



Mission Update

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Health Updates

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By the time you get our latest newsletter, I'll be on my way to University of Michigan hospital for my next surgery. On Tuesday, October 6, I will be having surgery on my back.

I have degenerative arthritis of the spine. MRIs have shown that lumbar 4—5—6 are compressing the sciatic nerves. This is creating severe pain in both hips and down the legs, making it very difficult to walk.

The sciatic problem has been getting worse over the last four years. The doctors have said that if I don't get the surgery, I won't be able to walk in two years. With that advice, I'm following doctor's orders and having the surgery.

I've chosen UofM hospital because its probably the best hospital in Michigan. I've had good care there in the past for my ankle. The surgery to install the artificial ankle went well, and today I'm able to walk at times without a cane So that's a big improvement. The ankle pain is gone.

My doctor, Dr. Patel is a mountain climber and in 2019 climbed Mt. Everest in Nepal. When he learned I do work in Nepal, he was very excited. He told me that if I have this surgery on my back, I will be able to trek to Everest Base Camp in eastern Nepal. It's a place I've wanted to visit for some time. So I've accepted his challenge!

The plan is to remove one vertebrae and space it out with rods in my back. If all goes according to plan, it will not be all that invasive. I should be out of the hospital in about three days. I can ride and be able to drive within a couple of weeks. It will take around three months for it to properly heal. I will be unable to lift more than five pounds during that healing process.

I will keep you updated on my progress. I'm anxious to get back to Nepal and Uganda. It's been too long that I've been away. The good news is that my people there are doing a good job and things are progressing well



Learning to do traditional dance like here in Nepal can be another way the Christians can earn income through tourism. Renaissance Outreach Ministries encourages Christians to discover how to expand their incomes as well as to grow in Christ.

Tourism offers income potential

When working with new Christians in Africa and Asia, we find so many of them are from impoverished backgrounds. Many hope to have some foreigner financially support them and their families.

Renaissance Outreach Ministries recognizes that such financial support will not be a blessing to people in the long run. It simply creates a dependency that hurts more than helps the families in these places.

The solution is to not only train pastors in theology, but also for them to learn how to be businesspeople. By learning business, they can also train their people so they can be self-supporting. One of those

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Jesus Seminary now accredited

The Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas has now been accredited by the accreditation board of the Worldwide Anglican Church (WAC). This accreditation took place September 28.

"This is a great opportunity for our students and faculty as we are now being recognized internationally," said Rev. Jan L. Belderstadt, president of the seminary.

The Jesus Seminary now joins with other seminaries in India, Uganda, Mozambique and Ghana. These seminaries will be working more closely together as they share information and course material.

The Jesus Seminary currently offers Masters and PhDs in ministry. They are now adding a basic level course of study for rural pastors.

Efforts are underway to link the Jesus Seminary with other schools of higher learning including several in the United States. The accreditation through the Worldwide Anglican Church is a first step in making the Jesus Seminary a world-respected institution of higher learning.

Murray to start training program

Rev. Mike Murray, vice-president of Renaissance Outreach Ministries, will be starting his chaplaincy training program in mid-October. Pastor Mike had planned to start earlier, but a fall in August caused him to have to delay the start. He is planning to serve as a police chaplain in retirement from full time pastoral ministry.

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Tourism opportunities

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areas where the Christians can be successful in eco-tourism.

Renaissance Outreach has joined with Trekking Mart of Kathmandu, Nepal in helping the Christians to develop tourism potential. The local people can learn the hospitality trade, which includes developing home stays and guest houses, becoming guides, drivers, opening local restaurants and more.

"Tourism is the easiest way to become self employed for these people," noted Rev. Beaderstadt. "They can easily set up some kind of business for little to no investment and start earning an income."

Rev. Beaderstadt and Mr. Gopal Babu Shrestha of Trekking Mart are working to develop international trade. Trekking Mart has over 15,000 customers. He has been serving Nepal, India and Bhutan. He has recently added Uganda and is working to expand into other parts of East Africa.

Courses on business and tourism will soon be added to the Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas.

Looking for teachers

Barb Beaderstadt, the wife of Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt is looking to retire as a Head Start teacher in June of 2021. What she is not planning to do in retirement is to just sit around. She's already accepted a plan to help train early childhood teachers in Uganda.

Barb will be working with the St. Agnes Teacher Training School in Kampala, Uganda where she will be helping to train teachers in proper approaches to early childhood education.

Barb is also looking for early childhood teachers to come and work with her. They can either teach by coming to Uganda or by ZOOM. Those who do choose to come to Uganda will have opportunities to go on a safari at Queen Elizabeth National Park near Kasese and/or trek in the Rwenzori Mountains.

Anyone interested in helping to teach should contact Barb Beaderstadt at bbeaderstadt1@gmail.com

Come and train theology students

The Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas is offering opportunities to either come to Nepal or to teach students by ZOOM. The Seminary is looking for qualified instructors

to come and teach on a variety of subjects, including theology, leadership, administration, business and tourism.

A typical class for the Master's program is two weeks for a total of 16 hours. Those who do travel to Nepal will have an opportunity to do some sightseeing in the Himalayas as well as the jungles to look for rhinos and tigers.

For more information, contact Rev. Beaderstadt at be.kultraining@gmail.com

Covid Tales Around

There is no question that 2020 is a year we'd all like to forget. The COVID-19 virus has certainly upset everyone on a global level. Yet in the midst of it all, there have been plenty of stories and opportunities.

Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt has finished his basic training manual for students. This is a six month course originally designed for those pastors living in rural areas with limited education. The book is now being translated into Nepali and will be translated into other languages in the near future.

The Course of Study program has found a new market in the United States in order to train pastors from a variety of denominations. Many pastors in USA today do not have much training, especially in Pentecostal and some fundamental areas. This course of study will provide any person the basics in order to be a more effective pastor.

ZOOM, Messenger, Facebook and more have proven to be new tools to reach people for the Gospel. With churches and seminaries closed to face to face contact, the internet has proven to be a new way to do ministry. Most of the colleges and seminaries around the world were shut down due to COVID-19. Classes and training continued by using internet.

This was especially true for the Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas where government decree closed all schools, businesses and churches for months. With the internet, classes were able to continue.

These last six months have been a time for planning. While unable to travel to Africa and Asia as airports were closed, Rev. Beaderstadt spent time on line developing and making plans for 2021. We continue to pray for the end of this virus and the problems it has created for people all across the world.

Radio Program Begins

Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt launched on August 2nd a new radio program. Titled "Sunday Mornings with Bishop Beader-

stadt", it runs every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on WKJC-FM in Tawas City, Michigan. It is also available on WKJC's website anytime (www.wkjc.com).

The program includes stories from the mission field, interviews, Christian news as well as questions to the bishop on anything theological.

Save those "G" dollars

We've been telling you to save those dollars with the letter "G" on the left hand side. Those are "God's Dollars" and you can use them to support the work of Renaissance Outreach Ministries.

In the month of April, Rev. and Mrs. Beaderstadt were able to find 61 \$1 "G" bills. Each month, it is easy to find those dollars in your change as you shop.

When you get those "G" dollars, fold them in half and tuck them in a corner of your wallet. Each night at home, take them out and put them into an envelope. What people find is that this way, they don't miss those dollars. Together, they add up!

Stock up on Nepali Coffee

With Christmas approaching in less than three months, Nepali coffee and tea make really good Christmas gifts. The coffee is the richest you will ever drink and is very low on acid. It's ideal for those with acid reflux as it won't affect your stomach.

We have many varieties of tea available. Be sure to check out our store on our website: www.renaissanceoutreachministries.com



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