



PTI strengthens the church in many of the poorest places in the world, by teaching pastors to expound the Bible more effectively. Our fundamental purpose is therefore to *Teach to Preach*.

**WELCOME** to the July edition of **P** bi-monthly newsletter. Our articles this time report on two successful conferences in East and West Nepal. Looking ahead, Simon Percy reflects on how PTI must prioritise the stream of requests for new conferences and how essential prayer is as we seek to do this, under God's guiding hand.

- Existing countries
- Potential new countries
- Conflict is preventing training

## East and West Nepal, May 2016



John W and Merv N started in Kathmandu by preaching in the City Church. On 8 May we flew to Dharan in East Nepal to begin the PTI first year training conference and well over 100 pastors, elders and ladies workers attended. The sizes of the pastors' churches varied greatly; some led those of 1000- 2000 people, others came from small village churches in the mountains.

We had a great time of fellowship in the Gospel. The teaching was very well received and, during the testimony time, we had very encouraging comments. Many men said that they had never had such helpful and deep teaching and said they were returning to their churches to teach their congregations what they had learned.

On 15 May we flew to Pokhara in West Nepal, where we preached at Caanan Baptist Church before the conference began. 127 men and woman attended; some had travelled for up to 28 hours, by bus, from all over isolated Western Nepal.

The conference started slowly, as people got used to us and our style of teaching. But by the end of the week we were enjoying very sweet fellowship in the Gospel. We had one very special afternoon when, after John had spoken on the theology of salvation, the whole meeting burst into spontaneous singing, with a beautiful Nepali hymn on the cross.

Many of the men are involved in church planting. Some pastor as many as 20-30 satellite churches in the mountain villages, as well as their main church. It was also good to have some very keen young men and women, who are just starting out in their ministries and who asked very good questions.

During the testimony time one dear brother said that his only criticism was that the training wasn't longer.

Others testified to how encouraging the teaching was.

■ by John W and Merv N, PTI Trainers

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## Getting PTI's priorities right – a call to prayer

Mark 1: 5-38 shows Jesus' essential task was to preach (38), so he had to refuse (37) the crowd's genuine desire for healings. How did Jesus know that this was his priority? He prayed (35). I now want us all to pray for the Lord's guidance over PTI's priorities.

Next year, God willing, PTI will conduct around thirty conferences in twelve different countries. However, requests for training have been received from ten new countries, including Cuba, Indonesia, Zimbabwe and - quite literally - a call from a Macedonian. Together with these new requests, PTI has also been asked to conduct additional training in other parts of Uganda, India and Myanmar.

All that is impossible right now, so we need to pray, asking the Lord to guide us as we seek to prioritise.

The Trustee and Ministry Boards will meet together so we may prayerfully consider and discuss this with an aim to developing a set of principles to guide our future responses. We must ask ourselves four key questions:

- How rapidly should PTI grow? PTI seeks to work with churches in the UK so they can send their pastor (or another suitable person) as trainers. Pray that more churches will sense that God is calling them to do this



- Depth or breadth? Teaching pastors to preach God's word correctly requires time and practise. So pray that PTI might know where to expand its existing training and which new countries to begin work in
- We want primarily to help pastors who are economically poor and who would not otherwise be able to access this type of training. Pray that they might remain our priority
- Having decided our priorities, pray that we would stick to them and yet still be open to the genuine 'Macedonian call'.

■ by Simon Percy, PTI Trainer

## Prayer points

*Everything by prayer... with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)*

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### Thank God for:

- The two conferences that have taken place in Ghana. Praise the Lord especially for how there were plenty of opportunities to speak individually with each of the pastors and to listen to them preaching at the first conference in Ho
- The Trustees meeting and the matters they were able to decide upon
- The number of requests PTI has received for training

### Please pray for:

- Peter Maclure and Simon Moore as they lead two conferences in Tanzania
- Ken Brownell as he prepares to go and do training in Madagascar
- For Simon as he seeks to meet with people and to plan potential conferences in other parts of the world
- The two supporters Days being planned for 3 September in Bridgend and 24 September at Tunbridge Wells
- The Trustees and Ministry Board as they prayerfully discuss how to prioritise requests for more conferences

## Proposed conferences for 2016, God willing

**July** 18-22

Mandritsara, Madagascar

Ken Brownell

**July** 25-28

Arusha, Tanzania

Peter Maclure and Simon Moore

**August** 1-4

Morogoro, Tanzania

Peter Maclure and Simon Moore

PTI Supporters Events 2016  
3rd September - Union College, Bridgend  
24th September - Tunbridge Wells

Further details to follow



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