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OH, HOW JOYFUL HEAVEN IS!

We are told that the angels of heaven rejoice at the repentance of one sinner (Luke 15:10). Imagine if thousands hear the Good News and repent! That is precisely the situation with the response to the broadcasts of The Word Today globally! Look at some of the excited responses we have received from one dialect, Nepali! They are reproduced here verbatim as many people struggle to write well in English – we should deeply appreciate their efforts as it is obvious they appreciate our efforts to bring the Good News to them:

-I was man of lost of many things in my life; first I lost my wife and while I was working in India I have lost my three fingers of my right hand... While I was listening to the program I started to revive my life... I found my TREASURE in my life through TWT program!

-I was unknowing about that there is salvation in Jesus Christ. By hearing the program, I got so wonderful message about salvation and eternal peace through believe to Jesus Christ which was important to me because I was so tired and about to give up from my religion practices. I began to follow God's word according to direction by TWT radio program... In this way my life is going on ahead towards Godly paths.

-My background belongs to Hindu and middle class family. I am believer since 2011. The program is not only gave me spiritual food but also nutrition and energy to mature my faith through teaching the Word of God. I am living happily by the grace of Jesus Christ and TWT programs.

-I am 14 years old, there are 3 members in my family. I am regular listener of TWT program and I listen it regularly. Before we were Hindu religious family. But TWT program only made the way to believe in Jesus in my life. As I believed our whole family came to Christ and with full assurance we all took the baptism service. So as we are just babyin our faith now please pray for us for our strong faith.

Try, just try to grasp how many people are being brought to salvation in Jesus Christ through The Word Today! The above quotes illustrate what is happening to thousands of people in 65 regions where TWT is broadcasting! Isn't it thrilling to be a part of this harvest of people for the Kingdom of Christ? Please tell others about this, as every person who joins us as a supporter will have their support multiplied, just as Jesus said about the fertile soil which yielded a disproportionate amount of crops (see Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23).



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CULTURES CHANGE, SOMETIMES FAST

Fast change can be very upsetting. America seems to be changing rapidly with the election of Donald Trump as president. Aside from whether you like him personally, he is making big changes! Quick change usually causes much distress and resistance, and that is the case for religious institutions as well as secular ones. When Jesus brought about rapid change in the Jewish community due to his unique character and teachings he riled up the status quo, the priests and Pharisees, who ganged up on him and unbeknownst to them fulfilled the Father's plan for the Messiah to be killed as our Redeemer!

Looking back at the past 8 years the Obama administration introduced rapid change to a largely conservative, Christian culture and pushed steadily to turn it away from conservative values and Christian mores. In the history of the country that was a radical departure, and it was the reason for the uprising of Christians and conservatives resisting it!

I have one concern, however, above all in regards to the quickness with which President Trump is enacting his agenda. Ancient Israel lurched back and forth culturally as the kings of Israel kept reversing policy; a good king would be followed by a bad one, and the country would convulse with "policy changes". That staggering back and forth in political and spiritual rule ratcheted down the country until it failed utterly. Judah, the southern counterpart, was only preserved by God's grace as the instrument to bring forth the promised Savior.

I fear that in years ahead we will see radical policy changes and with fervency to *punish* those on the "wrong side" of the administration. If so, that will foment disruption, anger and civil disobedience. Marches might give way to madness, the kind of madness that picks up guns and knives. Did you think the worry was over when a more conservative president was elected? I don't think so; we must continue in fervent prayer for our nation!

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The letters stand for Seasonal Affective Disorder, and it is induced by absence of sunlight. When I first heard of it I thought little of it, but then I spent four years in Edmonton, Alberta. That first winter was *brutal*, as I had no social circle developed – I was "pastor" but had no friends there yet- and it would get 30-40 below zero outside, so winter sports were curtailed. Mornings were dark, evenings were dark, it was awful! To get past the funk I was slipping into I invited myself to congregation members' homes to visit! I got through it, but I understand now how critical sunlight is to our mental well-being.

If you struggle with the darkness of winter, spend the money and sit under a sun lamp. You don't have to suffer in the darkness when some "daylight" can offer a sunnier disposition!

Blessings!

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