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-Charles H. Tidwell, Sr., Editor

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I. Nepal's People-Desperate for Help

--from 3ABN's website

Adventist Team Responds

At about 11:41 a.m. on April 25, 2015, ten-year-old Raju was playing with a stick when the earth started to move. He felt a deep rumbling as the 7.9 seismic quake occurred, and with the aftershocks, the death toll in Nepal rose to over 8,500 people.

Raju ran into his shelter to be with his parents, but his family had to flee as the rickety structure crumbled. Like thousands of others, Raju and his family have been sleeping outside, using large sheets of plastic as a covering from the elements.

Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa, Nepal, rapidly became a major treatment center after the 7.8 and later, 7.3 earthquakes that struck Nepal recently. Within 36 hours of the earthquake, GR3 Inc. and ACTS World Relief had assembled a first responder team, which included a number of medical doctors from Harvard physicians and nurses. They flew to Kathmandu to assist Scheer Memorial Hospital and its CEO, Dr. Dale Mole. The team included seasoned responders such as Dean Tidwell, Dr. Everhart, Roland Lussier, Michael Loesch, and many highly qualified medical doctors and support
medical personnel, and brought medical supplies worth thousands of dollars. None of the buildings at Scheer Memorial Hospital were damaged significantly, and there were no casualties among the staff. However, aftershocks were frequent and remain a cause for concern. The need for assistance with housing and restoration is critical. Thousands of people, afraid to be indoors for fear of aftershocks, have been living outside in makeshift shelters. Shortly after their arrival, one of the medical teams travelled to a remote location and found a van that had been crushed by rocks and landslides. Hearing sounds coming from the van, they found a young boy of about ten still alive, but his hand was trapped in the metal debris. All the other occupants were deceased. They were able to extricate the boy from the van and rush him to the hospital. Miraculously, they were able to save the boy's life, but he lost his hand from the accident. There are so many heartbreaking stories of tragedy and need, but the one common element the rescue teams have noticed is the resilience and positive attitude of the people. They have lost everything, and are now living in the open space with rubble all around them. The monsoon season is fast approaching, but they have a hope that it is going to be all right. In fact, many Nepali people asked the team members for Bibles. Some of these people lost everything and the most important thing to them right now is to have a Bible! The catastrophe that has been visited on this small and fragile country and its people is indescribable. This country, already on its knees, has been hit again, and international assistance is critical. Although they're living among the rubble, many Nepali people have asked team members for a Bible! The human trafficking statistics show that thousands of women and girls are working in Kathmandu's adult entertainment sector. Over half of these workers are under 18, and these unfortunate girls are stuck in a cycle of despair and violence.... Please continue to pray for the people of Nepal and the relief workers who are assisting them to rebuild their lives. Your prayers for the Christian church to plant churches and reach the unsaved of Nepal with the gospel of Jesus Christ is a fundamental priority. God continues to rock the land that worships Buddha, in an attempt to wake them up to the truth of His Word.

II. Letters
1. S. Rajendra Prasad <registrar@spiceradventistuniversity.com>
Thank you, Dr. Jeremiah, for your thoughtfulness, rare insights and kind words of appreciation expressed for the well-deserving members of the 90+ Club who I am sure are given a shot in the arm by these genuine felicitations in the twilight years of their fruitful and blessed life!

2. Len Tolhurst <lptlhrst@bigpond.net.au> June 14;
I leave for India on 17 June, (Wednesday), and plan to return to Australia on 15 September. (Almost three months away) I am going on a preaching trip and will visit India, Bangladesh, Myanmar (Burma) and Thailand. I was planning to go to Nepal, and the President of our church work there wanted me to go there, but the earthquakes forced me to change my plans. I would have been there in the middle of the monsoon season with heavy rain falling every day, and with so many buildings destroyed, it was...
not practical at this time. Sharon is planning to join me there on July 8, and we will travel around while I show her where Val and I used to live and work, and also show her where she was born. She was less than one year old when we left so does not remember anything about the country. Please pray for safe travel for us, and for my preaching ministry while away.

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III. Remembering Bob Robinson
Rose Srickle <rose.fama@gmail.com>
FAMA NEWSLETTER Volume 9, June 25
I was sorry to hear of Bob Robinson's passing this month with a heart attack. I remember his visits at camp meetings, encouraging people to go and have evangelistic meetings in India. I also remember eating in their home in India and knowing that I could trust the food there that was tuned to the needs of someone not able to eat all the local foods because they were not used to the local bacteria or whatever! And, when I needed an answer to an email, Brenda was the one I could count on. A couple who had devoted their lives to missions when it would have been so easy to just settle down in America. May God, in His timing, bring His reward!

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IV. More Praise for Great Workers
Alfred Raju <alfredraju_d@yahoo.co.in>
I'd like to comment on Dr. Jeremiah's writings and I am impressed very much with what he called "WORROIRS OF FAITH" and "HEROES OF THE PAST". Today we have well established our church organization. I would like to mention some others: Pastor T. Prakasam, Mr. Pakka Rajah Rao, Pr. D. Raju, R. I. Mathew, I. Subhushnam, K. P. Jeevarathnam, R. Nagabhushanam. [Your editor here; I would add to that list some who helped me become a missionary some 60 years ago; Pr. B. M. Shad, Daniel Rai, E. S. James, Sunder Singh, Pr. Alexander Gardner . . .]

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V. Poddar's London to Paris Cycle Ride 2015
Kish Poddar <kishpoddar@onetel.com> June 11
The London to Paris cycle ride has become an annual fundraising event for the Watford based Charity, STOP International. The sole purpose of this event is to raise the annual school fees for 50 orphan children, in a Children's home in Tamil Nadu, India. This is the third year the Mr. Kish Poddar organised the event and rode his cycle along with Mr. Ricardo Wright and Mr. Ravindran Bassi. Both Mr. Poddar and Mr. Wright are teachers at Stanborough School. They were accompanied in the support vehicle by Mrs. Sonia [Christo] Poddar, also a teacher at Stanborough school, who cooked their meals with the help of Mrs. Valerie Wright and Mr. Paul Poddar who drove the support vehicle.

The team of six set off from Tower Bridge in London at about 7 am on Sunday 24 May, riding along the A100 and the A207. Their target was to get to Dover by 4 pm to catch the ferry to Calais, their first stop for the night. Their first major challenge was Shooters Hill. Thanks to the months of rigorous training they successfully tackled this as well as Chatham Hill. The weather could not have been more ideal. There was glorious sunshine all day apart from a light shower as they approached Dover. The ferry crossing
took an hour and a half and at Calais the heavens opened and bucketed down with rain.
The following day the bikers set off under clear blue skies along the beautiful coast road of northern France, stopping to capture the stunning scenery on their cameras for posterity. This was a long ride 80 miles to Abbeville. The terrain was undulating and the numerous uphill rides slowed their pace. After maneuvering the busy roads of Bologne the riders met up with the support vehicle at Etaples for lunch. Before setting off, they agreed on the next rendezvous point to be a town called Rue. However, because the Satnav could not be charged due to a fault on the vehicles charging socket, the support bus lost its way, as the road signs did not appear to match with the road map. The situation was aggravated by the lack of signal for their mobile phones. The result being that the riders had no clue where the support vehicle was and vice versa. The riders arrived at a turning, indicating 6 km to Rue and stopped to assess the situation. The only option was to ride to Rue, the prearranged rendezvous point but that would be 6 km off their route. Just as they were about to set off to Rue, the support vehicle pulled up behind them, saving the riders the extra 6 km. It appeared that because they had lost their bearings the support team decided on a providential premonition to take the D901. It turned out to be the one that the riders were on and hence a successful meeting up, which saved the riders a few unnecessary miles of riding. The riders arrived safely at Abbeville at 6 pm and had a sumptuous meal at the Royal Bar and then bedded down for the night at their accommodation.

The third day was a shorter ride of 56 miles and again the weather was glorious sunshine. The roads were well signposted and this made it easy for both the support vehicle and the riders. The riders encountered two gigantic inclines but successfully rode them both. Soon after, one of the riders brake levers had come lose and failed to function. This mechanical malady was soon sorted out with the repair tools they carried and the riders set off again. After lunch at a beautiful rural setting they reached Beauvais the destination for day three, within the hour. They stopped at a supermarket for supplies and then had a cooked meal and settled down for the night.

The final day was the ride to Paris and the Eiffel Tour. The riders were in high spirits having rested well and after the usual daily devotion from Psalms 121 set off again. The weather was sunny and the temperature ideal for the riders so the ride was pleasant and they made good time. Just before the town of Pointoise the lead rider who was a good 200 m ahead, took the wrong turning and sped off. The rest of us followed but we were off course to make the rendezvous with the support vehicle. The riders carried on in the hope of meeting up with the support vehicle. Unbeknown to the riders, the support vehicle had also taken the same wrong turning and had stopped at a filling station. Miraculously the filling station was located on the road that he riders were on and another providential rendezvous took place to the delight of all. We all got back on the planned route and headed for Paris. The riders had planned to meet up with the support vehicle at the Eiffel Tower so they cycled following the mapped out route. With the road works in Paris...
the planned route became superfluous. Asking directions helped somewhat but the riders were a good 10 km from the Eiffel tower. It was at this point when two young French boys, not more than 11 years old who were out for some recreation on bikes for their day off school, recognised our dilemma and offered to show us the way to the Tower, by riding in front of us while we followed. Keeping up with these young God sent "angels" was a challenge as they were more familiar with the back street route than we were. They led us to the Arc de Triomphe where we took photographs and then set off along Kleber Avenue to the Eiffel Tower. The tower looked magnificent in the afternoon sunshine mainly because it gave us a profound sense of achievement, mission accomplished. Our two little escorts became a few pounds better off that day. When told to exchange the sterling for euros they declined saying that they were going to keep them as souvenirs. We were thankful for their help and thanked God for helping us achieve our goal. As planned, the support vehicle was parked up and waiting for us by the Tower. We took lots of pictures in the warm sunshine and offered a prayer of gratitude to our Father in heaven. We treated ourselves to a delicious Indian meal at a restaurant in in Paris after locating our hotel. The following day we were blessed with another glorious sunny day as we drove back to England elated at another successful 262 mile sponsored ride to raise the school fees for the 50 orphans. Thank you for supporting the STOP London to Paris cycle ride this year with your sponsorship as well as your prayers.

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