

# South Asia Partnership Prayer News



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## General Prayer Requests

You'll find general prayer requests from each country in South Asia on the South Asia Field website:

[www.southasiafield.org](http://www.southasiafield.org).

If you haven't received these prayer news by email, we'll be happy to add you to our mailing list. Please contact **Field Strategy Coordinator** Dr. Hermann at (drhermannng@eurasia-help.org).

## Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

The 2014 Compassion 575 ride was 1,320 miles. Called "MEXICO to MUSIC CITY," this year's ride began on the border of Mexico and concluded in Nashville, TN. David Argabright began the 6<sup>th</sup> Compassion 575 ride, supported by his wife Sharon in an SAG (support and gear) vehicle, on March 25. Each morning they received inspiration from Psalm 20 and photos of the CDC children praying for their safety.

David and Sharon were glad to be joined by Ted and Lisa Diehr on March 29 in Bastrop, TX. On April 5, Brad and Lindsey Argabright (son and daughter-in-law) rode hard in rural Louisiana.

While riding together, David and Ted passed a dead animal beside the road. They were suddenly engulfed by what they thought were flies. The flying pests were actually bees. It was terrifying, but they rode hard to escape. The same thing happened the next Saturday, except this time the bees completely covered David and Brad. They could hardly see the sky through the thick blanket of bees. David yelled, "These are bees, ride as fast as you can!" Brad reflects, "I just put my head down, closed my mouth and eyes, and pedaled as hard as I could to escape." Both times the riders escaped without even one bee sting. God protected them. Across the miles, the prayer support from partners and the CDC children was incredible.

The ride concluded in Nashville, TN at the northern terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Eleven partners and friends celebrated as they crossed the finish line after 15 ½ days of intense riding. Rev. Ron Gilbert, former FSC, led in a prayer of dedication. Thank you for praying for David and Sharon and joining them on this journey.

Compassion 575 is an approved fundraiser for NCM-South Asia. 100% of the proceeds go directly to fund Child Development Centers (CDCs) in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. 35 villages have been impacted with new CDCs and over \$645,000 raised since 2008. Thank you for giving to provide hope to children struggling in extreme poverty.

See Compassion 575 on Facebook. More information and online giving are available at <http://compassion575.com/>. Make checks to Global Treasury Services, Church of the Nazarene and put in memo area "NCMCOMP575". Checks may be mailed to Compassion 575 P.O. Box 82 Vinton, VA 24179-0082

See Ted Diehr's comments on his ride at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIAZgX5S31c>

See Climbing the Hills in West Texas [http://youtu.be/9m\\_Hd5dFgfQ](http://youtu.be/9m_Hd5dFgfQ)



## Prayer & Praise Items



### Bangladesh:

Praise the Lord that we had great District Assemblies in March.

Praise the Lord that Rev. Nathan visited the USA with fruitful meetings and safely returned to Bangladesh.

Praise the Lord that the new group in the Pastoral Training Program (SANBC) completed the 1<sup>st</sup> track.

Please pray for the Evangecube workers and their families, for the JESUS Film teams, the CDCs and pastors' children and their caregivers, for the orphans at the Village of Hope, the ongoing pastoral training program (SANBC) & faculty, and all ongoing projects.

Please pray for a new DPCCA project proposal and its funding.

Please pray for 6 projects of Child Development Sponsorship Program (CDSP) that are under investigation by the Bangladesh Government.



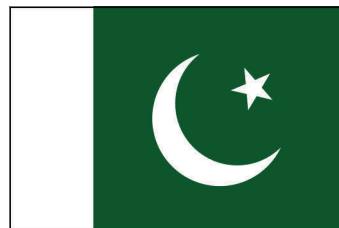
### Nepal:

Last spring we organized a church at Attariaya, Koilali, in far western Nepal. David Argabright has already sent funds to start a CDC there, which is scheduled to begin in the next few days. A temporary building is urgently needed at Attariaya for the congregation and CDC. We don't have a piece of land there but the local people have offered a piece of non-registered land where we could build a temporary building and use it for CDC and church services. Prayer therefore is for the funding to build a temporary building and for the local church to be a witness of Christ in the area of Attariaya.

Recently, we added one more SANBC center in Nepal, in the remote hilly village of Khebang in eastern Nepal. The first SANBC session was conducted at this village three weeks ago. The challenge is sending teachers to Khebang from far away, which is time-consuming and costly. 18 students from three local Nazarene churches are enrolled in this center. Please pray for the Lord's help in overcoming the challenges and build his kingdom.

This year we added two new JF teams in mid-western and central Nepal. We pray that the Lord may help them in their ministries.

During the next three weeks, two new CDCs will start in Attariya and Dhangadi. We pray that God may help our people so that the love and compassion of Christ could be reflected in the services they deliver in these centers.

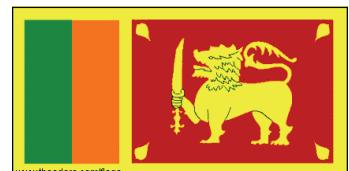


### Pakistan:

Please pray for new people to be recruited as office staff as the office is currently understaffed. Please also pray about the electric problem which seems to have increased in warmer weather, this is slowing down the reporting.

Please pray that God may intercede for the Pakistan team with the Nepal Immigration as they travel to be trained in the coming month.

Please also especially pray for our pastors, for encouragement and dedication and a true calling for ministry.



### Sri Lanka:

We praise God for a positive answer from government offices for our Hali-Ela ministry center building approval. We waited for months to get this and faced a lot of challenges. God gave us power to go forward in this matter.

We praise God for our successful children's ministry in Badulla province. We reached many people through this ministry. Our Shalom Church is working with more than 50 Tamil and Sinhala government schools.

We praise God for the McKellips' visit to Sri Lanka. They visited many places, including CDCs, churches, JF showings, and met with our ministers and pastors.

Please pray for our JF teams and showings; especially for the major religion people who oppose our ministry.

Please continue to pray for work on the Hali-Ela ministry center.

Please pray for all preparations for the upcoming SALT.

Please pray for coming SANBC classes and for all students and teachers.

Please pray for our children's ministries, district and NCM needs and all staff.



## General Requests

Please pray especially for a training taking place in Nepal during May 9-15. This training is for a team from Pakistan and focuses on JESUS Film ministry and NCM. Training facilitators are from Bangladesh and Nepal.

Please pray for the trainers from Bangladesh and trainees from Pakistan to have a safe journey and for a blessed and successful training.

Please keep praying for new leaders on several of our districts. Pray for wisdom to train, mentor and empower the right leaders and pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the ministry.

For information about the South Asia Partnership please visit our website ([www.southasiapartnership.org/partnership.html](http://www.southasiapartnership.org/partnership.html)) or contact **Field Strategy Coordinator** Dr. Hermann Gschwandtner ([drhermannng@eurasia-help.org](mailto:drhermannng@eurasia-help.org)). Donations for the South Asia Partnership need to be designated **APT 1017** and sent to the General Treasurer at the Global Treasury Services, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66200.