

A NEPALI BROTHER IN EUROPE, October 2005

We have mentioned before our efforts to spread the Gospel in Western Europe and are pleased to say that they continue to bear fruit. Brother HARI, originally from Nepal, was recently met with and interviewed and baptized by Sis Jean Field and Br Duncan Heaster. Members of Sis Jean's ecclesia will provide ongoing pastoral care for our brother. He has had an awful experience in Nepal. Coming from a Maoist controlled area 500 km from Kathmandu, he was kidnapped by the Maoists as he is a pharmacist and medic, in order to help tend their wounded. He was in turn captured by Nepalese Government forces who assumed he was a Maoist because he was with them at their military camp. He has 'changed hands' several sides in the conflict and he and his family are threatened by both the Maoist and Government forces. He went into hiding and in his desperation turned to God, quit Hinduism and became a Christian, marrying a Christian in a secret ceremony. His family were angry about this and decided he had to leave Nepal, in addition to which they were being threatened to give him up. They therefore paid for him to be smuggled 'to a Western country'. After indescribable privations, he was released from a lorry one night and told he was 'in the West'. He says he truly didn't know which country he was in to start with, and had to ask people on the street. He found some Indians and works for them cleaning their hotel in return for which he can stay there. He has applied to the Government for asylum, hoping and praying that he can be given asylum and his wife can then join him. He seems to have a good chance of asylum as his case is well documented, including his photograph being on a 'wanted' list in Nepal. He had read our Nepali literature on the internet and also studied Bible Basics. His English is poor and so he had gone to the town library to see if he could find a Bible in Nepali, but no luck. We spent a wonderful time with him and interviewed him over a few hours, culminating in his baptism and our sharing the breaking of bread together. We were able to share with him the newly printed 'Speaking about Jesus' course to help improve his English, and he is already setting about the translation of more Bible Basics material into Nepali. He really is in an awful situation. We were able to give him some funds although he really didn't want to take them. Subsequently he has ordered a Nepali Bible. He really is in an awful situation and needs our prayerful support, which we assured him of. We both felt he was very genuine, very sincerely convicted of the truth of Christ. He is eager to continue breaking bread alone and yet wants to share his faith with others so they can find mutual support. We laded him with literature and our warmest support in every way. He immediately phoned his wife and shared with her that he had been baptized, and she was very happy.



Photo:

Jean doing her part of the pre-baptismal interview with Hari [we had given him a very simple language version of the Bible, not that we particularly like the Living Bible's paraphrases. We did point out the trinitarian errors].



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Jean and Hari with the Speaking About Jesus course [copies are available from the CAT, email bible.basics@onetel.net].



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Just after breaking bread together.



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Our brother's refugee ID card, which allows him to remain where he is without fear of harm until his case is resolved [although he's not being given the funds he probably should be getting from the Govt. We are looking into this for him and have entered dialogue with them].

So do we ask for your prayers for our dear brother in his time of great trial, and assure you of his genuine love of the Truth.

With love

Your brothers and sisters of CCM

p.s. We wish to thank some anonymous donors who have sent funds over recently. We so, so appreciate your loving support and thoughtfulness.

We hope to report soon on the Winter heating project, but probably the next few messages will be about brethren in Islamic areas in critical and prayer-requiring situations. At the present moment, there has just been an earthquake in Izmir, Turkey, where we have brethren, and we hope to report soon- as we understand it, none are hurt. We likewise give thanks that none of our Afghani or Pakistani brethren were hurt in the major earthquake there.