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Dear Friends,

Nothing lasts forever – except what our God enables us to do for others. **Giving of our time and resources to spread the good news**, visiting those who are lonely, and helping those in need are just some of the many ways to store up treasures in heaven. As the Bible exhorts, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal Mathew 06:20.

This month, let us see how the **Garhwali** and **Dzongkha** programs have been blessings to their respective audiences.



THE WORD OF LIFE

This person with our Garhwali program producer is Maya Shankar, a Garhwali listener from Gazipur in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The smile on his face says how happy he is to meet our Garhwali producer and spend time with him and the co-producer.

Two members of our Garhwali program team visited Gazipur earlier this month to meet our Garhwali listeners in the area. The listeners were happy to meet in person, the Garhwali voices they had heard on radio. Our producer, who is also a pastor, conducted a prayer meeting in one of the listener's homes and all the listeners in the vicinity gathered there for a time of prayer and fellowship.

Maya Shankar has been listening to our Garhwali program for many years now, but he was not able to take a decision regarding following only Jesus as Lord and Master. But now, on meeting our Garhwali producer and co-producer and having had his doubts cleared about the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, he has decided to give his life completely into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him only. In the other picture other listeners can be seen. Garhwali team leader shared with them from God's Word. Most of the listeners told our team that they depend heavily on the Garhwali program to provide them with their regular spiritual food.

Please pray for these Garhwali listeners living away from their native place, that they may all trust the Lord and find life in Him.

Pray especially for Maya Shankar as he begins his new life as a believer in the Lord. Pray that he may be able to witness to the other Garhwalis living around him.

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Our Dzongkha program producer is seen here flanked on either side by



these two lovely ladies. Both these ladies are residents of Trashy Yangtse district of Bhutan. Our producer met them in a Buddhist temple where they come regularly for offering prayers. He met them one day when they were sitting in the temple compound, chanting prayers and counting beads which they must do a certain number of times according to their religious dictates. Our producer



asked them if they knew what they were chanting and did they know for sure that these rituals would find them enough favour with their gods, to find them a place in heaven. The ladies were taken aback at such insolence. They were not used to anyone questioning these religious rituals, which they themselves also never questioned, but just followed blindly. Though they did not like what he was asking them, but somehow the love and concern in our friend's eyes while he talked to them made them halt and talk to him. The ladies told our producer, who is also a pastor, that they really did not know what the prayer

they repeated over and over meant, but they just did so to appease the gods that are. And no, they also were not sure if keeping these commands and following these rituals would actually take them to heaven, but this is all they know and do it so as to not upset the Almighty.

Hearing this, our producer told them that the Almighty living God did not demand rituals to please Him but was only pleased if His people worshipped Him in spirit and in truth. The ladies thought for a while, and asked what the truth was? He told them the truth was Jesus Christ and shared with them the Gospel.

Though the religion these ladies practise is grounded in rituals and self denial, in order to please the Almighty, any other belief or point of view is strictly avoided, even snubbed. Yet, the two ladies showed interest in what our pastor shared with them. They even asked him to tell them in greater detail what he meant by only Jesus Christ being the truth. Our friend told them that Jesus Christ was the way, the truth and the life and anyone who wanted to have association with the Father God had to go through Him, there was no other way.

Though the ladies were not convinced that whatever they were doing to find favour with God, and to ensure for themselves a seat in heaven, was all in vain, but they felt compelled to give a thought to Jesus and His redemptive, finished work on the cross. After all, whatever rituals they performed and the self denial they indulged in was to find a place in heaven.

The ladies told our Pastor that he had got them thinking if their way was the right way, or if trusting in Jesus was really the right and sure way of finding eternal life.

Please pray for these elderly ladies that the seed sown in their hearts would bear fruit and that they may embrace the one sure way to eternal life.

Please pray that they may share with others, around their homes and the monastery they visit, what was shared with them, the good news of salvation.