



Dear friends,

Facing ominous portents, people are rushing to safe havens, *perceived* safe havens. We need some gods around to provide stability, solace and security. Let us introduce to this world the sovereign One, who is the only safe haven in life and beyond. Nothing else comes close in providing for our earthly good and eventual destiny.

This month let me share with you the response our **Garhwali** and **Dzongkha** programs are receiving from our listeners.

SAVED AND SUSTAINED



The picture here shows our Garhwali program producer, (third from right), praying along with other assembled people. The occasion is the opening of a garment store owned by Pushpa Sharma, (lady extreme left).

Pushpa's story is one of constant struggle for survival for herself and her now grown three children.

Pushpa's husband walked out on her and their three children years back, leaving Pushpa to fend for them and herself. It was very difficult to make ends meet with no permanent source of income, and with three growing children to feed, clothe, educate. Pushpa was living her hell here on earth and

she had no one to turn to. To add to her miseries was a sick daughter who had been ailing for fifteen long years. Pushpa saw no light at the end of her tunnel, but she kept moving nevertheless.

And then someone introduced her to our Garhwali radio program and she started listening to it. Since Pushpa lives in Pauri Garhwal, the place where our Garhwali program production team is located, she decided to visit our program team in their office. She was received warmly and the program producer gently and patiently answered all her questions regarding the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, His purpose in coming to the world and so on. Pushpa absorbed each word he said, and at the end of it, she had made her decision. She wanted the Lord to be the Master of her life too. There and then she gave herself to the Lord asking Him to come into her life and be her Messiah. Pushpa, having received new life, decided to take on the challenges life threw at her and emerged a winner. The pictures show Pushpa's garment store which she was able to acquire after much hard work and of course the Lord's blessing in answer to her prayers.

Please pray that Pushpa may be able to run her store wisely and earn credibility for herself and her venture.

Also pray that her grown-up children may settle themselves well in their lives and be the support that Pushpa needs.



BORN AGAIN

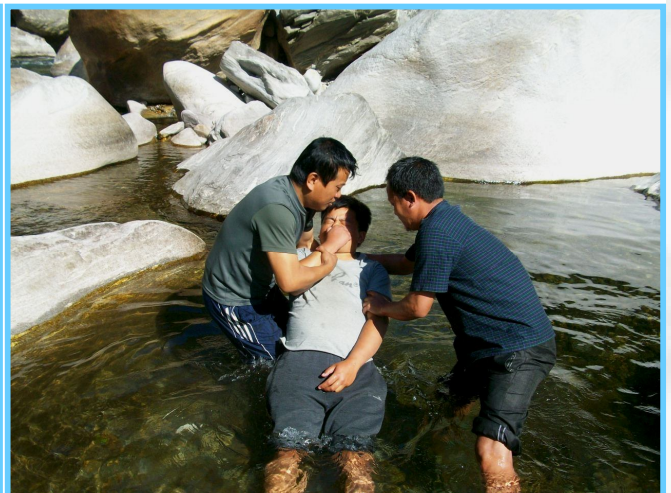


What a beautiful picture! Set in the lovely locale of Bhutan with some beautiful people posing, this makes for a good capture. But the real beauty is in the fact that all these people are assembled here for the beautiful ceremony of baptism. Seven among them are here to publicly proclaim their faith and be baptised and the rest to witness the great event. Our Dzongkha program producer, who is also a pastor (second from left) is with them to baptize them.

Those taking baptism are listeners of our Dzongkha radio program and they heard the Gospel on air in the program. Once they started listening to the program regularly, they had questions and needed someone to answer those questions and take them ahead on the path of discovering the good news and how it could be theirs for the taking. Our program producer is also an excellent counselor and a people's person who is readily available for anyone, especially our listeners. He has also brought together a support group, people who have themselves come to know and trust the Lord through our program. These people working in groups, visit new listeners and help them understand the message that the Bible offers through our radio program.

Out of the seven who have been baptised, five are students and the other two are daily wagers working in the Public Works department of the government of Bhutan.

We are very thankful for the listeners who have formed prayer and support groups and who visit new listeners to encourage them and testify before them. The Lord is also using our Dzongkha program producer for His glory. Our producer is very concerned for the people of his nation and does everything he can to take the message of salvation to them. Apart from the Dzongkha program which he produces and presents, he also interacts with people personally telling them that the Kingdom is near.



Please pray very specially for all the seven people who have been baptised, that they may be the witness for the Lord that He wants them to be. Also pray for our Dzongkha program producer and his family, that the Lord may bless them.

A. K. Lama, Ministry leader