

Bringing Refugees Hope and a Future

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Indra and her husband, Beda

In one of our recent Bible Studies, Indra sat listening intently as Carl told the story of the woman at the well and another story of Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish. After the stories, Kerry showed them through a word picture that to receive a gift you have to reach out and take it. In the same way we must receive Jesus. Just to believe that Jesus is wonderful isn't enough to receive eternal life...we must receive Him by prayer and tell Him that we want this wonderful gift. Indra spoke up and said she had received two births, mentioning the story of Nicodemus that she remembered. We could tell the others felt uncomfortable by what she said, so we told her we would talk with her later. When we discussed with her privately what she meant, she made it very clear to us that she had received Jesus as Savior and that she had had a spiritual birth! We were so excited. This was a significant moment for us because this was the first Hindu that has come forward to us without prompting to say that they were following Jesus. We want to discuss more with her about baptism and discipleship, but we are waiting to see if her commitment is real. Perhaps she may even talk with us at some time about baptism! Her husband, Beda, seems open, but not as responsive to the gospel as Indra. Please pray for Indra and Beda.

Segue, a worship, evangelism and discipleship ministry in the Dallas area has brought three interns on board recently. They are helping with the Bhutanese refugee ministry and have plugged in to help us as well. We are so blessed to benefit from these fine Christian young women who have given their lives to missions. They will be teaching ESL and have begun to pray with us on a regular basis. Thank you *Segue*, for sharing Jessica, Dawn and Amanda with us. They have already been such a blessing to us and the Bhutanese.

This month we have three teams from different churches who will be doing projects to minister to the Bhutanese. Some High School Boys from Hillcrest in Cedar Hill, TX are distributing toiletries, Thomas Hwang and a team from New Song Korean Baptist in Carrollton, TX are preparing taxes and presenting the gospel, and East Side Baptist, Fort Smith, AR is sending a team to show the *Jesus Film* to new arrivals. We could not do what we do without the help of loving, dedicated people like this!

Segue Interns



Jessica, Dawn, Amanda

Two Life Verses We Are Learning to Live

"A man plans his course, but the Lord directs his steps" Proverbs 16:9 NIV We have been reminded of this verse so many times as we work with the Bhutanese refugees here in Dallas. We make our plans that we are going to do a particular Bible Study or go to a certain apartment on a certain day. Then when we arrive at that place ready to implement our plans, something completely different emerges. Many times we become frustrated. Usually after reflecting, we realize that this is God's doing. He is showing us where to go and what to do day by day. Things that we never would have accomplished are done because the Lord has redirected our steps in places He wants us to be. People we never would have met cross our paths because the Lord has directed us and them there. The other life verse is 1 Corinthians 15:58. It says, *"Dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile."* CEV Oh, how often we have become depressed because we aren't seeing Hindus saved...we aren't seeing leaders trained...we aren't seeing churches planted. We come home discouraged. After having a bout of pity, we hear God's gentle voice reminding us that He is in charge--not Carl and Kerry! He has spoken to us that He wants us to be faithful in what He has called us to do. We can't win them, we can't make them be trained, we can't plant churches...but He can! He reminds us to keep working and not to be shaken because nothing we are doing for Him is in vain.