



# Weekly Update

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## NEWS THIS WEEK

### Blessed Bible School opens new session in Nepal

Renaissance Outreach Ministries has been working closely with an ecumenical Bible School that is training pastors for rural ministry in Nepal. Located in the village of Chobar outside of Kathmandu, **Blessed Bible Training Center** has now begun its third class since its inception in 2012.

Rev. Jan L. Baderstadt has been teaching at the school, with a focus on Old Testament, Christian Leadership and now Pastoral Care and Counseling.

The School was started in 2012 by Rev. Madhav Poudal, who is senior pastor of Prerana Church Ministries in Kathmandu. Pastor Madhav was a Brahmin Priest prior to converting to Christianity 36 years ago at the age of 24.

Pastor Madhav is highly education, holding M Div from India and later completing M Div and D Min degrees from USA.

The school is a residential school with 18 students, who study for nine months and then do a practicum for three months prior to their graduation.

Blessed Bible Training Center has already graduated 31 students who are now pastoring churches or doing other forms of ministry. All students receive a Diploma in Theology.

Several members of Renaissance's Board of Directors have done some teaching at this school and are very impressed with what they have seen. The school costs \$800 a month to operate, which is \$45 a student monthly.

Renaissance is currently seeking partnership to support this Bible School in Nepal. This ministry has set a goal of raising \$145 a month, which would cover 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the cost of operation. Anyone interested in helping this Bible School can contribute directly through Renaissance Outreach Ministries.

## IN PICTURES



Rev. Carl Litchfield (left) teaching last February at Blessed Bible Training Center in Chobar, Nepal.



Rev. Madhav Poudal, director of Blessed Bible Training Center.

### Web-Site up and Running

The new web-site for Renaissance Outreach Ministries is now up and running. While new material is being added, we are pleased to announce that you can donate via PayPal through the web-site.

Please check out our website at:

[www.renaissanceoutreachministries.com](http://www.renaissanceoutreachministries.com)

## OTHER NEWS

### Pastor Gosto still out on bail in Bangladesh

The never ending drama of Bangladesh continues to play out as our missionary, Rev. Gosto Sarker remains out of bail.

Renaissance Outreach Ministries has worked with Pastor Gosto in Bangladesh for 15 years. The charges were brought against him in 2009 as a form of harassment because he was a whistle blower over rape and fiscal misconduct done by the head of a different ministry in the country.

Renaissance has thoroughly investigated this problem over the last six years and has concluded that there was no wrong doing on the part of Pastor Gosto. Unfortunately, the legal system in Bangladesh favors those who have money, something that Gosto does not have.

Legal cases are often filed as a form of harassment in these countries by wealthy criminals to deny the poor justice.

The case can be disposed of in court if he pays the plaintiff tk 50,000 (around \$600). Six hundred dollars is a large sum of money in a country where the average person in the village earns between \$25 and \$35 a month.

Renaissance is asking people to pray for Pastor Gosto as the Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> court date approaches. He is working to raise the money. This is the only way such harassment suits can be dismissed in these countries.

Pastor Gosto served for 2 ½ years as superintendent of the Alo Schools in rural Bangladesh and is now working as a missionary among the fishermen people.



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