljhadi in Kanchanpur district (about 700 km west from Kathmandu) from 21 to 23 October 2018. A total of 134 children, mostly from Rana Tharu tribe, participated in the camp. Twenty four teachers and eight other volunteers were engaged in helping the children to prepare spiritual and physical food. One of the participants, Sapana Rana, commented that the camp was full of fun because she had the

opportunity to meet with new friends and chat with them. She was very happy to get the opportunity to study from the word of God. Another girl, Amrita Rana, was happy to learn how to live a transformed life in Christ. Another girl, Gita Rana, committed herself to serve Christ for her whole life. One-day teachers training was organised on 19 October in order to equip the teachers on how to lead the classes. Pastor Prakash Rana from Christ Worship Centre, Sisaiya was the key person to coordinate the camp.

#### Bara VBS

Another children camp was jointly organised by Scripture Union Nepal, Nepal Christian Children Education Fellowship and Bara Christian Society at Nijgad in Bara district from 16 to 18 October 2018. A total of 130 children, twelve teachers and eleven other volunteers participated in the



camp. One of the participants, Ambika Pahari, commented that she learned many things in the camp. She learned how to please God through

prayer, meditating his word and preaching the Good News to neighbours. Another participant, Bimal Thokar, said that he learned about loving God and loving neighbours. Mr. Mahima Lama from Nepal Christian Children Education Fellowship, Hetauda was the key leader to organise the camp.

### **Chitwan VBS**



The third VBS was organised at Bhandara from 21 to 23 October 2018. The theme of the camp was, "Walk in my ways" taken from 1 King 3:14. Sixty five children attended the camp. Twelve teachers and ten other volunteers helped in teaching the children from the word of God and preparing food. One of the participants, Ashika B K, shared that she was pleased to attend the camp because she met with new friends, sang new songs and learned dances and many other things in the camp. She came to know about

God in the camp. She committed herself to be helpful to her neighbours. There was one-day training for teachers before the camp. One of the teachers, Anita Syangtan commented that the training was very helpful to know how to involve the children in learning activities. Knowing about children's nature according to their ages, knowing how to talk with them and how to teach them from the word of God was a great blessing for her. She committed herself to practice the teaching style in her church too.

### **Kudule (Manahari), Chitwan VBS**

The fourth VBS camp was organised at a remote village of Kudule, Rakshirang in Chitwan district from 4 to 6 November 2018. The theme of the camp was, "... your father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish (Matthew 18: 14)." A total of 200 children attended the camp. Sixteen teachers volunteered to guide the children through the word of God and fifteen other volunteers



worked to prepare food and arrange other logistic needs. Scripture Union Nepal, Nepal Christian Children Education Fellowship and Sarikhet Christian Society jointly organized the camp. Commenting on the programme, one of the students, Shweta Magar said that she learned many things in the camp. She was especially impressed to learn about giving to the poor and spending quiet time in prayer and reading the Bible. One of the volunteer teachers, Dan Bahadur Gole was happy to commit his personal time in studying the Bible and teaching the children from the word of God, instead of wasting the vacation in doing worthless things.

### **Kavre VBS**

Another VBS camp was organised at Zion Rophecca Church, Nala in Kabhre district from 17 to 19 October 2018. Sixty five children and twenty four teachers participated in the camp.

## Adult Bible Camps

### Kalikot Bible Camp

A one-day adult Bible camp was organised at Manma in Kalikot district on 27 October 2018. Altogether Twenty five participants attended the camp. Mr Dipendra Buda helped us in organising the camp.



### Jumla Bible Camp

Another Bible camp was organised at NIM Ashish Church in Jumla on 29 October 2018. Eighteen people participated in the Bible study camp. One of the participants, Mrs Pramila Nepali, shared that she had the opportunity to learn something new about the Bible study in the camp. She was impressed by the Bible study method that she learned in the camp. She was excited to know how to study the Bible, what to observe, how to interpret the word of God and how to apply them in her life. She said, "I learned how to meditate

God's word and how to experience them. I want to thank Scripture Union for the training." Mr Balaram Nepali helped Scripture Union to coordinate the camp.



### Sinja (Jumla) Bible Camp

The third Bible camp was held at Gothijyula (Sinja) in Jumla district on 31 October 2018. We had heard that there were many followers of Christ in that town but we did not have any contact person there. Since it was on the way to

Mugu, our next destination for the camp, we decided to spend one day in helping the believers in that town too. When we reached the town at 4 pm, we asked to a shopkeeper about the location of a church in the town. He showed us a shop few blocks away belonging to a Christian family. We went to that shop and bought a bottle of water. After the payment I asked the lady if they were Christians. She replied that she was, and the whole family, not only Christians but leaders taking care of many churches in the surrounding area. Then we shared about the purpose of our visit to that town and also apologised for not being able to inform them about our plan beforehand due to network problem. They were very happy to know that we had gone there to give them training on Bible study method. They were very excited and decided to hold a training programme next day. Immediately they began to communicate the message with others in the area. Thirty eight people turned out for the training the next day, the biggest number in all five Bible camps that we held in Karnali region. They were hungry and thirsty for the word of God and they were filled.





### **Mugu Bible Camp**

The fourth Bible camp was held at Gamgadi, the headquarters of Mugu, one of the remotest districts in Nepal, on 2 November 2018. A total of thirty participants attended the camp. Pastor Surendra Bam, one of the participants in the camp commented, "I am excited and blessed to attend this Bible training camp. I used to study the Bible before this time also but I did not know how to study the Bible and where to start from. I also did not know what should be the outcome of

our Bible study. In this camp I learned about how to study the background of the context in the Bible and what type of questions should we ask to ourselves in order to understand the word of God. Now I can prepare my sermon properly and also I can teach to others how to study the Bible. In this camp I also learned how to go near to God. I want to thank the Lord for this opportunity and also like to thank to Scripture Union Nepal for the training." Mrs. Rajani Bham helped us in coordinating the camp.

### **Pina (Mugu) Bible Camp**

The fifth camp was held at Pina near Rara lake in Mugu on 3 November 2018. A total of twenty people participated in the camp. Pastor Surendra Bam coordinated the camp.



### **Publishing Ministry**

SU Nepal was publishing Bible guide regularly for past 28 years. But, due to the government's policy against Christian NGO in Nepal and also due to lack of enough resources, we were not able to publish the guide for last six months. Since then, we received many phone calls from our regular readers telling us how helpful the guide was in their daily devotion. With the readers' request in view, we are preparing to start the publishing work again. Please pray that God will supply us



enough resources to resume the publishing work and also that we will find ways to avoid government's restriction. We are very much thankful to you all for your untiring support to the ministry of SU Nepal and request you to continue to do so. To God be the glory, great things he has done. Thank you very much.

In Christ's Service,

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