



Mission Update

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Heading to Nepal March 28—Finally!

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It's been 21 months since I returned from Nepal to USA for an operation and recovery time. I certainly didn't anticipate the arrival of COVID, plus other operations and lockdowns. Now I'm finally able to return to Nepal March 28.

Nepal has started to reopen. I needed to either get the COVID vaccination or quarantine for 10 days. I also needed an invitation letter from a travel agency in Nepal. Fortunately, I have many good friends who are travel agents, so the letter was no problem. With a lot of pushing, I was finally able to get the COVID vaccination. The second injection is March 24 and I board the plane March 28.

I have needed to return to Nepal to deal with some administrative issues which plague every endeavor anywhere. I need to do some work with the Seminary. It is still going, but there is a need for a push to bring in more students.

The lockdowns in Nepal closed schools as well as businesses. We've been able to teach remotely, but that has cost the Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas students. The good news is that we have two in the Masters Program and one in the PhD program. Those students who are currently in the program are doing very well. They are good students, which is always a blessing.

I am planning to teach two classes to the Master Level students. This includes a course on Church History. Another is a course called "Leadershift". It is based on new leadership styles and approaches based on Dr. John C. Maxwell's book *Leadershift*.

My plan is to stay in Nepal until the end of May when I returned to USA. Summer is the best time to sell our coffee and tea which does help to raise funds to support our ministry. Please keep me in prayer in my travels!



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East Africa this Fall

Pastor Jan Bederstadt may have spent 2020 in Michigan, but travel overseas begins again in 2021.

Besides being in Nepal in April and May, East Africa is on the horizon in late 2021. The trip includes leaving in September for Uganda to attend the Centenary Consistory of the Worldwide Anglican Church in Kampala.

Late September will find Pastor Jan teaching in South Sudan near the Ugandan border. There he will be training clergy in this very impoverished country. He will spend a week there before heading south for a few days in the Mbale region of Uganda teaching pastors there.

October will be doing leadership training

with pastors in Kenya. The Kenyan trip was supposed to be last October, but because of COVID was delayed until 2021.

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Africa in fall of 2021

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This trip is at the invitation of the Episcopal Church of Kenya and will include four different locations which include Mombasa and Nairobi.

November will include a three week trip to Mozambique where he's been asked to do pastoral training as well as help the churches there to organize administratively.

December through February, 2022 will be back to Uganda to teach at the Rwenzori School of Nursing & Midwifery in Kasese. The program here is to do some pastoral training as well as teaching nursing students business principles so they can organize their own medical outposts in rural communities.

The final leg of the trip is then off to Nepal for three months with the Jesus Seminary of the Himalayas.

Besides leadership courses, Rev. Beaderstadt will also be helping the churches to learn about community based tourism. Tourism can be a way to help improve the economies of the local people. At present, African tourism often by-passes the local people in favor of expensive resorts for safaris. Many of the rural communities are near national parks. These parks feature African animals as well as unique geological formations that are great for trekking.

In tourism, Renaissance Outreach Ministries is working closely with Trekking Mart of Kathmandu, Nepal to bring tourists to these communities.

The year 2021 will be a very busy year as Renaissance Outreach Ministries moves forward in training pastors around the world.

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