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Dear Friends:

It is again time to thank God that he has sent Christ, the Savior, into our world and has given us the privilege to help

introduce the people of Nepal to their Lord.

My ministry has been roughly the same over the past six years: Local Superior of *Kamal Niwas* Jesuit Training Center, and Secretary to Fr. Boniface Tigga, S.J., Superior of the Nepal Jesuits.



With Boniface is Fr. Bobby Joseph, our Nepal Jesuits Treasurer. The three of us take care of the Region's administration.

Accompanying our young pre-novices requires time in the chapel, classroom, and dining room. I try to specialize in leading them to new places. Each Sunday morning, the youngsters join the Missionaries of Charity to help care for homeless men and women. I try to get them to visit the corners of our Kathmandu Valley, and of other districts, when I can.



On the trail to our mission in Tipling.

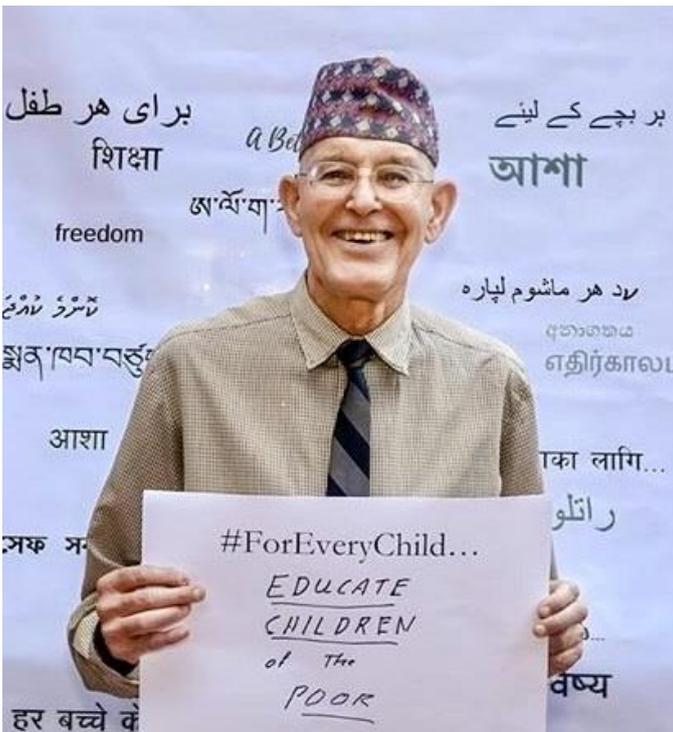
The youngster in the front is Nar Man Thapa, on his way to study with the Salesian Fathers in Dharan, Eastern Nepal. Until he travelled with us, Nar had never been near a motor vehicle. He delighted in his travels with us, and now is busy with grade seven studies.



Resting on a cycle ride on the south rim of our valley

Hopefully some of these good young men will join the Nepal Jesuits. They do have a long way to go, however, especially in improving language skills.

There will never be enough Jesuits to handle the services to be done, but we are blessed with good and generous colleagues who serve with us. Thanks to this cooperation our schools, college, and social work programs are thriving. Our parishes at Baniyatar, on the north edge of Kathmandu, and at Tipling, in north Dhading District, are growing.



With educators from South Asia, I enjoyed a couple of days' discussion to see how we can best help educate the children of the poor. Hopefully such children will more and more become the focus for our educational work.

Our earthquake reconstruction work continues. Red tape slows our services, but slowly houses are

being built and the road to Tipling is proceeding, about to reach a high, 3,850 m pass above Tipling.



Over the last seven months the machinery has cut through cliffs to reach the pass. The way down to the village will provide an easier path. That road will open the area for development, hopefully providing good service to our people.



Nar Man's parents and sister at their cow shed

We thank you for your prayerful support over the past year, and count much on your prayers as we look ahead to our service to the children and rural poor of Nepal. We promise prayers for you all.

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