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CMSI Global Update

Dear Friends...

Since my last update I have returned from a 10 day visit to Nepal (last December) – so I bring greetings from all our partners there – the staff and church members at SD Church, the staff teams at HDCS & NPCS and Mission Associates Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman. All are doing well, and I can share the following updates.

### SD Church

Phase 2 of the **Women’s Health Programme** (funded by Bishops Appeal) has been launched in the Badikhel and Thecho Village Development Committees, Lalitpur district, following on from Phase 1 one which took place in 2018. So far the orientation training for Female Community Health Volunteers has taken place in the two areas, facilitated by the District Health Office head and the screening camps are in the process of being rolled out. Please pray for the women with health issues that are identified as they come into Kathmandu for treatment and stay with the Patient Navigator Programme in SDSS.



Meanwhile there have been a number of programmes funded with help from CMSI to strengthen the faith of church members. The “Discovery” bible study tool is being used to disciple 200 church members over a period of 5 months. The leaders are trained every

Friday and they in turn go and train church members at different fellowships.



The other update from SD Church is that Lesley Burton (St Mark’s, Dundela) and Heather Cooke (Rathcoole) are preparing to undertake a CMSI STEP (Short Term Experience Placement) in July. Lesley is a paediatric physio and will be working alongside staff at SDSS providing therapy to children with disabilities, as well as visiting the physio department at Patan

Hospital. Heather is in training for ordination at CITI and will be visiting SD Church to strengthen links begun through her late husband, Edwin, who sadly died in December.

At **HDCS** I met up the new Executive Director Mr Kapil Sharma, who passionately believes in the transforming power of the gospel, expressed through educational, medical & community development programmes. He introduced me to Tulsa Sharma the founder and Coordinator of **ABBS Lalitpur** – a daycare centre for children and adults with physical & learning disabilities. She radiates compassion and care for the students in her care, and humbly related to me the way God had worked in her life since the age of 18 preparing her for this ministry.





I then went on to visit the **Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC)** which has just completed a move to a new purpose-build site. This shares a site with **Somang Academy** - a not for profit primary school with 320 students mostly

from children's homes, low income & 'Dalit' low-caste families that has been re-built after damage caused by the 2015 earthquake. Here I met school principal Rajkumar Yonjon who took me on a tour of the school – which looked amazing. On the way I met several students from the SDC Disabled Children's Rehabilitation Centre (Pharakilo Ghar) who were happily studying alongside able bodied children, and also saw the disabled access toilets which were being built with help from the CMSI 2015 earthquake appeal.



Part of the reason for my visit was to gather information, photos and video for this year's **CMSI Children's Resource "Outside In"** which was launched in January at our Impact events around the country. The feedback from those parishes that are using this in their Sunday School or Messy Church has been extremely positive – so if your parish hasn't yet used it, have a look at the resource on our website - [www.cmsireland.org](http://www.cmsireland.org).

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The other reason for going to Nepal was to conduct a Monitoring Visit for a **Community Nutrition Project (CNP)** that has just been launched by **NPCS** in Dolakha district, Jiri – a region 7 hours east of Kathmandu that was devastated by the 2015 earthquake.



This is a 3-year education programme for mothers with young children (under 5 yrs) which is being funded by Misesan Cara. I spent a day with Roshani Shrestha (Executive Director), Deirdre Zimmerman (Mission Associate) and met their two newly appointed project officers Shreeya Shrestha and Nirakar Kharel. They are both gifted and highly motivated, and spoke very enthusiastically about the work beginning in Jiri.

In February Roshani emailed to say, *"We have finished the inauguration of CNP, the working agreement with Jiri Municipality, 2nd phase of staff training, office set-up and screening of malnourished children. 83 children attended our program with their mothers - coming long distances 3-4hrs walk. All the planned activities went well. Now the staff will continue their activities, and plan to finish the female community health volunteers training this month.... You will see many changes in Jiri at next year's monitoring time."*

With best wishes for Easter,

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