

# HUMANITARIAN

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Members, friends and children stand in front of their partially completed church building.

## The Impact of a Building

By Evangelist Frank Natoli

**O**n a recent visit to Ghana by Evangelists Joseph Perri, Phil Arcuri and the writer, we listened to the testimony of a sister (through a translator) on a Sunday afternoon. The following account illustrates how the construction of a church building provided far more than a shelter from the rains during the rainy season and from the hot

sun when temperatures climb to nearly 100 degrees.... it provided the means to draw souls to Christ and to the Restored Gospel.

A few years ago, one of the villages in Ghana was without a church building. Resident Evangelist Ford Boadu petitioned the church in America to assist with funding, and soon, private and church donations were provided to construct a 30' x 50' cement block-walled, metal roofed structure.

Since Brother Ford was acquainted with a local contractor in the village, he asked him to

bid on the project. Although the contractor was of another faith, he accepted and an agreement was eventually reached for him to build the church. Upon completion, an invitation was extended to him and his family to attend the dedication. They attended and it was the first time they had visited a Christian church.

Although the contractor was polite, his wife was very interested and soon began to regularly attend church meetings. The elders and teachers spoke with her and answered many questions. They

asked her to consider and answer for herself, "What does the other church offer you compared to what we have told you that Jesus Christ offers - eternal salvation"

The very next Sunday, a sermon was preached about salvation and she stood and requested her baptism. Immediately a problem arose, because her husband remained a devout in his faith. He objected to her baptism and threatened to divorce her if she left their faith (he felt it was an embarrassment to him, being

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## Nepal Mission – Their Own Testimony of God's Great Love

Compiled by  
Evangelist Joel Gehly

### Sister Kumari:

I was blind from birth and was born into a Hindu family. I did not believe in any God because I was angry and fearful because of my blindness. Every thought I had was negative. Evil spirits constantly gave me nightmares and I would shout and cry out throughout the night. My family was very angry with me because I could not sleep. One day my sister told me about the



Sister Kumari

Word of God (Bible) and about this church. She took me to church and I learned about Jesus. The stories about Jesus made me feel good. I realized I was a sinner and I needed to repent. I was baptized and I received salvation. From that day on I have felt a wonderful peace. A peace has come into my heart. I have had no more fear. I have received the blessings of God. I am happy. [Additional note: Since her baptism, Sister Kumari has had no more nightmares - the evil spirits no longer control her life. Also, since her baptism, she has been receiving her sight. Although blind from birth, she now can see on a limited basis and can easily walk through a crowded room or courtyard full of people without assistance! Praise God!]

### Sister Abigail:

I was baptized at 14 years of age (she is now 17). Before my family found the church, there was so much argument and contention in our family. My family was very poor. My parents went to many Christian groups before they heard the restored gospel in 2003. After they started to serve God in The Church of Jesus Christ, our home changed. I have a great peace and joy since my baptism, and it is my desire to serve God all my life. [Additional note: Sister Abigail is in 11th grade of high school. She is diligent in studying the Bible and speaks excellent English.]

### Brother Bikash:

Two years ago I was working in an area in the south of the country. During the time I was there a very violent conflict arose between the hill country people and the low land people. There were many violent clashes and a general strike that closed the area. One day I had to travel to meet my younger brother and we arranged to travel by a back road to try to avoid the conflict. As I was walking down the road, I was all alone and then in the distance I saw a group of 15-20 men coming toward me. I knew I could not hide or get away. I also knew that these men were evil men and that they would hurt or kill me. I closed my eyes and prayed. These men surrounded me and came at me with knives,



Brother Bikash

spears and clubs. As they raised their knives to kill me, I said "Stop". I told them I wanted to do them no harm and that I was unarmed. Finally a voice in the center of the group cried out, "He is telling the truth, let him go." These evil men allowed me to pass by them without any harm. I knew that this voice that cried out was an angel or the voice of God that had saved me.

### Sister Zedida:

When I was 11 years old (she is now 15), I was alone in our house with my young sister (who was 3 years old). I was on my bed with



Sister Zedida and Sister Abigail

my sister and I was reading my school lessons. All of a sudden, my sister started to scream. I turned and saw a deadly cobra (snake) only 6" from my face. I was very afraid and thought that I would surely die at that moment. I closed my eyes and prayed. I remember thinking that I would soon see Jesus. When I opened my eyes again, I saw that the snake was moving away from me and I became very thankful. When my mother returned home later that day, the three of us got down and prayed to God, thanking Him. I am very thankful for my baptism and my life in the church. [Additional note: Sister Zedida is also in 11th grade of high school. She is a wonderful young sister in the church mission at Kathmandu.]

### Email received February 18, 2009:


Dear Brothers,  
Jaimashi! I hope you all brothers are fine and reached well at home. I am writing this email (to share) how fast the days spent in our fellowship (passed, and) I could not understand. Thanks to the Lord. This trip has been really a very blessed (time) for us. Each of us are so very happy. Thank you brothers for your wonderful time, fellowship, love and teachings. It is all in our heart. (The) unspeakable joy we could get and through the same spirit (of God), we shall be working for the church until your coming in the next trip. Many things we could learn and feel the presence of Holy Spirit and His power and authority truly. Specially, I (will) never forget you brothers (and) I will be praying for you all the time. Please pray for all of us you have reached wounds in the hearts of all with your heavenly love. Everyone cried as they found your absence. We missed you so very quickly.  
Your Brother in Christ,  
Madan  
Minister  
The Church of Jesus Christ  
Kathmandu, Nepal

The Church of Jesus Christ is alive and well in Nepal. There are three separate mission areas (Kathmandu, Budhabare, Sikkim). There are three great needs:

The Book of Mormon needs to be translated and printed. We heard this request every day of our trip.

A Library needs to be established to fulfill a humanitarian requirement and provide Christian materials to the church and community. We heard this request every other day.

The church needs a cemetery to bury the saints that pass on. In a country that is 96% Hindu there are very few cemeteries. This is a great concern and we heard this request numerous times as well.

Please pray and please give generously for these needs. 



## The Church in Mozambique

By Evangelist Lyle Criscuolo

Mozambique is a very poor country with impassable roads, bombed buildings, and no electricity – the result of a war that lasted 16 years. The people are extremely poor and sustain themselves by growing corn, vegetables, and some fruit. There are no hotels or restaurants; therefore, we stayed in tents and brought our own food and water.

The Church of Jesus Christ in Mozambique is growing very quickly. The Gospel is shared with friends and family members. The saints worship in shelters which are not waterproof as they are made from grass and corn stalks. Corrugated sheets are needed for roofs at a cost of \$3,000 per shelter. There are 12 congregations of approximately 60 members each – all of which need metal roofing for their church shelter.

The three elders bicycle from village to village preaching the Gospel, administering sacrament, and anointing the sick. There are so many needs, that Brother Kenneth reported he uses a bottle of oil per week. There is one village that cannot be accessed by bicycle because of the barriers including rivers and inadequate roads. To reach that village, Brother Kenneth walks twelve hours on Saturday and makes the return trip on Monday. He holds an evening meeting on Saturday and three meetings on Sunday.

Many villages are so remote that they have no access to medical care. The government of Mozambique has a program for subsidizing the cost of motorcycles for those individuals who will use them to access remote villages. A motorcycle for Brother Kenneth would cost approximately \$1,000 and could be used for spreading the Gospel and for providing health care for those living in remote villages.

The Book of Mormon is being translated into the Chichewa language which is spoken in



Saints and Worship Shelter in Mozambique

Malawi and the northern section of Mozambique. The brothers defend the Book of Mormon even though they cannot read it but have only heard others preach about it. They long for the day when the writings will be in their


own language.

The specific needs for this new work to continue and grow are as follows:

- Roofing materials for worship shelters
- Motorcycles to service

remote villages

- Funding for printing the Book of Mormon

Thank you for your prayers and support of this new work of the Church. 

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**I would like to donate to the following:**

*"What shall I render unto  
the Lord for all his  
benefits toward me?"*

PSALMS 116:12

Please fill in the amounts for each work that you want to donate to and return in envelope provided.

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a senior church member in his community).

His wife's conviction was so firm that she told him, "If you divorce me, I will be married to Jesus Christ and I will marry no other." Within weeks, because of this statement, the husband reluctantly agreed to her baptism, however he told our new Sister Owusuah that their five children must be raised in the his faith.

Over the next years, the oldest daughter graduated from school as an elementary teacher and she was hired by the John Ross Preparatory School (immediately adjacent to the church building her father had built) in the same village. Soon her daughter began attending our church and was baptized. Not long after that,



Brother Joe Perri and Sister Owusuah

the next oldest child requested baptism, and within a short while, all the children began attending our church on a regular basis! Although the husband remains in his religion, he acknowledges the difference The Church of Jesus


Christ has made in the lives of his wife and children.

Can a building make a difference? Can you make a difference?

Currently, Ghana has five congregations, but only four locations have meeting locations. Three

have church buildings; however one of the congregations has a building that is partially built, with block walls and a roof, but no doors, interior plaster, windows, electricity, etc. The cost to complete this building is \$7,000.

Another congregation meets in a small room connected to the home of a brother – the cost of land and construction would be approximately \$20,000.

Please prayerfully consider how you might make a difference! 

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