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# **Becky's Update**

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It doesn't seem like much is happening these days. We continue the Covid Pause, although things are starting to open up more gradually. Unfortunately there is no such thing as safe social distancing around the bazaars, in travel methods, etc. And, the numbers are only going up, certainly this country hasn't reached the peak yet. So I continue on with doing as much 'virtually' as I can and continuing to pray for the many that are hurting and struggling during these days.

Thanks are in order though:

- so far those I am close to personally have been spared from the Covid

infection or other related problems.

-changing weather and winds sent the locust swarms back out of Nepal and they have been spared further destruction of field and crops.

-we've been able to help in various ways with food relief efforts for more than 400 families in the Far West Hill area. While in many ways a drop in the bucket, we are thankful for those that have been helped, for those that have given (literally from all over the world) to make this possible, and for those that have done all the hands-on work to make this happen. Continuing wisdom and leading is needed to know if there is a place for more of this kind of work in the days ahead.

-our family group here have finally been able to officially secure some land to be used for a graveyard. While it isn't as large or as broad of an agreement as they had hoped, it is a least a start for this difficult to resolve situation. There still is need for a better place where other groups can also use the area and where they don't have to be worried about negative reactions of the local villagers which can cause such a struggle as the majority people do not like bodies being buried near them.



Not my personal experience, but several of the men from our club helped take relief supplies up to Bajhang after a devastating landslide there. Click on the picture to watch the video.

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Our partnering shephard I work with here was talking by phone with another leader out in a remote area. Most of these groups have been unable to meet during the lock-down. Sadly, many of them have had little or no contact with their people for months now. These remote groups don't have the technology for the internet meetings many of our local flock has been able to enjoy. After the encouragement, the leader finally made an effort to go out to visit a fairly new member. He was discouraged to find the man sitting around with the locals, wearing the Hindu sign of worship, and saying he was no longer interested. How many more have found it hard to stand firm isolated away from the family gatherings to teach and encourage them? We are working on a plan to have some virtual meetings with the leaders at different levels in the area. They need challenge, encouragement, and ideas about how to continue on and really shepherd their flocks during these times. We also want to encourage the development of visions and strategies to come up with new ways of working for the future that might take advantage of the changing dynamics of the times. For instance, could the large influx of the migrant workers back into the villages be an opportunity opening now? Its not an easy time to consider new things, but yet it is so important and so needed for work to move ahead.



Another video made from a previous trip to take food relief to a village about and hour away. The Diyalo group had already worked a couple years in this particular area, so have good relationships that allowed for the help to be truly targeted to those in need. Again click to watch.

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