



Mission Update

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USA & Uganda nursing connection

Kirtland Community College of Grayling, Michigan and the Rwenzori School of Nursing & Midwifery are looking at entering into a cooperative program. This program is now in the exploratory stages according to Dr. Tom Quinn and Rev. Jan L. Baderstadt. Dr. Quinn is the president of Kirtland Community College while Pastor Jan is president of Renaissance Outreach Ministries.

Rwenzori School of Nursing & Midwifery is located in far western Uganda in the city of Kasese. Bishop Jan has been serving for the past three years as their chaplain while training pastors in this mountainous area near the border with The Congo.

Kirtland Community College is one of America's top rated nursing schools. Even though they are located in rural upper Michigan, they have an outstanding program.

The cooperative effort will allow Kirtland to work with the Rwenzori School, sending their classes to Uganda via internet. There is exploration about offering Study Abroad program for Kirtland students to be able to spend some time working in this developing nation. There is also a possibility of exchange of instructors in the future.

The connection between the two schools will give students on both continents an opportunity to increase their learning. The Rwenzori School of Nursing offers good quality training for nurses in a 2 1/2 year program. At present, the school is looking to expand their program in order to offer a bachelor degree in nursing.

Talks are continuing as this nursing connection continues to develop between the two schools of nursing.



Patricia Arnold (right) of Tawas, Michigan talks with students at the Rwenzori School of Nursing & Midwifery in Kasese, Uganda. Patty is a registered nurse who spent a month last year teaching and working with students.

Surgery set for March 13

Friday the 13th may be considered unlucky for some, but for Bishop Jan Baderstadt, it is hopefully the final surgery on his left ankle as doctors at the University of Michigan will be installing an artificial ankle that day.

It's been almost five years since he started having pain in the ankle. The condition has continued to worsen to the point where he has been unable to walk. This has limited his rural teaching. Before the ankle problems, he would trek the Himalayas of Nepal teaching.

Bishop Jan returned last June to USA to take care of the problem. The surgery last August was to fuse the foot and ankle in preparation for the surgery next month.

Unlike knees, ankles have to be custom built and its taken the factory several months to finally make the part. He'll be in the hospital for about three days. Recovery will take 6–8 weeks. He is planning to return to Nepal in late June.

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Jesus Seminary continues to grow

The Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas continues to grow and develop in Kathmandu, Nepal as students continue to come for the Master's program.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Langford of Springfield, Illinois has returned to teach at the Seminary. He and his wife spent six weeks last year teaching and training students.

This year Dr. Tom is focusing on sacraments as they continue to interact with the students.

At present, the school has twelve students in the Master Degree program and five in the PhD program.

The current Master's Degree program has been operating for just over one year. This is part of a three year program for students to earn their Masters of Divinity.

Almost all of the students are currently pastoring churches in Nepal. The program has a strong emphasis on Biblical leadership. The goal of the Jesus Seminary is to create strong national leaders for the church in that country.

Dr. Langford is joined by local instructors who teach in two to three week modules. All of the local instructors have Master's Degrees.

In Nepal, most students to achieve higher degrees in theology usually have to travel to either India, South Korea or The Philippines. Basic theology courses are available in the city area, but beyond basic Bible schools, higher education is not available.

Basic Training Program

The rural areas of Nepal have shown tremendous growth for the Gospel. This includes the villages in the high Himalayas as well as the Terai region along the India border. It is in these places that pastors and evangelists are disadvantaged because of their lack of theological training.

Pastors need good training if they are going to be shepherds of their respective flocks. Training must certainly be Biblical. While Bible training is a



Tree Planting in Uganda

Our good friend William Bwambale of Kasese, Uganda has been planting hundreds of trees in his native city as part of an effort for beautification as well as to improve the environment. William has a travel business and is a guide in far western Uganda and has been very helpful to us at Renaissance Outreach. Thanks to special offering from our friends, we were able to send him money to plant more trees.



must, there is also a great deal of need

Jesus Seminary Classes

The Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas continues to grow and develop. Classes are either being held at the office in Kathmandu or at area churches belonging to various pastors of the Church of the Himalayas. The Seminary has been able to find instructors, each with a minimum of a Master's Degree. The Seminary would like to find more foreign instructors to come and train students. Foreign instructors can spend anywhere from two to four weeks, plus have time to explore the beautiful Himalayas.

to be trained in leadership. Many Nepali churches are poorly operated which creates problems between pastors and parishioners.

The Jesus Seminary is working to develop a 20 week training program that can be taught in the local language where pastors can gather. It would be a weekly program for those twenty weeks.

While a very basic program, one must take into account that all of the pastors are bi-vocational. Most work in either farming or other day labor jobs. They have a very limited amount of time to come for educational programs.

In many of these developing nations, pastors are part-time. This does work well for evangelism as they are able to share the Gospel of Christ with those they meet through their daily work. It is a disadvantage because they are unable to often pursue the necessary education they need to be effective pastors.

The Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas wants to fill this gap. The curriculum is currently being developed and it is hoped that it can be put into use

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