



# Mission Update

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## Chancellor Poudal to visit Michigan August

The Rev. Madhav Poudal and his wife Shanti of Kathmandu, Nepal is currently visiting family in California. He will be making a trip to Michigan and Indiana to meet with the Board of Directors of Renaissance Outreach Ministries which is the managing ministry for the Jesus Seminary.

Rev. Poudal graduated from seminary in California. This is their first visit in 14 years to the United States.

He took over the duties of chancellor for the Nepal campus April 1. The offices were moved to outside of Kathmandu in Chobhar where he already has a ministry and Bible School. The two schools will be working in cooperation with each other as the Jesus Seminary offers degrees in Masters and PhD.

Rev. Poudal is an old friend of Renaissance Outreach Ministries where they have worked together for nearly ten years. Not only has Rev. Jan Baderstadt, President taught there, but so has board members Rev. Mike Murray and Dr. Carl Litchfield. Others including Tim Chilson of Litchfield, Michigan have taught at the Chobhar facility.

Rev. Poudal is currently working on his PhD with his doctorate thesis on Christian education in Nepal as he examines the problems in a newly developing country for Christ.

The board meeting will be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Wednesday, Aug. 30th with location to be announced.

Rev. Terry Tomlinson and his wife Deborah will be hosting them at their home in Coldwater, Michigan. He will be preaching in the local area while in Michigan.



Rev. Madhav and Shanti Poudal

## New Church starting in Tawas on Tuesdays

Rev. Jan L. Baderstadt, President of Renaissance Outreach Ministries has announced the opening of a new church in East Tawas, Michigan. What makes it unusual is that it won't have any Sunday worship. Services will be on Tuesday evenings and will be named "Light of the Bay Church".

"Tawas City and East Tawas are major tourist areas on Lake Huron," noted Rev. Baderstadt. "Being a tourist area, many of the local residents work Sundays because of the influx of visitors year around. With Sunday worship, there are little opportunities for people to attend worship."

Iosco County suffers a very high rate of church membership, with only 19% of all county residents belonging to a church. While not all people there work Sundays, a large percentage do.

The new church will be more contemporary style, although affiliated

with the Worldwide Anglican Church. The worship services will be conducted by the Chaplains of Tawas Bay, an organization of chaplains to do ministry in the area. Rev. Baderstadt has been training the chaplains, which consists of four people.

Each of these chaplains will take turns preaching as well as doing specialized ministry in the greater Tawas area. They will serve as a way of outreach into the community.

For the past three years, the group has been leading an ecumenical Bible Study on Monday nights. The new Tuesday worship service, which begins on Tuesday, August 15, will add a new level of spiritual growth and opportunity to the area.

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# New Church starts August 15

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“One thing we don’t want is church members from other churches joining us as members,” noted Bearerstadt. “While we welcome anyone to join in worship, we are not looking to ‘steal sheep’ from other flocks. With a population of over 20,000 with no church home, there field is large enough to attract new members.”

The new church does not plan to own property. It currently uses the building for *Living Waters Apostolic Ministries* on Newman Street in East Tawas for Monday night Bible Study. The Tuesday Worship Service will be at *House of Faith Church* at the corner of Adams and State Streets in East Tawas.

One goal of the Chaplains of Tawas Bay is to create a cadre of chaplains who can work in a variety of chaplaincy positions. Most of the chaplains are volunteer, although Chaplain Lori Ulman is the current nursing home chaplain for the Iosco Ministerial Association.

“Iosco County is a beautiful, tourist area,” said Rev. Bearerstadt. “Sadly, 81% of the county does not have a church home. This is a highly unchurched area that needs the light of Christ. The area suffers from Wicca and New Age. The best way to reach the people here is through a group of chaplains that can interact with individuals as they show them the love of Christ.”

While Iosco County, Michigan does have a large retired population with a good income, there is also a large percentage working in the service industry with minimum wage jobs. Drugs and alcohol are a major problem.

“The challenges are great” noted Rev. Bearerstadt. “The chaplains will be conducting worship services as well as ministry to individuals and groups within the local area. Our goal will be in creating disciples for Jesus Christ.”

The *Light of the Bay* church is the next step in developing Iosco County for Christ.



Bishop Jan Bearerstadt checks out the Singing Bridge Golf Course and golfers with cook Pat Trechet at the 3rd Annual Totally Divine Golf Scramble Aug. 5

## ***3rd Annual Golf Scramble a success***

The 3rd Annual Totally Divine Golf Scramble was held Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Singing Bridge Golf Course south of Tawas City, Michigan. Teams lined up for a shotgun start with a day of beautiful weather and fun.

The Totally Divine Golf Scramble has become a northeast Michigan golfing tradition as well as a fund-raising event for Renaissance Outreach Ministries. It is sponsored by the Iosco Ministerial Association, Carroll Broadcasting as well as the *Iosco County News-Herald* and *Oscoda Press*.

The Golf Scramble was started in October of 2021 when four teams turned out to play. Last year’s event was a real challenge with gale force winds off Lake Huron. The big lake can easily be seen from the golf course.

One note of sadness was that with

the death of cook Phyllis Jacobi in May, Phyllis and her family took charge of the food which consisted of her Mulligan Stew and home made pies. This year golfers did enjoy 1/3 pound burgers seasoned with Nepali spices. Pat Trechet of Arizona assisted in cooking while her husband Myron played golf.

The golfers enjoyed a plethora of prizes which included a one night’s stay with food at Soaring Eagle in Saganing along with winning passes to area golf courses.

The event was heavily promoted by all area media which donated space and air time.

The 4th Annual Totally Divine Golf Scramble has been set for Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Singing Bridge Golf Course.

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# Help us to Buy 30 Pigs!

The JESUS SEMINARY-EAST AFRICA has been given 10 acres in Mbale (Eastern) Uganda where theology students will learn about how to farm smarter in order to train villages on better farming practices. The seminary is unique as it will become self-supporting through rowing coffee, vanilla and pigs.

Ugandans are the #2 consumer in the world of pork (only after China). \$100 buys 1 piglet, 4 months of feed and pays for the sty.

Our goal is 30 female pigs. Each female produces an average of 8 piglets every four to six months. After four months, each piglet can be sold for \$220 with costs of raising around \$60 for four months. If we can sell 40 piglets a month at \$220 ea = \$8,800. Subtract expenses at \$60 per pig (\$2,400), we have a monthly profit of approx. \$6,600. That will build buildings, feed students who work the farm as well as pay for other expenses for the Seminary. In future, the pigs we keep will produce about 8 piglets per sow to sell every six months. With 30 pigs, we can create a cycle of income.

\$100 is a one-time investment to get the project off the ground. Pigs will produce the quickest profits. We also will be planting coffee and vanilla along with saffron and other high profit crops. Seminary students will learn about better farming, using this as an evangelism tool.

Students are coming from Uganda, South Sudan and Kenya. These students will be graduating with Masters Degrees in Theology, thereby becoming leaders in their communities.

The Jesus Seminary is a different approach to theological education. We combine theology with practical application, creating a dynamic church for the future.

### Will you join us in this effort?

Statistics are based on both government and non-government sources in Uganda. The average sow will produce between six and ten piglets every six months. We used 8 as the average. Once we establish our pig

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## Goes a long way in Uganda!

All donations through Renaissance Outreach Ministries are tax-deductable. We are seeking a one time donation for pigs for THE JESUS SEMINARY-EAST AFRICA

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## Jesus Seminary gets 10 acres

As the August issue of *Mission Update* is prepared for publication, the Memorandum of Understanding for the Jesus Seminary-East Africa is being prepared with Musila John, member of the Ugandan Parliament. The agreement will give the Jesus Seminary a long term use of 10 acres of land to use in training pastors for East Africa.

All Master Level students will be able to combine theology with agriculture. Pastors will be able to train parishioners on how to be better farmers, thereby increasing their income. When farmers are making more, they can contribute more to their churches. This will help to ease the dependency upon foreign support for churches.

The Seminary will be self-supporting through raising of animals and crops. Pigs will be the first animals raised. Pigs breed large litters and grow quickly, allowing for fast turnover of animals for sale. Five female pigs can produce 40 piglets that can be sold every four to six months.

Renaissance Outreach Ministries is working now to raise \$2000 to buy 20 pigs, feed and build a pig sty that will start the process moving forward. Once the pigs are in place, there will be no need to look for additional money to fund the seminary except for possible capital campaigns in the future.

### CLUB 100 APPLICATION

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