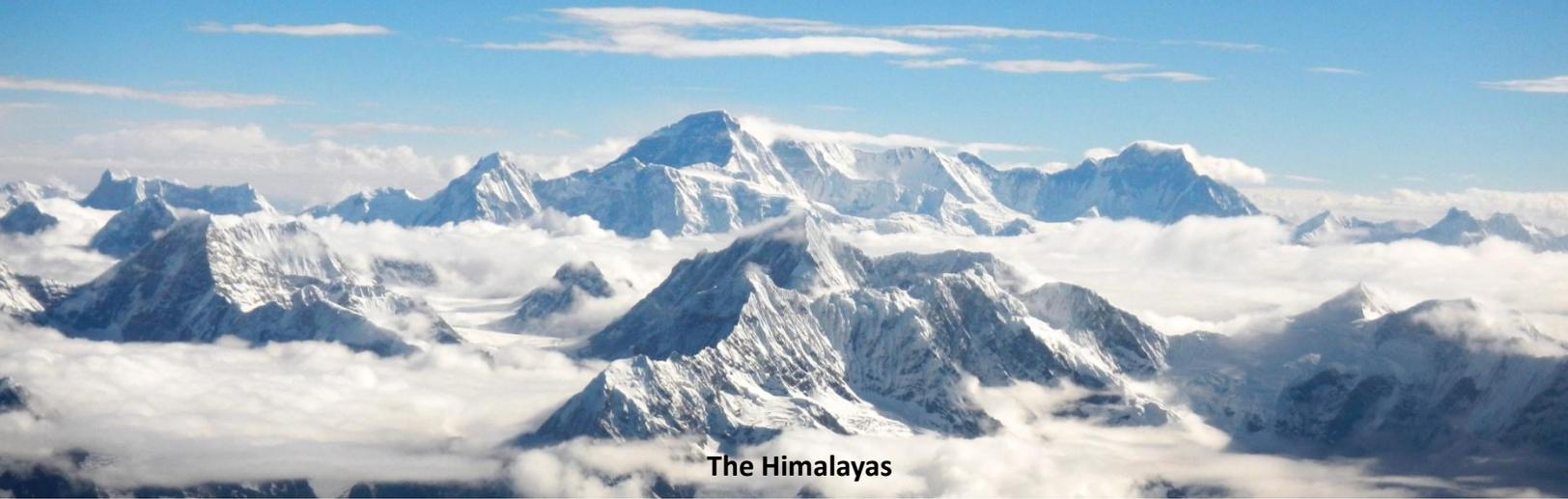


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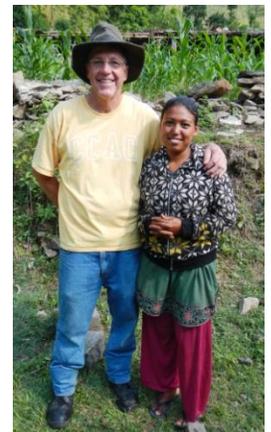
Usually, when we think of Nepal, we think of Mt Everest and the Himalayas. We don't think too much of a well established Christian church. The Christian church makes up roughly 1.5% of the 30+million inhabitants of the country. On Saturday April 25th at 11:56AM an earthquake registering 7.8 struck the country of Nepal and resulted in 8,800 deaths. What was not mentioned in the news was that Christians in Nepal worship on Saturdays. Many Christians were killed during their worship services. While in Nepal, I heard several first hand accounts of churches that lost members during that fateful morning.

Mission to the World responded rather quickly sending an advance team to assess whether MTW's Global Response team could help. Some time later, eight of us arrived in Kathmandu on June 13. Our job was to teach public health (clean water, sanitation, etc), crisis counseling, and construction/engineering support. I was part of the 3 man construction team with Larry and John. We evaluated the safety of damaged buildings and taught the church members how to build safer homes with materials at hand. Many of the homes were built with rocks using mud as mortar. Most of these homes were utterly destroyed. They were eager to learn how not to repeat this calamity. One pastor named, Dawa, and four young men from a remote village close to Tibet traveled two day to attend our classes. One day of walking, the next day on a bus. This was no small endeavor.

During our time of instruction, it seemed appropriate to mention Matthew 7 where it says to build our lives on the rock of our salvation, Christ Jesus! The Nepalese are well aware of the problems of sandy foundations in buildings and they cling to the words of our Lord in a country where it is often dangerous to be a Christian.



John with Pastor Dawa



Larry

Please pray for the people of Nepal and especially for the Christian church in Nepal. It is a hard life and many of them have lost everything. MTW's work will continue to minister to the churches there.

In His service,

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