

Serving with Love A Reflection on the INF Mandate

Dear Friends,

As you read through these newsletters, let us be united in prayer and reflection, to contemplate the essence of our work and the mandate that guides us: **“We serve with love because God first loved us.”** These simple yet profound words form the foundation of our actions, plans, and works within INF.

This mandate is deeply rooted in the Scriptures and reminds us of the ultimate source of our motivation. At INF, service is more than just a job; it is a tangible demonstration of God’s love for all humanity. It bridges the gap between our faith and our work, merging the spiritual and the practical. We have been entrusted with a responsibility to bring comfort, healing, and transformation to those we encounter, embodying the love that God has poured into our lives.

When we serve with love, we become channels of God’s compassion, mercy, and hope. We extend a helping hand to the broken-hearted, the marginalized, and the vulnerable, shining a light in the darkness. Our acts of service become a testament to the transformative power of God’s love working through us, touching lives and bringing restoration to communities.

As we pray for the needs of our working areas, Hospitals, and the people we serve, let us also reflect on the privilege and calling to serve with love. May we be reminded of the profound impact we can have when we align our plans and actions with God’s unconditional love.

In moments of weariness and challenges, let us draw strength from the knowledge that we are participating in God’s work. Our service is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude for the love we have received.

May our prayers be with gratitude for the privilege to serve and a renewed sense of purpose in fulfilling the INF mandate. Let us hold onto the truth that, as we serve with love, we are instruments of God’s boundless compassion and vessels of His transformative power.

Sincerely,

Krishna Adhikari
Executive Director



**“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”
Colossians 3:23-24**

Give Thanks

Wheelchair Distribution Camp

Praise for the successful completion of the Wheelchair Distribution Camp from 5-9 June 2023 at Green Pastures Hospital premises. GPH in collaboration with Joni and Friends USA and Sundar Dhoka Sathi Sewa, Nepal conducted “Wheels for Nepal” project- a free wheelchair distribution camp in Pokhara. Wheels for Nepal is a project designed from the flagship program of Joni and Friends “Wheels for the World”.



Launching of Zero Leprosy Strategy

INF Nepal has launched its Zero Leprosy Strategy amid a formal programme in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gandaki Province, Surendra Raj Pandey and other relevant stakeholders, on 9th June.

This came as INF Nepal's commitment to fully contribute towards the Nepal government's goal of making Nepal free of leprosy by 2030. INF Nepal will contribute to preventing leprosy in Gandaki, Lumbini, Karnali and Sudurpaschim provinces.

To achieve the goals mentioned in this strategic plan, effective implementation of the strategic plan for a leprosy-free society will be carried out through interaction with the community and various stakeholders serving in the community with the active participation of the stakeholders.



Inauguration of Eileen & Betty Centre

Give thanks for the official opening of the Eileen & Betty Centre, a dedicated leprosy ward within GPH. With this purpose-built ward, leprosy inpatients will benefit immensely. Each ward rooms will have only five patients maximum and offers direct access to a disability-friendly toilet and bathroom. The facility also provides privacy curtains and patient-specific controls of their immediate environment, such as switches for a night light, a ceiling light, and a fan, thereby adding to the individual agency and personal comfort for patients.



Some of the visits from our partners



Representatives from Pro filia



Representatives from Kailakuri Bangladesh

PRAYER POINTS

Community Programmes

- Please pray for the upcoming Tearfund-funded project in Budhinanda Municipality of Bajura, starting in July 2023. Pray for the successful agreement and smooth implementation of the project.
- Please pray for the successful submission of proposals for an education and livelihood project in Bajura. The team is currently preparing concept notes and submitting them to Tearfund. Pray for favour and success in this process.
- Please pray for the finalization of concept notes from BMZ/TT for the CCA project in Bajura, specifically proposed for Himali RM. Pray for clarity and alignment in the process, leading to a successful outcome.
- Please pray for the effective implementation of earthquake relief support to the people of Bajura, provided by ACN. Pray for the resources and assistance to reach those in need, and for the recovery and healing of the affected communities.
- Please pray for the final evaluation of the EES project in Bajura. Pray for a comprehensive assessment that provides valuable insights and recommendations for future projects, and for the overall success of the project's goals.
- Please pray for the successful implementation of a qualitative study in Banke, focusing on developing a community-based prevention response model to combat trafficking and forced marriage. Pray for wisdom and insight in gathering valuable information and creating effective strategies.

- Let's pray for the graduates of the sewing training program who are starting their own businesses. May they find success and prosperity in their new ventures, and may their skills contribute to the betterment of their communities.
- Our prayers are requested for Sushila BC, an inclusive development supervisor, whose son is currently ill and receiving treatment in Kathmandu. Pray for healing and strength for both the child and the family during this challenging time.
- Please lift up the health workers in Kalikot Branch who have received Skilled Birth Attendance Training. Pray that they may effectively provide maternal health services and establish a birthing centre, improving the well-being of women in their community.
- We ask for prayers for Surendra Bahadur Malla, the Team Leader of Mugu, who underwent a surgery for a heart condition. Let's pray for his recovery.
- Pray for the team in Mugu as they plan to conduct joint monitoring visits with government stakeholders, social audits, and D-PAC/M-PAC meetings. May they have discernment, cooperation, and fruitful outcomes during the implementation of these activities.

Hospitals and Health Services

- Leprosy and Dermatology camp (Camp-1) was conducted at Baijanath RM of Banke. Where 185 patients were screened for leprosy and were examined and treated for their dermatological condition. Among the 185 patients screened, 4 were found with suspicious signs & symptoms of leprosy. One patient who had already completed MDT was also served. This camp was conducted with the funding support of INF UK.



- Leprosy and Dermatology camp (Camp-2) was conducted at Bardiya district Jail where 245 people were screened for leprosy and were examined and treated for their dermatological condition. Among the 245 patients screened, 4 were found with suspicious signs & symptoms of leprosy and are put on observation. This camp was conducted with the funding support of INF UK.
- Leprosy and Dermatology camp (Camp-3) was conducted at Barabardiya Municipality Bardiya. 239 people were screened for leprosy and were examined and treated for their dermatological condition. Among the 239 patients screened, 6 were found with suspicious signs & symptoms

of leprosy and are put on observation and 3 people who had already completed leprosy treatment were also served. This camp was conducted as part of the Care for Cure Leprosy project with the funding support of EMMS International.

- We praise and thank God for the successful organization of a camp within the challenging environment of a jail. Despite the limitations of being inside four walls with double-locked doors, there was a pressing request from the jail administration and health office in Bardiya to conduct the camp. Many individuals within the jail were suffering from skin diseases, and there was a concern about the presence of people with leprosy. However, with God's guidance and provision, the camp was carried out and essential services were provided to those who had limited access to healthcare facilities. We give thanks to the Almighty for His guidance and the positive impact made through this camp.
- As Infrastructure Development Advisor Toby has recently been looking at the availability and suitability of sustainable and low-carbon construction materials in Nepal, and is meeting with social enterprises, INGO representatives, and businesses promoting these in Nepal. As part of Creation Care ethics we want to increasingly be considerate of these factors, and investigate how and where low-carbon

construction can be integrated in our planning. We praise God for His amazing creation, and want Green Pastures Hospital and the other INF facilities to be 'green' in multiple ways.

- INF Engineers have started to assist with mapping hospital maintenance needs, and are working towards a simple 'Preventative Maintenance System', countering the current practice of reactive building maintenance (fix it when it breaks). Please pray for a simple, but efficient system to be established, which can be rolled out in all INF facilities.
- Pray that the leaders and decision-makers involved in developing the next year's plan and budget will be granted wisdom and discernment. May they have clarity of thought and a deep understanding of the needs, priorities, and potential impact of the proposed initiatives.
- Please pray for our Shining Hospital Team, a good understanding, unity, support and respect to each other to achieve the goal of the hospital.
- Please pray for our patients who are on need to be referred to a higher centre and waiting for bed availability and referral.
- Please pray for staff who are traveling to different locations and working areas for the official purposes.

