

an extended time with children and family had allowed him to build friendships and get to know them beyond the level allowed by our typical rushed and agenda-driven visits.

During late **2007**, a surprise legacy in Alveley met their desire to help the poorest in surrounding villages, and Gyanu and Kiran began to investigate possible sites for a basic clinic. Gyanu gave land opposite NLH she had inherited from her family, and in March **2008** Nick and Tim visited to discuss setting up a Nepali NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) with local people to oversee this and other community projects.

And so later in 2008, Gyanu gained official registration of the NGO **New Life Mission** in both Dhangadhi and Kathmandu.

Back in the UK, this was also an exciting time for the support committee, as **Barley Hill Church** in Thame committed themselves to be major supporters, and have since covered some 30% of NLH's running costs.

In March **2009**, Bill realised a dream to return to Nepal and spent two weeks at NLH and in Kathmandu with Nick. They saw the new clinic opposite taking shape - awaiting pouring of the concrete roof.



With Niranjana who supervised building

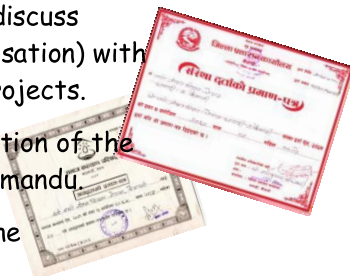
And in summer **2009**, Alveley girl Louisa Knowles started her gap year with a month in Nepal, mainly at NLH. She and Pratiksha were

a great encouragement to one another; Louisa has a special interest in Medicine and is set on returning - meanwhile having raised some £2000 through local event sponsorship.

Which bring us finally to this anniversary year **2010**, completion of NLC's building, and a visit with most recent committee member Richard Shearwood from Barley Hill Church. Anniversary celebrations were full-on, and fruitful meetings with Dr Ashok and NLC members set the scene for the next chapter - and the next decade.



Gifts & cards from Alveley school are unwrapped!



in the home of Suk Maya.



In front of the completed clinic building on our last day at NLH

Thank you for 10 years!

The story of *New Life House* & its impact so far...



This is a story about people, about friendship bigger than barriers of distance, language and culture - about ordinary people making a big difference through God's grace.

As Bill Pryce writes:

A chance meeting with Isaac Pradhan, a Nepali Christian in the mid-West of Nepal in 1994, eventually led to the development of NLM. It has been an honour and privilege to be involved over the years!

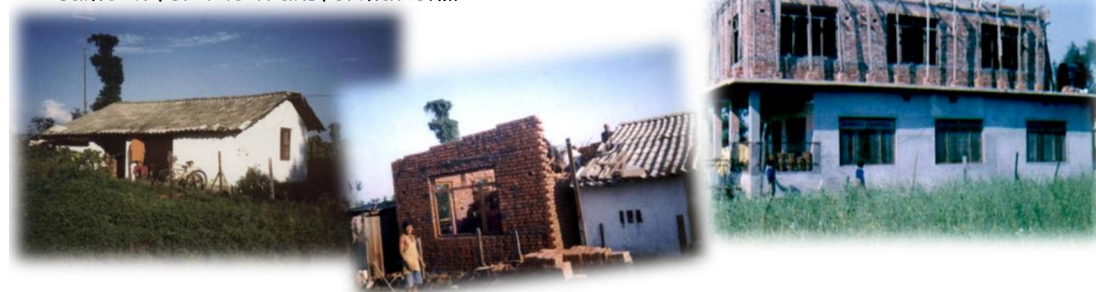


Bill was trekking and only met Isaac because someone else had failed to turn up - but it was enough to establish a promise to correspond and pray for one another. Isaac & Gyanu, having been among the first to bring the news of Jesus to Nepal's Far West, had a big dream: to set up an orphanage and centre for training and outreach in Nepal.

The Pradhans, with three daughters and a 2-year old adopted boy, bought a small house near Dhangadhi and prayed hard for the next step.



Meanwhile in the UK, St Mary's Church in Alveley and many supporters were much inspired by Bill's account of the dream, and over the next 18 months, the money came in for the transformation...



Isaac & Gyanu had another prayer partner in Doug Kemsley from New Zealand, and on **13 March 2000**, both Doug and St Mary's vicar Nick Armstrong were at NLH to cut the ribbons and celebrate.

During the next 6 months, the 12 children settled into their new home, while back in Alveley a support committee led by Bill set up a *Friends* support scheme in summer **2000** - which has continued since with 40-50 members.

Great sadness hit just a month later, as Isaac died suddenly of a heart attack, leaving Gyanu and her daughters facing a huge challenge together. Great courage, prayer and your support brought them through a very difficult two years.

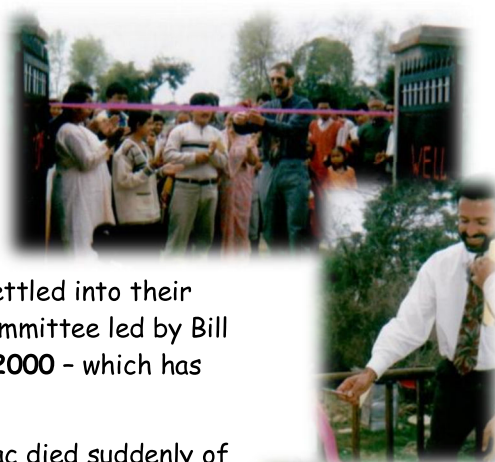
In Autumn **2002**, eldest daughter Pratigya married a local believer (the usual Nepali term for Christians) Kiran Shrestha, and about the same time plans formed for a trip from St Mary's Alveley. In March **2003**, Jean Marshall, Tim Armstrong (then 15) and his father Nick spent two weeks in Nepal, including a week at NLH. It was a delightful and unforgettable time for all, and the first chance to build friendships with the now established home and family of NLH under Gyanu.



Our arrival by car came a few days before the first ever visit to Dhangadhi by the king, so we passed through hundreds of bamboo & fabric arches to arrive. The royalty is no more, but NLH continues.

In **2004**, Kiran and Pratigya moved into NLH - Pratik joining the growing family. Besides helping lead the young church meeting then in NLH upstairs, Kiran began to establish links between churches and 'Sunday Schools' (which meet, like church in Nepal, on Saturdays!), and assisted with children and community outreach. Pratiraksha started a 2-year Bible College course in India.

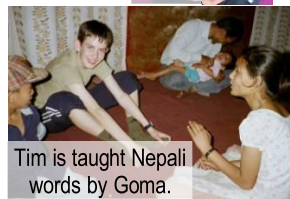
Meanwhile, back in the UK, many took initiative giving and



Kiran & Pratigya with their son Pratik



Jean



Tim is taught Nepali words by Goma.



Kiran with a Sunday School picnic for local churches.

raising funds supplementing the *Friends* giving. From late 2002 until Easter 2005, Chris & Tom Richards in Alveley organised and ran Sunday teas at the Visitor Centre of Severn Valley Country Park, raising over £6000 for NLH during that period.

Each time we've made a visit to NLH from the UK, we are reminded afresh of how vital these personal times together are. Several complex issues regarding cultural differences have only become clear through time together in conversation. One such issue is the difficulty faced by widows - including Gyanu - in a mainly Hindu culture, where they are widely seen to be somehow cursed by the gods. Another is the effect of the caste system on freedom to enter others' homes. The church is very young and understandably such attitudes remain a big issue, making Nepali churches very difficult to hold in homes, besides most homes being far too small. The ability to construct a building for the growing *Mahan Agya* (or 'Great Commission') Church near NLH removed regular disruption of the children's sleeping space and allowed the church to grow.

Although not completed for another 3 years, the first service was held in the new building in 2005.

In Autumn **2005**, the long-present tensions, strikes and violence from Maoist insurgency and government reprisal made travel to NLH difficult, besides a western presence drawing risky attention. Nick spent a week at the Kathmandu home of Gyanu's nephew Niranjan (& Punam), working through urgent issues with Gyanu, Kiran and Pratiraksha. A *visionary* time - seeing the sunrise from Nargakot, and arriving at our 3-fold vision statement!

In **2007**, and 4 years after his first visit, Tim Armstrong was taking a gap year between school and bible college, and spent three months in Nepal, mostly at NLH, but also spending time with some of Gyanu's wider family in Kathmandu. Besides having a great time, it was clear on his return that spending



Chris Richards

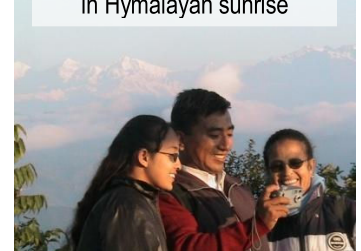


Gyanu and ladies after worship in MA Church



Outside the new MA Church in 2007.

Pratiraksha, Kiran and Gyanu in Hymalayan sunrise



Tim with Mangala & Rajesh