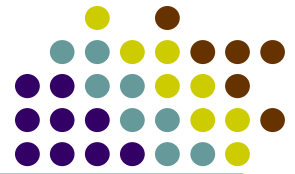


# Called to Nepal

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The eyes of the blind shall be OPENED... Isaiah 35:5a



## God Stories

I always pray for God stories. By this, I mean that God would answer my prayers in such a way that there is no other explanation but "Wow, God did that." Therefore, He gets all the glory, and it strengthens my faith to depend on His power alone and not on myself! Although, it is only three months into my pre-field journey, my faith is already being strengthened, and God's glory and power are very evident!

One of the great things about God stories is that they fill your heart with so much joy and excitement that the first thing you want to do when you get one is share it with everyone you know. You never know who else it will bless. Just the other day a friend had tears in her eyes as she thanked me for sharing one of my God stories. She said it was exactly what she needed to hear.

I was not expecting to have so much to write about so soon. I wish I had room in this letter to write about everything God has already done. Since you may not want to read a ten-page letter from me, I will attempt to briefly write about a few. Also, I challenge you to ask God to give you some God stories of your own.

**When He does, please share them with me. It may be exactly what I need to hear.**

\* I just started an on-line journal (blog) that can be accessed from my website: [www.called2nepal.com](http://www.called2nepal.com). The more that people read it and make comments on it the better I will do at keeping it updated with current God stories through out my pre-field journey.

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## Prayer Praises

### God's blessing:

- **Nepali Fellowship**
- **Discipleship Opportunities**
- **Encouragement and prayers from God's children**

### God's provision:

- **Prayer cards**
- **My display**
- **Video Presentation ~ done at no cost to me as a donation to my ministry**
- **Financial supporters**



## Nepali Fellowship

Before I visited the Country of Nepal I had never met a Nepali person. However, since I have been back in the United States, God continually puts Nepali people in my path. I have met with a group of Nepalese who live in the Atlanta area (only one is a Christian), my Parents have fellowship with a Christian Nepali Pastor who is in seminary near their house in California, and I plan to contact a deaf Nepali student who is at a deaf Bible College here in the Chattanooga area.

Also, there are about 21 Hindu Nepali students at a University only 45 minutes from my house. In God's Divine plan, my future teammate to Nepal, Jenn Hand, has a Sister and brother-in-law that are dorm parents in the International dorm at that very University. They opened up there home and we have regularly been having a Nepali Fellowship on Thursday nights. We eat Nepali food (with our fingers while sitting on the floor), learn Nepalese culture and attempt to learn their language. Along with the food, fun and fellowship, we have also had the opportunity to share God's Word with the Nepali students. Because of the drastic difference in their religion and culture, most of them know barely anything about what we believe. Starting with creation, we have been teaching them through the Bible chronologically. Praise the Lord, most of them seem very open to learning more. A couple of them specifically asked to know more about Jesus Christ. One wrote a paper about how we (Christians) must be worshipping a God who is alive because our relationship with God is our passion. Another said "I want to be a Christian, because it seems to me like Christians know real joy like I have never known." There are more of these stories, but I am out of room to write about them.



I can't think of words to express how enjoyable this experience has been. There is a lot of laughter at these meetings, but it is also a serious time as Spiritual warfare is raging. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to shine through us and open their eyes and hearts to the truth of God's Word.



# Discipleship Opportunities

God has given me two opportunities for one-on-one personal discipleship. I am in the sixth week of a ten week discipleship program with a teenage girl at my church. Also, just this week God gave me a new opportunity to start discipling a close friend from work. Both of these girls are believers who love the Lord, but are young in their knowledge of the Bible. They both have a desire to know God's Word and grow. So much could be said about this, but I must summarize. There are few things more enjoyable in life than seeing someone understand a truth in God's Word for the first time and watch them get excited about it! It's better than chocolate!



## Prayer Cards



Praise God for answered prayer for my prayer cards! I ordered my prayer cards on August 9<sup>th</sup>. However, through circumstances out of anyone's control, I did not get them until October 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ almost two months later. I say this was out of anyone's control because I believe God worked in it for His own glory and to strengthen my faith in Him!

### Prayer Requests:

- **Philippians 1:9-11 & Colossians 1:9-14**
- **The spread of God's Word in the U.S. and continued development of the work in Nepal.**
- **People will catch a world vision for the un-reached.**
- **Building of prayer team**
- **Building of financial support team**
- **Nepali Fellowship**
- **Discipleship Opportunities**
- **Scheduling of meetings in churches to share presentation**
- **Job transition & changes**
- **Practical resource needs:**

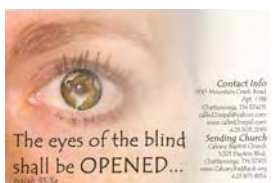
- ~Video projector
- ~Stamps
- ~Thank you cards
- ~Envelopes
- ~Good quality paper

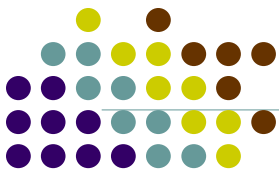
I had two months of incredible obstacles trying to get my prayer cards. The first set of cards was "lost in the mail." The second set had to be sent back due to an error, and the third set was delayed considerable due to problems at the printing company.

The person who designed my prayer card designed cards for several other people in my candidate class. He said that only people going to "closed" countries (ones hostile to the Gospel) have had problems getting their prayer literature, no one else had. Closed countries are strongholds of Satan and he does not want the power of prayer or God's servants in those places. Also, this experience gave me a new perspective on the situation. Being called to a hostile country means a life full of obstacles. The problem with my prayer cards is small compared to the roadblocks that are to come. I am thankful that God allowed this to happen to strengthen my endurance for future challenges.

That was not my initial human mindset. My first reaction was to be upset and frustrated because I was helpless to do anything in the situation. From the beginning, I quickly asked God to help me not to react with my human emotion, but to change my view and see it from His perspective. He reminded me that all things work together for good to them that love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). I decided not to get upset, because maybe He wants to bless me. So I then asked God, if it was His will, and if it was no extra cost to anyone, that He would allow my first set of prayer cards (which were lost in the mail) to be found after I receive the new set. Two months later, the day after I finally got my prayer cards, I got a phone call saying the first set was found. Without explanation, another person's name, who was not even expecting a package, was labeled over my name on the first package of prayer cards. She waited two months and did not open the package until the day after I received my prayer cards. Since the printing company could not do anything with them, I was told I could keep them. Praise the Lord, my prayer was answered, and I ended up with 6,000 prayer cards for the price of 3,000. Also, the two people who found my package were so amazed that they both took a packet of information to give to their Pastors to see if I could share my call in their church. Sometimes what we think is meant for evil God means for unbelievable good! Just trust Him and hang on a little bit longer...

Now my prayer request is that I will have the opportunity to use all 6,000 prayer cards to give to praying people. Imagine the impact of double the prayer support! Maybe I should have asked God to triple it.





## Nepal Timeline

My prayerful goal is to get to Nepal by August of 2007. For this to happen I need to have 85% of my monthly financial support by April of 2007. I know this goal may sound lofty, but I spent much time in prayer over it, and I believe it was a God-given goal. If it is God's will I have no doubt it will happen!

As I take this step of faith, and leave my comfort zone, to share God's love gift to a country in turmoil, will you prayerfully consider what your step of faith should be? How can you be a part? Will you open your eyes to the needs of this section of the world through vital prayer support and/or financial support?

I still need dedicated members for my prayer team. These are people who will be committed to praying for me and the ministry to Nepal at least three times a week. **If you would like to be part of this prayer team please e-mail me and I will put you on my prayer team list.** I would like to hear your prayer request and pray for you regularly as well!

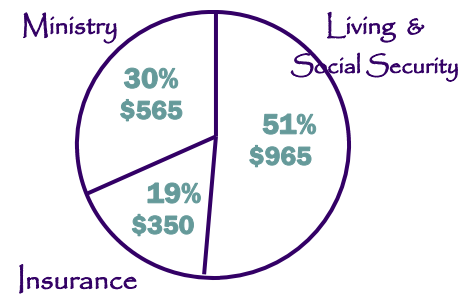
Also, I cannot get to Nepal without a financial support team. These are people who are committed to support me on a monthly basis or provide a one-time gift to go toward my outfit and passage (O&P) of initially get to the field. Please contact me or visit my website: [www.called2nepal.com](http://www.called2nepal.com) to get more information on how to support me financially.

Current Monthly Support level 13.3%

### FINANCIAL NEEDS

\$1,880 per month support

\$11,850 O & P - one time expense



### FINANCIAL GOALS

50% by January 2007

85% by April 2007

100% by August 2007 ~ go to Nepal!



Would your church or a church you know of allow me to come and share my calling? My ambition goes far beyond accruing financial support. I believe that my exposure to dedicated, overseas "Messengers" while growing up was the main tool God used to reveal His call for my life. How many potential prayer partners and future overseas workers could be sitting in the churches just waiting to be motivated!?! If God could use my testimony and burden to call even one person to service for Him, I would count the whole experience worth it! I am at the beginning stages of setting up meetings, so I am rather flexible with availability for speaking engagements.

## Ministry Display

I wanted a display that was different and eye catching, yet affordable. I prayed the Lord would help me think outside the box and guide me to a perfect idea. I found a great two-dimensional display online; however, it was a minimum of \$2,000. No way would I pay that much, so I walked down the isles of Wal-Mart looking for ideas of how to duplicate it. Instead of something two-dimensional, I found a way to make a three-dimensional display. Praise the Lord for His provision! The above shown display is a retractable laundry rack turned sideways (with two extra dowels glued in) and some of my pictures from Nepal printed on indoor vinyl (at Kinko's) attached with Velcro.

\*I am sharing this idea in case someone else could use it as an affordable eye catching alternative as well. God bless!

**Laundry rack? \$10**  
**Pictures printed on vinyl? \$95**  
**Velcro fastening tape? \$12**  
**Making my own display for \$117 that looks better than the one on-line for \$2,000? PRICELESS**

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