

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

## Stories of hope from Bajura

### Climate Change Adaptation for Sustainable Livelihoods Project.

Maheshwori Rokaya is a resident of Guam Rural Municipality, ward number 4.

She has a big family and its hard to provide sufficient food for everyone. In spite of all their hard work, the family's small plot only provides food for a few months of the year.

This is the result of poor soil, a lack of irrigation and increasing drought as well as natural disasters like land slides.

The poor yield and lack of other opportunities to earn an income means members of Maheshwori's family have had to migrate to India at various times throughout the year, which disrupts relationships and the chance

INF Nepal run a program in the area which aims to help build the resilience of the community by equipping people to anticipate the impact of changing climate and learn practical livelihood skills to supplement their incomes. The project is far reaching, helping communities assess the risk of climate related changes that threaten crops and stock, responding in the aftermath of natural disaster and providing training for small business start ups.

INF Nepal offered Maheshwori training in the raising of poultry, and this has proved to be life changing for the family. Beginning with 15 chickens, Maheshwori has not only expanded her flock but decided to begin a small fish farm building on the principles she learnt in the project. This means the family can now meet their needs without the need to leave the area to find employment.

"I am very positive and thankful to INF Nepal for the training and support," Maheshwori said.

**Please pray** for the leaders of this project as well as those who are benefiting from new skills. If you'd like to know more, or make a gift to enable this work to continue, please visit <https://inf.org.au/disasters-climate/>



## ***For Your Prayers...***

### **Elections in Nepal:**

Local elections took place on May 13, with around 18 million Nepalis casting their votes to elect 35,000 new leaders. The local governments are dependent on federal resources but still play a significant role in lifting the living standards of ordinary people.

Pray that the newly elected officials will be servant-hearted leaders who will work actively for the good of their communities.

### **Green Pastures Hospital:**

In spite of disruptions caused by COVID-19, GPH continues to develop. An improved outpatients will soon be open, with better access for people with disability, a new theatre for minor surgery and more private clinic spaces for consulting. Plans for the new leprosy ward have been developed with construction due to start soon.

Please pray that the hospital will continue to serve people with love, and for safe building work to take place.

### **Health and Community Agreements:**

New five year agreements have been signed between INF Nepal and the Government of Nepal. This gives certainty to community projects and visa conditions for expatriate advisors in these programs.

Give thanks for the stronger relationships being built between INF, politicians and key advisors in these ministries and departments.

### **New palliative care centre:**

Please pray for staff at the newly opened centre which also has space for paediatric care. The 'Sunita' project will raise awareness of palliative care and provide outreach in Pokhara and rural areas. This is a new area of medical care in Nepal, and we're thankful to God for the initiative of our partners.

### **Our partner MILAP**

MILAP continues to support Janaki Rural Municipality in their work to reduce levels of COVID 10 transmission and increase vaccination coverage.

During his visit, Ben was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the local government in recognition of MILAP's work. Officials very much appreciated the swift and well coordinated response, describing it as one of the best coordinated and targeted local efforts to reach the most poor and marginalised in the community.

Give thanks for the safe travel to Nepal of **Ben, Caryn and Peter Kneale** during the first half of May. There were many useful and encouraging conversations with partners as well as opportunities to pray together and reflect on our shared mission.

**Caryn and Peter** will soon serve with INFA - Caryn as a dietician working across medical and community programs to support INF's nutrition related work. Peter will be teaching at Pokhara Study Centre supporting expat families serving in the region. Pray for their faith family at Beecroft Pennant Hills Uniting Church, for the process of formalising their role descriptions and their final preparations to serve in Nepal long-term.