

**September
2026**



GLOBAL TRAINING
NETWORK

Our Itinerary



**Sept 13: East Wenatchee
First Baptist, WA**

**Sept 20: Calvary Cross-
roads, Wenatchee, WA**

Oct 8-25: Rwanda Ministry

Oct 26-Nov 3: Cameroon

In His Grip

Here Comes the Harvest!

As September begins here in Southern Iowa (my home), I am continually reminded that the season is changing. The nights are cooler, the grass is losing its luster, the bean fields look thick and rich, and the corn is just starting to change color. Soon the harvest will be here. It's an amazing thing to see.

I am also continually amazed at the ways God has allowed Eileen and me to participate in His harvest of souls through our work with GTN. To be clear, we don't evangelize directly in our ministry.

We just train indigenous leaders. Yet, training these over the past 17+ years has resulted in many thousands of souls won to Christ by our students as they carry out their

class assignments! This has been a harvest indeed!

The great news is that everyone can participate in God's harvest. You don't need a title or a ticket. Here are four simple practices that enable you to take part in the work God is doing.

1. Ask God to put people in motion.

Jesus' first instruction was not "go invent a ministry." It was "ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers." That means praying for new missionaries AND for someone to help missionaries you already know. It also

includes praying that you yourself will notice the person right in front of you. Prayer here



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Nepal Report

Many of you have asked about the recent events in Nepal since it is one of the countries in which we work. In case you are unaware of these events, on the morning of August 26 a glacier and ice-rock mass collapsed high on the Nepal-Tibet border (near Langtang Lirung). The debris dammed a tributary, then broke through and sent a surge of ice, rock, mud, and water down the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli rivers. It destroyed the Gyirong/Rasuwa Gadhi border area and tore through valleys all the way through Nepal with bodies later recovered as far downstream as Chitwan and into India. Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management



Authority currently estimates that there are 1066 dead and 4,247 missing (including about 592 foreign nationals from dozens of countries and 933 people linked to hydropower projects, many believed still in blocked tunnels). Unofficial estimates place the number of missing at more than 5000.

The immediate physical needs are obvious: shelter, food, medicine, sanitation, security. The longer term physical needs will involve the clearing of vast debris fields, reconstruction, and reestablishment of critical infrastructure. The spiritual and emotional impact is harder to address. Children have been orphaned. People have lost multiple members of their families. Thousands are homeless without resource or hope. Sadly, Hinduism and its underlying world view leaves most Nepalis ill equipped to understand such a cataclysm or to provide help for one another.

But God is at work. The church in Nepal, though a tiny percentage of the population, is rising to meet the moment as the church has done throughout history. Christian believers have been impacted as much as anyone else. So far, we have heard of 200 believers and 8 pastors who are dead or

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Here Comes the Harvest! *(cont'd)*

is not a backup plan. It is how the work starts.

2. Talk about Him with people you already know. Most people who come to faith do it because someone they already trusted opened their mouth. You do not need a three-point outline. Say what actually happened to you. Invite someone to dinner, to church, or just into an honest conversation. The woman at the well ran back to town and said, in effect, "You need to meet this guy." That is still the job.



3. Treat people the way Jesus treated them. He looked at people who were tired, directionless, and ignored, and He felt it. Do the same: pay attention. Look at people through a non-political lens. Help when it costs you something. Keep your word. Stay when it is

inconvenient. People rarely listen to someone they do not respect or like. How you act is part of whether they ever want to hear more.

4. Put your time and money behind the work.

Give so someone else can go farther than you can. Take the unnoticed jobs at church—kids, greeting, driving, meals—so the people who *are* talking have somewhere to bring new people. Treat your street, your job, and your regular hangouts as the place to which you've already been sent. You do not have to wait for a dramatic calling. *Availability IS the calling.*

The harvest is God's. Your part is to pray like it matters, speak when you have the chance, live in a way that does not contradict the message, and refuse to sit it out. ∞



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Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God for developing plans for return to Kurdistan and Qatar in 2027.
- Praise God for new ministry areas in the Philippines starting in January.
- Praise God for upcoming ministries in Rwanda and Cameroon.
- Please pray for the people of Nepal suffering from a huge death toll in flash flooding.
- Please pray for my writing schedule (I am still behind).
- Please pray for believers and missions work in the Middle East. Travel is affected by war.

Nepal Report *(cont'd)*

missing. Yet, from all over Nepal other Christians are coming. International NGOs (many of them Christian) are at work, but

they depend heavily upon volunteer local labor to carry out their relief efforts. That labor is being provided largely by the churches of Nepal in spite of bureaucratic obstacles imposed by the government.

The Western church can help as well. If you would like to make a donation to help victims of the Nepal flash flood disaster, we recommend donating directly to 'Samaritan's Purse,' a Christian NGO which is on the ground helping. Just Google Samaritan's Purse Nepal Flash Flood and you will find it. Your donation will be tax deductible. You may also send funds on a tax deductible basis to our GTN account. Be sure to include a note designating your gift for the Nepal flash flood disaster. We will pass it on directly through to our Nepali partners. In times like these, let the church be the church. ∞



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