April Prayer Focus: The Baptist Missionary Society (BMS)

The BMS World Mission is a Christian mission organisation working in around 30 countries on four continents

THROUGH SEVEN MINISTRIES. THROUGH WORKERS, PARTNERS AND GRANTS, THIS IS WHAT WE DO.

CHURCH: Evangelising, planting churches and supporting networks of culturally relevant Christian communities, formed and led by indigenous believers, not colonial mission.

<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>: Helping poor people to thrive, helping communities help themselves, training, supporting and coming alongside them to enable an experience of economic, social and sustainable wellbeing.

<u>EDUCATION</u>: Enabling girls, women, boys and men to access education and enhance their life opportunities. Empowering those on the margins with knowledge, skills and hope.

HEALTH: Training doctors, treating patients, counselling the traumatised and enabling flourishing, through prevention and care, from the beginning of life to its end.

JUSTICE: Fighting injustice by educating about rights and advocating for those without a voice. Challenging the structures that oppress and setting captives free.

LEADERSHIP: Empowering and equipping local leaders with skills, support and a biblical understanding of Christ-centred leadership, and thereby maximising impact.

RELIEF: Responding to disasters, man-made and natural, collaboratively meeting immediate needs, enabling long-term recovery and building future resilienc

Pray points, taken from the BMS World Mission Prayer Guide, January -April 2022)

"Whose voice counts?" is a vital question to ask when planning community development activities. Please pray that BMS World Mission continues to make sure our voice does not drown out those from communities where we work who are best placed to know what is needed.

The last two years have altered our world in ways we could never have imagined. We've seen crises on a scale that we've never seen before – but we've also seen much cause for hope. Please pray that God will use all of us at BMS World Mission to further his Kingdom.

God's Kingdom is a place where all people can live in peace, safety and security. BMS World Mission takes our duty of care very seriously, not only to our mission workers and staff but all who meet us. Please pray that we would create safe spaces for all, in all aspects of our work.

We at BMS World Mission yearn for the emergence of abundant life, and we are committed to enabling not just individuals but also whole communities to flourish. We hope to see this bear fruit through renewed spiritual life, nutrition, safety from abuse, shelter, just relationships and a sustainable and sustaining physical environment.



At WBC, we have a particular link with Alan and Megan Barker who work for the BMS in Nepal. They work with local partner groups in the areas of Development and Occupational Health. We receive regular newsletters from Alan and Megan and the latest one is hot off the press!!

This month, Megan has asked for our particular prayers for the following:

Specifically in April we have 2 important meetings about the wider role BMS has for us and that we are still moving towards. One is on April 7th and the other on April 29th. Pray that we can get more clarity on the role and on the timeline when we might be able to carry it out more actively. Meanwhile we do continue to support projects and programmes here in Nepal as a step towards that, so please pray particularly for our ongoing relationship building with the Nepal Baptist Church Congress (NBCC) as well as Alan's role within HDCS (Human Development and Community Services) and KISC (Kathmandu International Study Centre) and the contributions I can make within the 3 hospitals of HDCS within the visa limitations. And the ongoing support of the 9 other OTs of Nepal.