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# The Harvest is Plentiful

at Minnesota State University, Mankato



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“Please pray for us...”



*In this photo with Johnathan are many of the Nepalese men that he has been ministering to on a regular basis. Pawan and Pradeep are inset in the circles, respectively.*

One night I was giving three of my Nepalese friends a ride to the Twin Cities so they could purchase some lamb meat for a special event that the Nepalese Student Community was hosting. Heaven opened up in the van! I love giving my international student friends rides to the Twin Cities because you have their undivided attention for up to three hours. I was praying and expecting Jesus to open doors for me to share the gospel and see signs and wonders on this trip!

On our ride back to MSU that night, Jesus did open up an amazing door to share His life with them. As we mentioned in a previous newsletter, my dad has been in a battle with bladder cancer. I had been calling him each day to pray with him, and on this day I had not yet made the call. So I called him and we prayed, and of course the students couldn't help but overhear us. So after I hung up I let them know about my dad's condition, and Pradeep and Pawan suddenly asked me if they could pray for my dad. I was very blessed by their desire to help, but I had to tell them that they couldn't. I explained to them in a very gracious way that you can't pray for my dad until you get born-again and Jesus Christ becomes your Lord and Savior. Then you will have the authority and power to pray in the name of Jesus and ask the Father to heal my dad. Then Pradeep, who is a student officer in the Nepalese Student Community, said, "Johnathan, what do I have to do to get born-again?". Does this sound like an open door from Heaven?

So for the next hour they let me share with them how God begins to draw you and call you into a true relationship with Himself. I shared with them how Jesus reveals Himself and opens your heart and mind to understand His gospel and gives you the grace to surrender your life fully to Him in repentance. At this point, Pradeep and

(continued...)

Pawan both asked me to pray for them that Jesus would open their eyes and minds to hear and see Jesus. Thank you, Jesus! After I prayed for them, the sweet presence of the Lord came, and they felt Him. They were so hungry to hear about how to know God that they let me share testimony after testimony of things the Spirit of God has done in and through my life in Christ.

Sadly, towards the end of our trip they said to me that they have a lot of Christian friends who bring them to church, but none of them have actually shared with them how to know God. Oh Jesus, help us to boldly share Your life with our lost friends and not hold back the good news of the gospel. Always remember our personal testimony is the most powerful evangelistic tool we have to reach the lost for Christ! I believe that Pradeep and Pawan are truly being drawn to Jesus. Let's continue to pray them into the Kingdom!

## Socialism exposed.

We had over 35 students attend our lecture by Dr. Peter Hammond from South Africa on, "The Consequence of Socialism". Many of the students were stunned to see how throughout history (the last 100 plus years) the Socialists and Communists have devalued human life and murdered over 170 million people, conservatively speaking. Socialism is about coveting and stealing and the word of God teaches hard work and dependence on God rather than a secular government for your provision. Let's continue to pray for our leadership in America, and pray we learn from history's failures!



*We started off the school year with a "bang" with Skylar's baptism Aug.*

*We attended a special Indian potluck with authentic food. Top: We are*

*pictured with Shankar, the president of the Indian Student Association. Bottom: Heather is dressed in a "sari", a traditional Indian dress, with many of the ladies. It was a precious time of relationship-building with these friends!*

## Prayer Requests



- \* Praise Jesus! On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October my Dad (John) had surgery to remove his cancer-ridden bladder, and it was a complete success. He is recovering well and now at home. Thank you for all your faithful prayers!
- \* Heather leads a women's worship and prayer meeting of eight students every Monday night. Please pray for grace and wisdom to be added to Heather each week as she leads this fellowship.
- \* Please pray for the spiritual growth of these men that I'm meeting with each week and mentoring: Feng, Soyal, Hughbert, Skylar, Darren, Michael and Jonathan.
- \* We have Dave and Mary Jo Nutting returning to MSU for three nights of Creation Science lectures November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Pray for the students to have open hearts and minds to the truth and that many would come to Christ!

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