

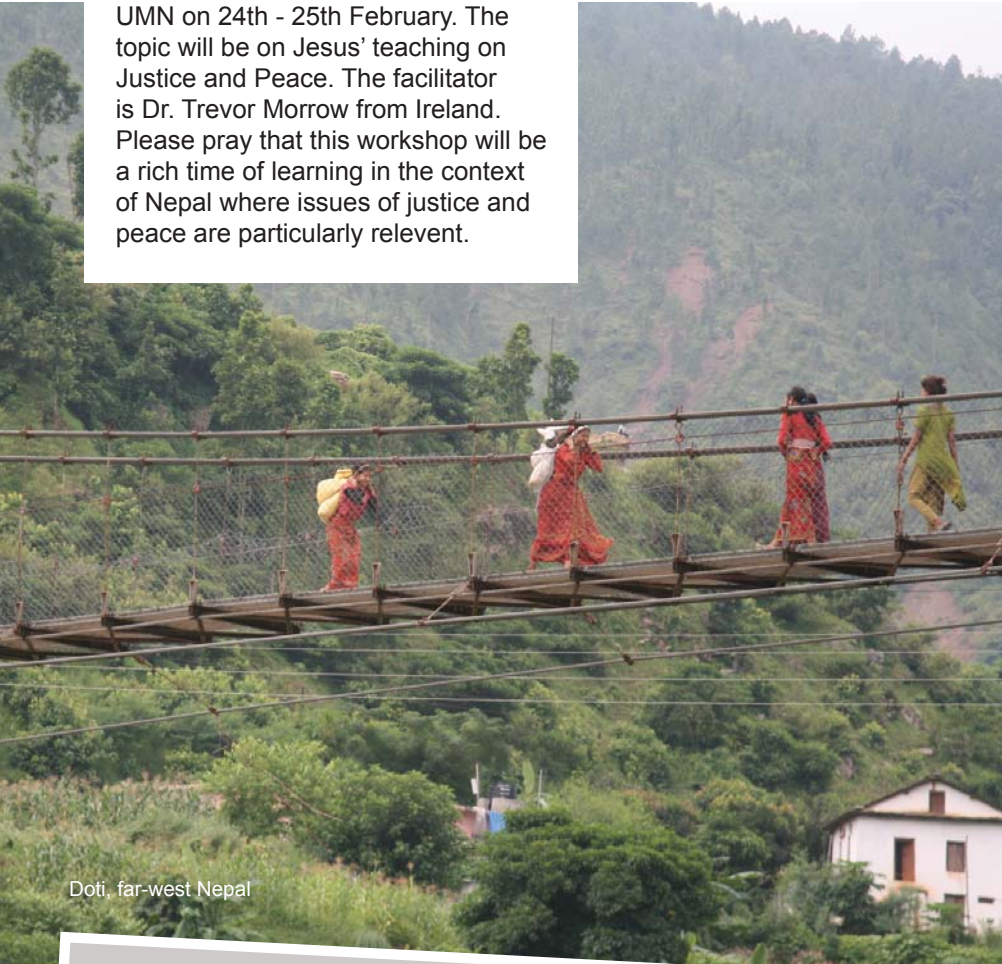


We give thanks that Edwin Lee, an accountant, has arrived in Nepal and is now doing his language orientation before taking over as the Finance Team leader. Please pray for him as he learns more about UMN, Nepal and the finance work.

Pray for all the teams as they prepare plan and budget for 2010/2011, and begin to prepare the longer term plans for our new agreement with the government.

There will be a workshop in Kathmandu for senior church leaders and staff from Micah Network and UMN on 24th - 25th February. The topic will be on Jesus' teaching on Justice and Peace. The facilitator is Dr. Trevor Morrow from Ireland. Please pray that this workshop will be a rich time of learning in the context of Nepal where issues of justice and peace are particularly relevant.

Pray for God's assistance in the planning and deployment of new ICT (Information and Communication Team) developments. Pray that the ICT solutions are sustainable and use UMN's resources wisely, as this work indirectly serves the needs of the poor people in Nepal. In particular, pray for the migration process of the Open Source Zimbra email server from Microsoft Exchange/Outlook. Additionally, pray for God's safety in travel to Bajhang, Mugu and Dhading for Open Source Training.



Doti, far-west Nepal

Please pray for the ongoing work in our Clusters where life is not so easy as in the capital city. We give thanks for our staff working in these remote areas, some of them have left families to serve the people there.

Please support the Team leaders of these Clusters in prayer as they need special wisdom to lead their teams efficiently and for spiritual enrichment and encouragement in their work.

More doctors in Tansen Hospital



Please pray for the Mollestad Family, Dr.Gunnar, Evelyn who is a nurse and their 2 small children as they settle into their new home and roles in Tansen

Dr.Joan Shu also newly arrived in Tansen

Dr.Theo Beels and his wife Beth who is a nurse will go to Tansen in April

Another doctor from South Africa at present applying to UMN and looking to come to Nepal in April

We pray that God will richly bless these families as they serve the people of Nepal

On 21st April, the Board will be looking at the vision and mission of UMN. Pray that good outcomes will come from this meeting.

The UMN Board of Trustees meet on 22nd and 23rd April in UMN's Thapathali Office. Pray that the meeting will be interactive and necessary decisions will be made to take forward the work of UMN. Pray for all the preparatory work in the Thapathali office for this meeting. Remember all the people who will be traveling from outside the valley and country praying for their safety.

Forgive...said Christ

We are running another 3-day Forgiveness and Reconciliation programme for church leaders this time over in the far west of the country in Dadeldhura on March 28th - 30th.

Our teams in Bajhang and Doti will be bringing church leaders and after the seminar will support them in introducing the programme in their local congregations. Taken together over the past 2 years we have conducted over 10 workshops and about 600 people have participated in the programme directly and many hundreds more through the training programmes. Please pray that the church leaders of Nepal will be able to take the message of Forgiveness and Reconciliation to their churches and communities and prepare people committed for peace in the country.



Joe Campbell
Conflict Transformation
Advisor
UMN

He has showed you, O
man, what is good.
And what does the Lord
require of you?
To act justly and to love
mercy and to walk
humbly with your God

Micah 6:8

Strategic Plan... nearly there

The strategic planning process is making good progress as it nears the final stages of strategy development. A draft strategic plan was circulated to the UMN leadership team before Christmas and is currently under review. Each team has worked hard to produce outline strategies for different aspects of our work and our new thematic areas are taking shape. A number of issues are yet to be resolved by the Leadership in mid February and shared and discussed more widely with the staff in March. Pray for God's guidance for the Leadership Team as they finalise the Strategic Plan.

A number of our 3-year funding contracts are due for renewal. Please pray that good proposals are written and that we are able to come to a mutually satisfactory agreement with our supporting partners. Also, we will be in discussion with some potential supporting partners and we would value prayer that the negotiations will go smoothly and fruitfully.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and thoughts of us. We have been so blessed to have these special months together as a "whole family" here in Davis, California. God has provided for us in so many ways, including making provision for a house to stay in and a car to use, school situations through which Wynn could do his 11 grade studies, opportunity to keep working and involved via the internet and skype, and especially being in community here with our supporting church friends and family. The most special joy has been to have this closer contact time with our older children, Nat and Cheri. We recognise it as a divine plan of opportunity.



Peter, chair of UMN Board
with wife Mary

Peter is doing quite well since his immunotherapy in December. He and his doctor had agreed to do this treatment and then wait and watch how he responded. Although we had hoped the treatment would bring a faster and more dramatic recovery, Peter is slowly feeling better and gaining energy and we are definitely so thankful for that. The doctor asked him to come back in eight weeks and in the meantime, to take good care of himself. Peter has all along been able to keep up support of so many projects that are dear to his heart via the internet. That blesses him and we are so thankful for the opportunity to be involved with you there in Nepal and the UMN board in that way. Of course, he wishes he could be on the plane and be right there with you but for now, we are thankful for the internet and skype, and the fact that Peter feels well enough to be able to contribute as he does. Naps are good and are helpful in pacing himself as he does these various work projects.

As a family of five, we are so thankful for the love and prayers of so many around the globe. We keep looking to Jesus, our Savior, for His will and work in our lives and thank Him everyday for all the ways in which He has allowed us to be involved. Nepal and UMN colleagues and dear friends there are very much in our hearts.

Our prayers and thanks to God for you all.

God bless,

Mary Quesenberry for Peter, Nat, Cheri and Wynn

A note from Mary