

# UPDATE FROM THE TAMANG FAMILY

Dear Friends and families,

We greatly appreciate your prayers, support & encouragement during this difficult time here in Nepal. In the midst of hardship in the everyday life, we are all safe, healthy and continue to serve the Lord. Months after two devastating earthquakes that killed over 9000 people, Nepal is now suffering with another Humanitarian crisis, this time due to an Indian Border Blockade, which has stopped gasoline, cooking propane gas, Medicine, and essential supplies landlocked Nepal obtains from India. Nepal relies heavily on India for a substantial proportion of its imports. Nepal (landlocked) Imports almost 50% of its medicine coming from India. Nearly 95% of Nepal's population is affected by the shortage of almost all the medicine, cooking gas and gasoline is imported from India. Almost all residents are now using firewood to cook their food, having run out of cooking gas {cooking with firewood will not be a long term solution as the country may run out of firewood}. In the country's Southern plains, the Madhesi and Tharu ethnic groups who oppose the new constitution have enforced a general strike for nearly 4 months.

The education sector has been closed for over 3 months because of this crisis. Now the schools have re-opened and limited transportations are operating from smuggled gasoline from India borders costing 3 to 4 times more the regular price.

The country is also going through load shedding (electricity shortage); we would have nearly half a day without electricity. Because of this, people cannot rely on electricity to cook food. Grocery stores have limited food supplies, its very expensive. The industries remain closed. Seems like there is not much hope for improvement.

Today one of the Maoist (communist) groups has called a nation-wide strike. Everything remains completely shut down. We are trusting our almighty God for better a outcome from all this crisis and somehow that it will bring glory to Jesus. We continue to share his love and witness to those who don't know him yet.

Our ministry has been quite slow. It has been very difficult to travel around the country. There is a lot of racial hatred and criminal acts like robbery, bomb explosions and many innocent people are losing their lives. This is a very sad situation.

## Prayer Requests:

- Our safety
- God's grace for this nation and wisdom for the Nepalese government
- Please pray that the blockade may be uplifted soon
- God's peace for the people of Nepal by sharing his love and witnessing Jesus

Thank you so much for standing with us and for your continual prayers! Many blessings,  
Tamang Family

Left - Thousands of vehicles lined up at the gas station for many days hoping for a few liters of Petrol & Diesel.  
Right – Propane gas cylinders lined up as people wait for even the smallest amount

