



The UMN Board of Trustees meet on 23rd and 24th November in UMN's Thapathali Office. Pray that the meeting will be interactive and that necessary decisions will be made to take forward the work of UMN. Pray for all the preparation work going in the Thapathali office for this meeting. Remember all the people who will be travelling from outside the Kathmandu valley and country of Nepal, praying for their safety.

We thank God for our supporting partner organisations who, in unsure financial times, have enabled our work to continue. We also give thanks for the individuals, churches and other organisations that provide valuable additional financial and prayer support. Above all, we thank God for His faithful provision throughout UMN's history, in both good and difficult times.

We continue to request your prayers for Peter Quesenberry (the Chair of the UMN Board) and his family. Peter is undergoing treatment for a type of cancer called lymphoma. Pray that the Lord will heal him for His glory and that the family will experience His peace at this time.

Please pray for the recruitment of a new auditor and a Finance Advisor for Nepalgunj Support Office.

Poor people in many countries are already feeling the effects of 'climate change'. Please pray that plans to

tackle this growing problem will have deep impact, that will make lives better and will bring hope to those already affected by the changing climate.

### Clusters and partner support

As UMN's partner support is being evaluated, prayer is needed for clarity in how the partners are actually reaching the very poor and marginalised people in their communities

Sunsari Cluster plans to partner with eight local churches to work with the needy people in the community. Ask God to speak to the decision makers as they look for churches at this stage so that the needs of the people living in poverty will be met. Please pray that the right people and the right church, sharing the same vision as UMN, will be found.

Pray for the community based maternal and new born care programme that has been recently started in Bajhang and Mugu. The staff who have started work need a lot of wisdom and God's protection as they work with the local community in these remote areas. Pray that more lives of mothers and newborns will be saved as a result of these programmes.



A group of mothers in Mugu.

Dear friends,

It is always a privilege to write to our friends around the world to share our blessings and concerns in our work among the people of Nepal. We thank God for this friendship.

Praise God for the mighty changes He is bringing in Nepal to fulfill His purposes. As we read in Luke 18:7 we are confident that God is in the business of transforming the impossible into something possible.

We want to wish everybody a special Christmas. We pray that you have a blessed one with friends and family! Let us again remind ourselves that He came that we may have life and have it to the full.

Many blessings!

The September Learning Review provided an invaluable opportunity for UMN cluster staff to participate in shaping UMN's next strategic plan. We had a great 3 days and we were especially pleased to welcome members from a small number of UMN's supporting partners for the strategic planning sessions. In the weeks leading up to the learning review, 'topic teams' were formed to consider specific aspects of the next strategy and come up with initial ideas on how we need to move forward over the coming years.

During the learning review participants were given the opportunity to give input and guide the development of ideas for each strategic 'topic' and by the end of the 3 days everyone was able to see the direction in which we are headed. It was a very exciting time and we were blessed by good participation and enthusiasm amongst the staff. We'd like to thank God for His graciousness in granting us the opportunity to come together as an organisation and to see clear consensus on many strategic issues. We ask for continued prayer and support for all involved.

**F**our Constitutional Members from the 3 largest political parties including the Minister of Peace and Reconstruction Hon. Rakam Chemjong, and the Secretaries of both the Peace and Law ministries and a government under secretary visited Ireland for 8 days during September. The purpose of the visit was a sharing and learning visit on peace issues. The delegates met politicians from a range of parties as well as peace academics and police chiefs. The visit was organised and facilitated by UMN's Joe Campbell, Conflict Transformation Lead Advisor. Joe is now working with the politicians to build on the learning here in Nepal.

Please pray for greater partnership across political party lines so that politicians model the future for the people.



*This is the group after planting a bush of Nepali national flower in grounds of a peace centre South of Dublin, Ireland.*

Please pray that Nepal Peace Day, November 21<sup>st</sup> is both a celebration, challenge and a reminder of the hard work ahead.

Pray that those who visited Ireland may inspire others in their party to see peace as the prize worth working for.

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## Christine says Preston

The last fifteen years working with UMN has been stimulating, challenging and demanding. It was a privilege to be part of facilitating a community primary health initiative in Patan and see it effectively continue. Sharing in the set-up of Sunsari cluster, living in Itahari and contributing to the design, piloting and repeated revision of programme team processes was good preparation for giving general support within Programme Team. Retiring to UK I anticipate becoming involved in ministry amongst South Asians.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Romans 12:12