



 BAPTIST WORLD AID

Thank you NewHope Baptist
Church for standing in partnership
with our sisters and brothers in
Nepal.

2022 IMPACT REPORT

As a new stater at Baptist World Aid, I've been scanning our Strategic Plan developed last year, themed Fullness of Life – A Better World for All. One of our priorities is to 'pray for and inspire a movement that equips others to participate in God's global restoration story.'

As a former mission practitioner, I'm always keen to expand our understanding of God's Mission across our Baptist Movement and like-minded stakeholders. In joining God in His mission, it's not just those Christians at the coal face, relieving poverty and responding to crisis that join in God's redemptive action. In supporting such action, our prayer and financial partners are likewise participating in this redemptive action. This is the mission of God. You, me and our Partners on the ground are fellow participants!

Our Christian Partners are working in marginalised contexts to alleviate poverty and bring hope to communities in need. Resourcing them gives such meaning to Jesus' words recorded in John 10:10,

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

So, on behalf of the team at Baptist World Aid and our global network of Christians supporting communities to flourish and confront injustice, we say 'thank you'!

Thank you NewHope Baptist Church for your faithfulness. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for partnering alongside us and our sisters and brothers in Nepal.

I'm sure that, like me, reading the following report will bring you a sense of joy. It is indeed life-giving for us to know we're transforming individuals and communities through actions that result in social-inclusion, empowerment, resilience, education and improved health and safety!

Through our partnership, may marginalised communities experience what Jesus came for—to give fullness of life.



Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy'.

Andy McCulloch

National Manager, Church Engagement





What's Happening In Nepal?

Last year, the COVID crisis in Nepal eased as vaccination rates rose, and lockdowns came to an end. But many rural communities continue to feel its impact, especially given the lack of jobs and inadequate infrastructure in rural villages. Children from low-income families were unable to access online classes during lockdown, widening the gap in learning outcomes. People with disability also struggled to earn an income due to discrimination, leaving them dependent on their families—many of whom are living in poverty.

Another challenge is that many people in the rural flat lands (Terai) of Nepal—especially those from marginalised groups—don't have citizenship, birth registrations or identification documents. This leaves them unable to rely on social and legal protections, exercise their political rights, or access social services from the government.

In 2022, many vulnerable people, living in the communities our Partners serve, took vital steps towards improving their lives. People from marginalised groups obtained identification documents from the government, more women have taken on decision-making roles, and new mothers are receiving training on how to take care of their child's health. Our Partners are supporting rural schools with resources and technical support, so more children living in poverty can get an education. Our Partners' Child Clubs help young people understand their rights, take care of their health, and build a better future for themselves, and their families. In total 13,519 people from 5,637 households were direct beneficiaries of our Partners' programs. This includes 6,119 children and 4,883 women among whom 625 are women living with disability.

Highlights To Celebrate

HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022:

01

After promoting education amongst Self Help Group members, 90 per cent of their children are at school, including 88 girls of parents who previously believed girls should not be educated. Our Partner is also providing resources for 13 rural schools, including training for 46 teachers.

02

106 Self Help Groups, with the help of community health volunteers, promoted child protection, women's health services and hygiene training to the target communities.

03

78 children now have birth registration certificates, which is significantly more than the year before. In Self Help Groups, 36 women have received identification documents, so they can exercise their rights and access social services.

04

Close to half of the Executive Committee members in our Partner's program are women, children, or people from marginalised groups. For most of these members, this is the first time they've been able to contribute to decision-making in their communities.

05

62 people with disability, and their families, have been trained in raising animals and are using their skills to generate an income. And 15 people with disability undertook vocational training in professions such as plumbing and carpentry. Our Partner has also built wheelchair ramps and disability-friendly toilets in schools, so all children have a space to learn.

06

144 new and pregnant mothers took part in maternal child healthcare training. They learned how to care for their child's health and access services provided by the government.

07

190 students across four schools received hygiene and sanitation training. Students were so inspired by what they learnt that they asked their schools to provide more dustbins.



Pray For Nepal

PLEASE PRAY THAT:

- People from marginalised groups may be included and supported in their communities
- Children would have opportunities to attend school, especially girls and those living with disability
- All people in Nepal would be able to obtain identification papers, so they can exercise their rights as citizens
- People with disability would be able to access ways to generate an income
- New and pregnant mothers would be able to enjoy safe births, healthy children, and maternal health care
- God would sustain our partners with strength and endurance as they serve the most vulnerable in Nepal



YOU CAN USE
THESE PRAYER
POINTS TO INFORM
YOUR CHURCH'S
PRAYERS FOR OUR
PARTNER'S WORK
IN BANGLADESH.

Change Story

Pradeep* is a lively 10-year-boy from rural Nepal, who is living with a disability. His parents often struggle to make ends meet, as his father works for daily wages that are often unreliable. Pradeep had also never been to school because his mother, Luana*, feared he would be shunned because of his disability.

'It is often thought that a disability is a curse or punishment for sins committed by your ancestors,' Luana said. 'Children with disability are isolated, shunned, and considered untouchable'.

Things started to change when Luana, who is a member of our Partner's Self Help Group, asked whether Pradeep could join the Child Partner program. Field staff advised her that children must be enrolled in school

to be a Child Partner. Our Partner works closely with schools in the community, providing resources and training so children can receive a good education in a safe and inclusive environment. Partner staff also discussed disability rights in Luana's regular Self Help Group meetings. Her attitude began to change, and she decided to send her son to school.

Pradeep is now in Year One, and has transformed from having very low self-esteem to being a happy, thriving student who is doing well at his lessons. When Pradeep grows up, he wants to be a teacher. 'I like going to school,' Pradeep said. 'I like colours, drawing pictures, reading, and playing.' Luana adds, 'I hope this project will keep supporting people with disability in the future'.

*Names changed for privacy

