

The Challenge – Let us build a house

Listening to our partners and fitting in with their long term development plan we invite World Mission Presbytery Conveners to challenge their Presbytery and it's congregations to respond to the General Assembly deliverance in the following way:

2015-16: Raise £500 to help construct a house

Encourage fundraising initiatives at congregational level and send funds to WMC either directly or through the Presbytery. (See 'How to donate' section).

World Mission Council have committed to UMN that we will raise the equivalent cost of 50 houses by the General Assembly of 2016 (that is one for each Presbytery and a few extra!). This will be used for the work in Dhading area. We commit to producing more resources throughout the year.

2016-17: Building the community

Our partner, UMN will continue their work with communities to build houses and develop area around them, e.g. footpaths, bridges, community buildings etc. They will send information which we will make

available to congregations to track progress. Funds can still be raised at this point.

2017-18: Nepal Visit

A visit to Nepal for interested people from congregations will be arranged, to see the work of UMN and to meet the people who have been affected by the earthquake and benefited directly from the Church of Scotland funding.

How to send your donation

Write a cheque to 'Church of Scotland' and enclose the donation slip which you can download from the website. Be sure to tell us who it is from and what it is for.

Send it to:

World Mission Finance
Church of Scotland
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Edinburgh, EH2 4YN



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Just before noon on Saturday 25 April, 2015, was when the first earthquake struck. Lasting just 45 seconds; causing devastation, changing lives forever.



They lost their house, they also lost seven-year-old child Kushal. A heavy sense of sadness lies over the small tin shed where Kumar Chepang, his wife Sarita and daughter Sakun now live.



Sumitra Chepang's house fell down - all except the corner where her one-month-old grandson Suraj was sleeping. Sumitra says it's a miracle, and that God saved the baby.



Amika and her husband Lal Bahadur, their one daughter and three sons, their eldest son's wife and two daughters were all out in the fields working. They were safe, the goat too! Their house, however, is completely flattened.



Harka Bahadur Ghale worked to provide his family with a really strong, comfortable house - one that would keep out the pounding rains of the monsoon and the icy cold of the Himalayan winter. His 'dream house' is now a heap of stone and broken timbers.

45 seconds

The first and most devastating event lasted only 45 seconds.

A time when people tried, but could not run from the shaking of the earth, most lay or sat down during that time, perhaps crying or trembling too. 45 seconds of fear. Buildings falling down around them and landslides and gaping holes appearing as the earth moved. 45 seconds that caused over 8000 people to lose their lives and over 6 million families to lose their homes.

45 Seconds is the time it would take to sing a verse of the Hymn, 'Let us Build a House'.

These 4 snapshots are the stories of 4 people, Sumitra, Amika, Harka and Kumar, who together with their families endured the horror of the Nepali Earthquake.

Following the earthquake in Nepal and on hearing directly from our Partner organisation, United Mission to Nepal (UMN), our Mission Partners Malcolm & Cati Ramsay and Joel Githinji, and first hand from Rev Ram Kumar Budhathoki at this year's General Assembly, the World Mission Council were given the following deliverance:

'Instruct the Council to develop resources that will encourage congregations to commit their support to a three year initiative for the long term rebuilding of communities.'