



The summer has been full of divine appointments, God-inspired vision, and opportunities to see how God is using CBSI around the East Asia-Pacific region.

CBSI Associate Executive Director Ron Hosie conducted a ministry trip to China, Thailand and Myanmar with Devendra Rai, Regional Director for CBSI East Asia-Pacific. A cyclone hit western Myanmar almost leaving them stranded in rural areas. Many dirt roads were affected by flooding and bridges washed out frequently making travel difficult. With God's blessing, they were able to continue spreading God's Word throughout the East Asia-Pacific region.

Devendra was in the United States this summer visiting leaders, casting vision, and creating ministry partners. In all, he and his family conducted ministry trips over more than 5,800 miles across 14 states. One highlight was in Syracuse, New York. Devendra met with the leaders of two Nepali churches who hope to start CBSI in Nepali in their churches. They have already started an introductory study.

Please read on to hear more about how God has been working in the East Asia-Pacific region.



Top: Ron Hosie recently ministered with Devendra Rai in Myanmar where 89 percent of people are Buddhist. Ron is pictured with Buddhist Monks in Yangon.

Left: A CBSI C&Y Class in Myanmar studies in a stairwell because they have no classroom.

Rebuilding in Nepal

The Nepali people are still picking up the pieces from the devastating earthquake last spring. Often churches—and CBSI classes—meet outside as their church buildings still lie in ruin.

But they are rebuilding, and even training new leaders! Pastor Dwarika trained new Children & Youth leaders on how to start Children & Youth classes. The leaders used to only have C&Y classes once a month, but they have realized the importance of bringing the children together every week for a C&Y class.

People from all over east Nepal want to be trained and want to start classes. Please pray that our Nepali CBSI leaders will have the resources to pay for these training and shepherding trips — often to areas that are quite remote. 



Top: Nepali Christians rebuild a church.

Bottom Left: Newly trained leaders in east Nepal

Bottom Right: Some churches and CBSI classes meet outside.





Thriving in Dimapur

Koko Rai, wife of Devendra Rai and C&Y Regional Supervisor, started and led a Children & Youth class in Dimapur, India, for several years when she and Devendra

Children gather at their CBSI Dimpur class.

lived in the area. The class started with seven boys from underprivileged homes and has grown tremendously, as you can see from the picture.

Koko trained and disciplined the leaders who have continued teaching these children. Many children are learning about Jesus and growing in their faith through this class. 🌐

New Connections in Australia

Leanne and Warren, National Directors for CBSI Australia, have been presenting CBSI to many churches and pastors in Australia.



CBSI class members gather in Australia.

One exciting connection made at a presentation was with a man who used to pastor a church in Singapore. That church had CBSI classes, and the pastor was a Class Leader! What a great divine appointment. Please pray for God to bless Leanne and Warren as they seek to get more Australians involved in CBSI's in-depth Bible study. 🌐



Resourceful Tahanians Build Recovery Rafts

During a recent visit to Tahan, Mynamar, Ron Hosie and Devendra Rai encountered a group of locals building a recovery raft.

Rafts like these are fashioned from ordinary items like ladders and innertubes. The residents then use these to recover items from their flooded homes and businesses.

The recent flooding caused thousands of residents from vast areas to be displaced. Flooding of this extent is not normal in this area.

Ron was astounded by the magnitude of the damage from an aerial view. 🌐

Thank you!

From our family to yours, thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. We covet your prayers over the work that God is doing. He is moving in hearts throughout the region.

Please pray with us:

- Pray for a laptop for Thailand.
- Ask God to provide a motorbike to reach remote areas in Nepal.
- Pray for provision for a copier for the office in Bangkok.
- Please pray for Dr. Pervaiz and his family, asylum seekers from Pakistan who are part of CBSI in Thailand. Pray that their case will be heard and they will be accepted as refugees so they may have a fresh start for their lives.
- Praise the Lord for the first translation of Children & Youth material into Chinese (Simplified). It was completed in Taiwan. Please pray for God to use this translation in mighty ways.
- Pray for Devendra's upcoming August training in Fiji with Dr. Ken Brantley.

Blessings,

Devendra Rai, Regional Director for CBSI East Asia-Pacific

Rai family together in the United States this summer



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