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Dear friends,

You are in our prayers here at OTAN. We have heard from many of you who are continuing to serve the Lord and trust Him during this unstable time. Actually, stability is a myth isn't it? Outside of Christ, there is no real stability. He is our Rock, our fortress, our high tower. We have been extremely blessed in America and have come to feel a sense of security that most people of the world could never even fathom. We are currently feeling *unsettled* as a society. What we see and hear in the news and on the street is distressing. It serves to remind us that we live in a fallen world. Let us turn our own hearts to the only One who can provide true peace: "The peace that passes understanding". Rather than simply shaking our heads at the turmoil, let us seek God with a whole heart. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers of thanks, be made for all men. For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." I Timothy 2:1-4 Please feel free to reach out to us with a call or an email. We love hearing from you and are encouraged by your testimonies of faith. As churches begin to open up, we look forward to sharing the ministry personally.

"Every Great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure."

- D. L. Moody

Please contact us if you'd like us to come to your church.

Al Doomy,
Executive Director



NEPAL

The government of Nepal has enforced a complete lock down since March 24th until further notice. People are not allowed to go out of their houses unless they have a pass from authorities. Since vehicles and movement have been restricted many people have been left stranded. A large number of people, especially daily wage earners, have been badly affected and many are walking at night for hundreds of kilometers with their families to reach their hometown as they have been left without food or jobs.



Our OTAN pastors in Nepal are doing well, by the grace of our Lord, considering all that they are facing. Please pray that they will have great influence during this time as the recession is beginning to bear down. They long to be light and salt in the midst of suffering. As you pray, please join us in lifting Nepal's need for pastor support. The need is great, as our Nepal pastor worker fund has dropped to some extent in these recent months. We would like to be able to do more to show them the body of Christ in action during this time (*Instructions on the back for how to give*).

We Rejoice to report that \$6,000 has come in to build the retaining wall for Rina's church. Thank you for your continued prayers for this project.

INDONESIA

Many new churches are being planted on one of the many Islands in Indonesia during an exciting movement of revival. Right now, churches are being planted by national pastors that are rising up to take on the responsibility of discipling these new believers in the wake of what God is doing. We praise the Lord, as we see these churches growing quickly and effectively.

Although we are encouraged by what is currently going on in Indonesia, there is still much to do with over 100 unreached people groups on many smaller islands throughout the country still in need of the gospel. Each group has a different language or dialect, and a different culture, so it is very challenging. There are about 240 million people in Indonesia today that are spread out over its 17,000 islands (only about 3,000 are inhabited).



Many people groups are considered "unreached" because there are no missionaries or churches serving in that area, and intentional evangelism is not being conducted.

Because of this, many of our pastors serve 2-3 churches, riding on motorbike to reach villages that are spread far apart from each other.

As we look forward to future ministry in Indonesia, we know we are building on a firm foundation of past years. Annual trainings are going forward with national pastors and church planters— one of whom continues to run an orphanage in his own home. Several micro-businesses have been started by national pastors as well. The micro-businesses are run by the local pastor and new believers are disciplined while they are trained to run the business. We look forward to more opportunities of this nature, as it allows the pastors to provide for their families without having to seek employment from an outside job that would inhibit their availability for ministry.

We are also looking toward ministering to an often forgotten group of people, the deaf community in Indonesia. These individuals usually have their own unique communication system, or they use Indonesian Sign Language. We hope to partner with an existing ministry that is already reaching the deaf community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and prayer for Indonesia. We could not move forward without you.

Fumoto Testimony — JAPAN

This is the personal salvation testimony of Meiko Fumoto. Fumoto was the first convert under the Haug's ministry in Shimonoseki Japan over three decades ago. The Haugs (OTAN missionaries) hope that this will be an encouragement to your walk of faith and that it may help you pray for Japanese Christians who face battles like these on a daily basis.

“I had not even heard the word 'idol'. It was my custom to pray in front of the Hotoke*. I thought it was a good thing to do. When I placed my offerings on the god shelf, I thought that it would make the souls of the departed who lived there happy.

When I professed Christ as my Savior, I didn't understand that much about how God feels about idol worship. But, in order to be baptized, I had to finish a Bible study class. I discovered that God hates idol worship and that I should not take part in it. Up until that point, I thought that I was doing something good. I had been worshipping idols for years, so my emotions were in tumult.



Gradually, more and more, I came to realize that I could not do anything that would equate to turning my back on God. I decided to get rid of all of my idols. Belief in God and what was written in scripture motivated me. I knew that if I left my god shelf in my home, then eventually, it would lead to my children worshipping idols even if I did not do so myself.

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At first, when I learned about how God felt about idol worship, I thought, 'I can just close the door to my god shelf and store away the idols.' But as I studied this topic more and more, I realized that I had to completely obey. I don't regret getting rid of it, but truthfully, I did this without my family's knowledge, so I was at a loss as to how to explain to them what I had done. I knew that I had

to obey God and His instructions in Scripture. I could not remain in possession of something that God said that I could not worship or serve.

I was filled with deep peace. Up until that time, regardless of what I did, uncertainty hovered in my heart. That unrest disappeared. By separating myself from idols, my heart was filled with peace. God's word is truth. When my husband and my children first learned of what I had done, they were perplexed. But a year later, my husband was saved. The following year my daughter was saved. Obedience to God has led to so many blessings.”

*Hotoke: A person who has achieved satori and has therefore become a "buddha". The historical Gautama Buddha himself, the statue or the name of a buddha. The laws of Buddhism: Figuratively, the performing of a Buddhist memorial service. (<https://www.definitions.net/>)

*Ehai: A wooden board inscribed with the Buddhist name of the deceased. Japanese Buddhist pay extraordinary amounts of money to shrines to have an exalted name placed on this board. The Chinese characters chosen have special

A Pastor in Need — JAPAN

Please pray for Taiga in Japan. Taiga is a faithful young man that has committed to follow Christ into full-time ministry. His family has threatened to disown him if he continues down this path. We ask that you pray for him to continue to follow the Lord. Also, please pray for his financial needs. Taiga has impressed our organization with his diligence and passion for the work. He has given much to follow God. To partner with us financially to support Taiga, you can give online at otan.org by clicking the Give tab and then selecting “Japan — Pastor Support.” You can also act now by texting 540-274-5524 with the message “JapanPastor” and the amount you would like to give



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OTAN supports national pastors in twelve countries across Asia. We have a designated **pastor worker fund** for each of these countries. Would you consider partnering with us to support national pastors? Currently we are raising support for these four countries: **China, Nepal, Vietnam, and Russia**. You can give to a specific Pastor Worker Fund at otan.org on the *Give* tab, or, you can send a check to OTAN indicating in the memo which country you would like to support along with the phrase, "pastor worker fund".

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