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# UPDATE FROM NEPAL

Jason Hayes and Jordan Greenwald

We are in the country of Nepal for the next nine months working at the Children's Welfare Centre of Nepal, an orphanage some 60 children strong in the heart of the country. The orphanage is located 4-5 miles outside of Kathmandu in a small farming community.

We can honestly say that the country is absolutely nothing like what we expected, but then, you knew that already, didn't you? Smells, people, language... all so foreign, all so amazing. God's character is reflected in such an emphatic way through His people and their culture here. The traffic is insane and the money takes some getting used to.

Go to your closet right now, pull out your copy of the *Fellowship of the Ring*, and read the description of Hobbiton. THAT is where we live: rolling hillsides, farmlands of varying heights, mountains and rivers.

The children...its why we're here, right? Well, we have prayed for a broken heart every night for the last six months, and it has been shattered to pieces by the faces and hearts of the least of God's children. The children are so beautiful, so joyous, so energetic....and so poor.

These kids have nothing, and we mean absolutely nothing. They play dodgeball with a wad of socks. Each child has two sets of clothes, each covered in dirt and stains. Some children don't have beds because of lice.

Unsafe drinking water. No ventilation or heating of any sort. Dhaal baat (lentils over rice) for breakfast and dinner, with a snack of rice and tea in the afternoons. No toys, no families, no money, no food. And yet they



Children At Orphanage Preparing To Go To School

are the happiest, most incredible people we have ever known.

It has been quite a task to learn the children's names. Much like you might have guessed, the names are not like our American names. The ones we have learned so far: Nabin, Shanti, Suman,



Kuman, Umesh, and Ghalsang. We have made it a goal to learn one new name a day. Also, with the language, one new word/phrase a day.

Every night, Rita and Rupa, the proprietors and founders of the orphanage, let us lead an hour of worship and Bible study for these forgotten children of a country immersed in demon worship and idolatry. We are enthusiastic, even as we fail at every turn. Bible lessons fall apart, kids don't understand the words to the songs, and blank stares during prayer time translate into the question of "What are we doing here?" and "Are we even cut out for this?" However, a wise discipler prepared us for failure, and be it success or no, God is still glorified. Pray for us as we continue to struggle with language barriers, fatigue and personal time alone with the Lord. Pray against sickness for the children, for safe drinking water, for ongoing joy, and especially for an understanding of the gospel.

For up-to-date information on Jason and Jordan in Nepal, as well as Steve and Chris in Albania, visit their respective web blogs at:

Jason: [jasoninnepal.blogspot.com](http://jasoninnepal.blogspot.com)

Jordan: [thebearinnepal.blogspot.com](http://thebearinnepal.blogspot.com)

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POWER

POINT

## PRAY FOR THE SOMALI PEOPLE

**PIONEERING PRAYER**  
for one of 28 priority people groups

War and violence mark this East African people who consider themselves, at the core, to be warriors. Men train to be fighters, leaving their wives at home to tend their livestock. Techniques in warfare are utilized often as clans war against other clans, killing thousands. *Operation World* reports, "Somalia is the most lawless nation in the world."

Somali comes from the words "so maal" which literally means, "Go milk a beast for yourself!" It is an expression of hospitality. The Somalis consider food a status symbol and regularly hold feasts for friends and relatives.

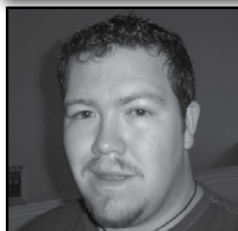
- Pray that the Somalis would know the gospel, invited to the ultimate banquet—the Marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Ask God to bring a supernatural peace to the region, redirecting Somali energies to spiritual warfare.

**SOMALI**




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### THE FIRST FOUR: FOR A YEAR...OR FOR A LIFETIME?



**Steve**



**Chris**



**Jordan**



**Jason**

In 2006, Lightbearers deployed our first-ever, full-time personnel overseas... **Steve Mathis** and **Chris Nikkel** in *Albania* as Lightbearers staff; and **Jordan Greenwald** and **Jason Hayes** in *Nepal* as Lightbearers associates.

What do these 4 young men—from *Texas, Oklahoma* and *Arkansas*—have in common? They have left home and brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers for the sake of Jesus and the glorious gospel; and in return they will not fail to receive a hundred times as much now in this present age (along with persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life (**Mark 10:29-30**).

Will these young men be gone for a year or for a lifetime? Only the Lord knows. But this one thing we all **must** know...already they are changed men; and already they are changing the lives of those who love them, those who support them with prayer and with money, and those who read of their "ordinary daily lives" in their newsletters or emails or blogs.

They will never pray or give the same way again. And neither **must** we. They will never read a newspaper or see reports on television the same way again. And neither **must** we. They will never look at a map of the world the same way again. And neither

**must** we.

And when they are back in the States they will never look at our suffocating, others-awareness numbing abundance the same way again. And neither **must** we. Their very presence back here among us—their mute presence; they need not scold or lecture or say anything at all—will leave us all feeling guilty and condemned and judged and ashamed and more than slightly dirty. And we **must** so feel.

Here's a newsflash for us, dear friends...we—each of us—owns and holds far too much stock in this world. The bottom is falling out from beneath that stock and you will soon quite literally be holding the bag...and an empty bag, at that. Be wise, dear ones...begin strategically and prayerfully and wisely and intentionally "dumping" as much of your stock in this world as soon as you possibly can. "Leave and receive", beloved. Stay here in the States if you must; but as you stay, leave and receive. For the sake of Jesus and the glorious gospel. And for your own sake. And for the sake of your own families and loved ones. **Leave and receive.**