

REPORT FROM NEPAL

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Act 13:47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Pastor Rajesh Bishowkarma is a young Pastor (28 years old) ministering in Lalitpur Lele 22 kilometers south of the Capital, Kathmandu. For some years now, Pastor Rajesh has been reading some of the material on our website, <https://apostolicinternational.com/>. The good Lord Jesus opened his understanding in regard to the doctrine of baptism in Jesus' name. He decided to obey Acts 2:38 and baptize souls in Nepal in the name of Jesus alone. Praise the Lord! As such, we wish to first and foremost give the Lord Jesus the glory for our website which he has seen fit to use for his glory in such an unprecedented fashion!

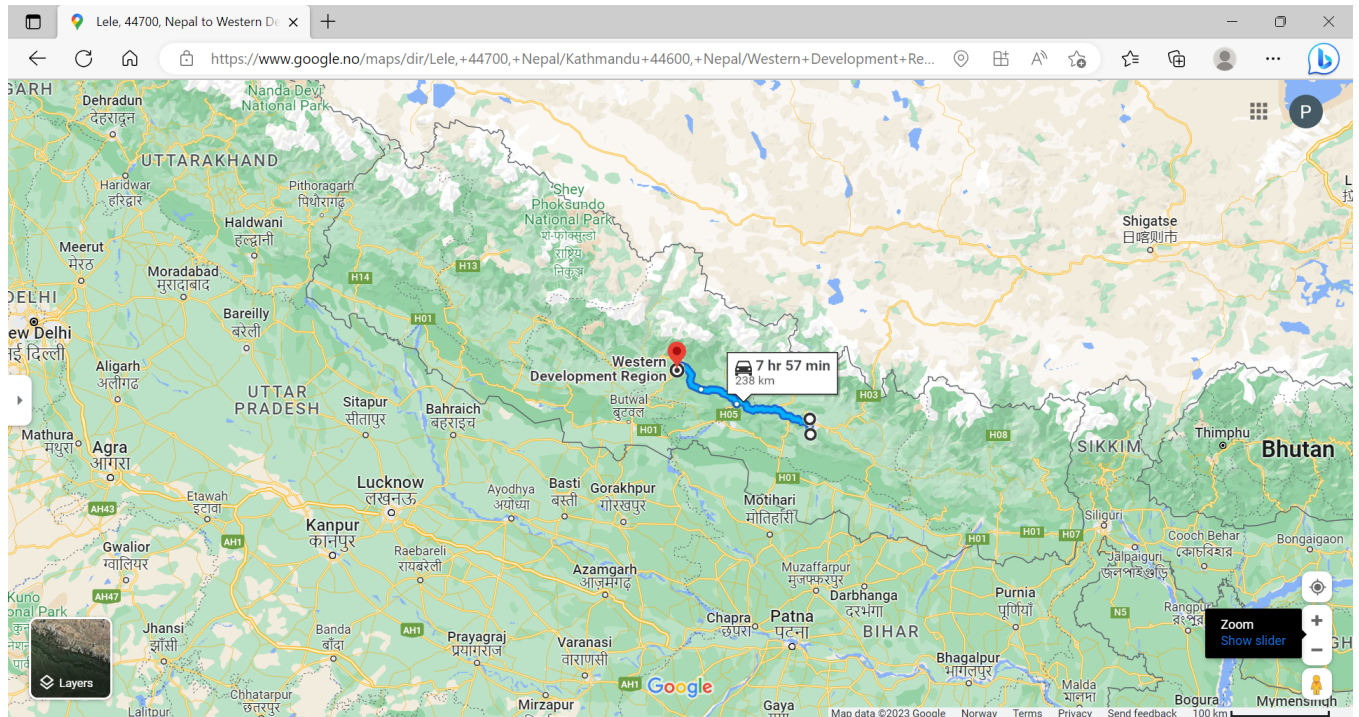
Figure 1: Baptism in Jesus name



Pastor Rajesh is passionate about the true revelation contained in the Bible. He has already suffered some resentment and verbal castigation because he has rejected the doctrine of the Trinity. Let us uphold him in prayer! After hearing about his bold decision to baptize souls in Jesus name, I decided to visit and encourage him. In the course of the three weeks I was in Nepal (29 March – 18 April, 2023), I have spent over 30 hours sharing the precious

truth of the saving doctrine of the name and identity of Jesus with Pastor Rajesh on a one-on-one basis. In addition, I have had the privilege of preaching in his church in Lalitpur Lele.

Figure 2: Pastor Rajesh's area of ministry



I am happy to report that Pastor Rajesh has requested to come under the Jesus Alone is God Church of Europe ministry. As Superintendent, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome him and his church into our worldwide fellowship and ministry. “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd” (John 10:16). The people of Nepal are humble and gentle in their ways. Nevertheless, they have learned to endure hardship in a part of the world with formidable mountain ranges and tough living conditions. The Himalayas, called “the roof of the world”, and with the highest mountain peak, Mt. Everest (8,848 meters) is home to the famous Sherpas. In April 2015, an earthquake killed 8,964 people in this country. While countless people suffered great loss of life and property, the Lord spared the lives of the church members. Glory be to Jesus! Pastor Rajesh has plans to take me to western Nepal to minister in a remote location with no modern amenities and we will have to walk for several days to reach souls hungry for the Word of God. I look forward to this in Jesus’ time!

Figure 3: The church at Lalitpur Lele



Allow me to remind one and all about the Great Commission in conclusion.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Once again, we must remind ourselves that this is the Lord's Great Commission, not Great Suggestion. As the Lord said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). If we believe we have the revelation given to the Apostles, then we are obliged to travel, preach and reach the nations, as the Apostles did. We must not dare to bury the talents the Lord gave us in the earth (Matt 25: 24). God is giving us key people in diverse parts of the world through whom he will reach the natives of each country. Let us roll up our spiritual sleeves and get to work. The Lord is returning soon! The first time the Lord came, he gave us everything, but the second time he returns, he will expect to receive fruit from us. May the Lord Jesus bless the nation of Nepal and Pastor Rajesh!