

## **ETSC-Nepal and its Programme Hetauda, Makwanpur. Nepal.**

### **Background of ETSC**

It was humble beginning in the 1999 January, the group of community leaders initiated the ministry of ETSC-Nepal is a holistic mission with the message & work of welfare.

- Established by church leaders from 7 churches of Makwanpur district, to facilitated intensive Managerial Leadership training of nine month duration to increase the capacity of men and women involved in decision making levels since its establishment.
- Reaching the vulnerable through holistic community development approach; primarily focusing on marginalized vulnerable people, trafficked women, HIV/AIDS infected.

### **Vision of ETSC**

ETSC vision for itself

**“Competent, credible and interdependent organization”**

ETSC vision for Community

**"To build up the prosperous and righteous society with the light of a new hope."**

### **Mission of ETSC**

**“ETSC strives to enhance the access on resources of marginalized vulnerable communities by loving and caring the creation of God in order to establish prosperous and righteous society."**

### **Objectives of ETSC**

- To strengthen the capacity of Nepali churches/ communities in responding to the needs of the community.
- To improve the physical, social and spiritual aspects of communities through local church and community initiatives.
- Building capacity of church group/ local organization for positively transformation of communities to address the Local issues and its vulnerability.
- To encourage church and communities to implement programs on social issues by using local resources.
- To promote and strengthen the capacity of community organization.

## Programs of ETSC-Nepal.

### 1. STOP THE TRAFFIC END SLAVERY:

Nepal is facing an enormous dilemma regarding the phenomenon of girl trafficking, representing a major crisis in the country. Due to a pervasive lack of female empowerment and an acute absence of overall awareness women are trafficking to border countries & India for prostitution. Likewise children's are being trafficking for Indian circus. This has caused a major crisis of AIDS in the country. Stopping the traffic of Nepali women and children is a big challenge for Nepali government and the communities. This human trafficking has been going on for years, and likely to continue for years to come. To address this problem there is no other option but to continue looking for effective means of preventing it.



*Awareness campaigns are to bring attention of all people of communities.*



Sanu maya trafficked is enabled to run **Hair cutting salon** was the first women run salon in the district. Chhapkali Bal trafficked and HIV infected has **General shop** and happy, for this has well supported the children instead his drunkard husband became reckless.



Fulmaya Lama was lured by broker and taken to Delhi (India) prostitution. ETSC governed Community Peer watch group (CPWG) against trafficking and HIV/AIDS has raised this case up to administration and success to bring her back from India through government agencies.

## 2. HIV/AIDS PREVENTATION:



*Days celebration and trainings are means to increase the commitment to stop the AIDS.*



*Educating women are the keys in preventing the risk of HIV/AIDS and STIs.*



*WLHA's are in small business*

## 3. PEACE BUILDING INITIAIVE:

Nepal had faced decade long armed conflicts, during the period the agony of people had gone bad to worse. Conflict situation has increased social deviation in the community. Fear, hopelessness, resentment, distrust and revenge have filled the mind and hearts of the people. Due to such negative changes, there exist many groups and elements of both political and non-political nature that are increasing the gap between the hilly and Madhesi people. Due to this there is increasing number of



people who are leaving their house to relocate. Further, although peace agreement has been made between the conflicting parties at national level, there is need for activities for rehabilitation and social integration at community level. Religious extremes are seen on the blocks bombing, threat and kidnappings are the most expressions of discrimination against minorities on the other hand voices are getting violent toll to protect rights of the freedom.

The ETSC/N supports community groups, churches and other faith groups, civil societies network to strengthen public awareness and out reach regarding the peace process, reforms and the new hope for just peace.



Formation of Peace committee from all faith elders, Interfaith Peace building interaction, training on conflict resolution are the means to deal peace issues and the Mediation process to settle the local disputes are potential efforts.



*Nailing grief and pain on cross*

### **Forgiveness and reconciliation training:**

The trainings course materials aim is to provide solid foundation of Biblical theology to raise awareness on peace and its practice in individual and community level for peace building.

This has enabled Churches to have peace initiative to address the conflicted related issues within church and communities.

Results are amazing

### ***Forgiveness to family.***

My name is Meena Tamang. I am 17 years old. Because of my mother who left us, my father did not look after us. He went to kathmandu seeking job and becoming more frustrated. I have to look after my family. Our condition was poor. After knowing this my uncle took us home and admitted us to Boarding school. Afterward we did not have to bear tension to feed my brother and sister. I used to get anger of my father

and mother making us orphan which led us a fun among other children. It used to happen in my life all the time I was not able to concentrate get together with friends and share happiness till I was 17.

I had really an incredible time to take part in 3 days workshop on forgiveness and reconciliation. This revealed me to break all the frozen grief in me. I am really felling enjoying freedom that Jesus provided me. I am thankful to all who contributed to provide the training. I want to meet my parents and speak a lot with rejoice. I am praying may other who wants to get healed get this opportunity. Thank you!

# My name is Prem B.K Now I am 20 yrs old. I was living with my single mom, it is situated on western hilly part of Nepal. I used to work in fields and market areas. I was not continuing school because of my situation. I had a friend named Tul Bahadur Gharti Magar who belongs to a reputed family with name, fame and money. We were best friends since long back He used to go to schools. One day we made a plan to visit Pokhara before we left village there was wedding ceremony which we attended during night time my friend had taken bridegrooms camera and early morning we left for Pokhara. I discovered that my friend had stolen that Digital Camera. While we get back to village he started to use that camera to take peoples and other friend's photo. Week after the men came from bridegroom's house in search of that camera thinking that this might be taken some people of that village or had been left there some where unknowingly. Quickly it is discovered that the camera has been using my friend till the day. It was very hard time for my friend. He was about to write SLC final exam, he was from prestigious family, father was a big contractor known and honored by all people and having tough manner. If his father would have known that this camera is stolen by his own son he would do anything terrible, this could be extremely intolerable. At this hard and difficult time I took charged over me and send camera back to its owner. I love my friends very much and want to not put him in risk in such situation. But situation remained not just simple and quite. I felt very difficult to be there in the village, so I left the village and I said to my friends whenever my mom comes back from uncles village which was in Gorkha, please tell her that I have gone to meet my elder brother who lives in Hetauda but do not tell this case has forced me to flee from here.

But the things did not really happen as I expected. After Tul Bahadur become free from accusation and living happily with his parents. I was so worried about my new situation though because of my love to him I was happy to face these difficulties.

I left the village and struggling in Hetauda. One day my mother reached back to village and found my absentees. Naturally she asked my friend Tul Bahadur about my whereabouts. Alas!! Tul Bahadur acted very negatively, he scold my mother because of his relation to her son as he is thief. At this she astonished could not believe the statement. She had not been expected to here such awful things about her son. And my friend gave every evidence to prove that I had stolen the camera instead my helpings to him in this case. She grieved and filled with tears. When I came to know all these things that happened and my beloved mother has been given very bad image about me, I just could not stop my self to thinking taking revenge against him. This made me more aggressive and crazy. Days were heavily passing away. I took every minute in making plan for revenge. I promise myself that I will never forgive Mr. Tul Bahadur for his misbehave. In all my relation whom I had made in Hetauda I used to see if there is any corner to develop the way that I may fulfill my intense burning desire. My intention started to bring color I meet people who are willing to favor me with any cost. I managed to arrange pistol and other weapons with my bad companies help. We all were ready to lunch his death operation. And I was looking for optimum time.

But a wonderful incident took in my life. I came to believe Christ Jesus. How I came to believe Jesus is one story, my mother was living with me some months back but many things that had happened in her life had made her unbalance in her thoughts. Slowly she was loosing her behavioral uprightness. Medicine and other things were not helping her. Some how she heard that church could help in her situation, she can be healed. That's why I lead her to church and put my self out of door and about to returned back, thought that at the departure time I will come back to take her. But the Pastor of church called me and I get inside and set down. Church service started I heard new things that felt me quite different but relaxed me and felt

very easy with those words. I quietly attracted the things of church; again I went church taking my mom. Church people and pastor prayed to God for healing my mothers health is improving.

My intention towards my friend whom I wanted to put him even in death had been changed. I determined I wont harm him cause now I am become believers and follower of Jesus Christ and He asked me to forgive my enemies. So I gave up the will of taking revenge. I cancelled all plan and preparation.

It was my fortune and Gods grace I had an opportunity to take "forgiveness and reconciliation training for peace building" conducted by ETSC-Nepal in Hetauda. During three days God mightily poured His spirit upon me and I cleansed from the envy and trauma of my past. Training really transformed my heart I really got impressed. Now I know the Gods intended meaning of forgiveness and I repent with God for this. Yes, indeed I was gave up the idea of harming my friends but the heaviness of his betrayed was not ceased from my inner part of heart, in ground reality he was not forgiven fully. God let me filled with His spirit and really forgive him from depth of my heart. Woo!!! Now I became able to do this and enjoying freedom and transformation in my life. Praise the Lord. Now I am far from him but thinking to talk with him by phone. Thanks!

**Note:** *These stories were shared during the session of Representative forgiveness.*

#### 4. FOOD SECURITY:

As we have been working in Makwanpur district to address the issues of *HIV/AIDS* and *human trafficking* prevention program.

But during these past years we've learnt that the lack of focused program for income generation many people have been trafficked and put into difficult situation even to death. Though there is awareness program but people lacks education, skill and income generation option. Average house hold produces food for 3-5 months only, numbers of households are landless. Soaring food prices, unequal land distribution, traditional farming system, lack of appropriate inputs and credit on right time and micro-climatic adversities perpetuated by climate change are a threat to food security for the poor people of Makwanpur and in Nepal. Thirty-one per cent of people in Nepal are living below the poverty line and are struggling to secure year round food supply to sustain their lives and livelihoods. Lack of improved agricultural knowledge including skills on crop diversification, food production and management has been a prolonged challenge for the poor communities.



*High-yield seed distribution*



*Improved farming.*



*Goats are become tools to increase food supply for these needy mothers to feed families.*

**I'm Thulimaya Chepang:** One day, ETSC-Nepal came to our village with the programme of HIV/AIDS and Human Trafficking. Many of us in our village people were ignorant about this. Later we knew that some our village people who were in our neighborhoods were seemed and felt that they were facing some problem like this. All of us could be fall in trafficking risk and HIV infection. When we took training we aware about the tragic consequences of it and again we tell other villagers about this. Because of this awareness people were talking to save themselves from HIV infections and being trafficked in many ways. After that we formed a group of same situations poor household people we took a two days training for enterprise development, this training has gave me a new hope to do with committance and skill, our group named "Digo Samuha" (Sustainable group). We started to deposit per month Rs.10 from each members. We have received Rs.3, 000 from ETSC-Nepal for our use as revolving fund also. Our group members meeting held's 8th of every month. I'm very much happy to attend these meetings because it has increased my confidence to learn from others and share my own experience as well as raise voice for all women's welfare.

## 5. INTEGRAL MISSION:

ETSC-Nepal has been objectively making efforts to make church leaders work in both coin side needs of people. Since 2000 ETSC-Nepal has been providing **Managerial Leadership Training** for churches of Nepal includes Biblical and social topics to take care of people needs of spiritual and the physical. We believe the involvement of churches in the community development creates and builds the socialization of New Nepal.

**Church & Community Mobilization Process:** ETSC is facilitating Churches on the concept of Church Community Mobilization Process and **Visioning Workshop**. Its enables church leaders to understand Integral Mission of the local churches. This provides Christians in identifying gospel opportunities in their community. ETSC supports them to prepare action plans to engage in community mobilization to address the local issues.



*Managerial leadership training Graduation ceremony.*





*Mobile schools are proved most effective to produce local workers for churches initiative.*

• The Managerial leadership training students of the Khotang district formed a group to respond the call of God. This group became "**Naya Samudaya Shanti Yuba Samuha**" and got registered with Government and closely working with the coordination of ETSC/Nepal. The organization has focused its efforts to bring the peace message as love of God to the community through service & message. It is the organization of energetic young Christian men/ women including with other faith people involve in community with the objective to foster peace and prosperity.

#### 6. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT:

Education is the key to the holistic development of an individual, community and a nation. The education support programme has been implemented with the objective of extending the educational support initiated by the organization and to benefit maximum number of children and their family to be able to receive education. This programme will also be supporting other income generative activities that are required for increasing the accessibility to education.

Although the children have been declared as peace zone, many of them are still deprived from their rights. We hope that through our small support they will be able to make themselves capable and responsible citizen in the development of this country in coming future.

A person in lower castes and ethnic minority groups in particular suffers from poverty and exclusion. Keeping children in school is a major challenge for many families. The economic needs of the household often trump the desire. Parents have to send their kids to school. Girls in particular are held back, they were put in caring youngest siblings and doings work at home.



*Vulnerable children's are being helped for educational materials and the facility for safe drinking water is to qualify learning environment.*





*Mangali Maya Ghalan and Jiwana lama are just an example out of several thousands those are awaiting to see an opportunities to be enabled for life skill.*

\* My name is **Jiwana lama** and I live in Padampokhari, Hetauda. I was born in an ordinary family who had been supporting me well. However an unexpected incident took place in my family which led to unhappy changes and our lives became miserable. Our financial situation became so worse that I was not able to have adequate educational materials and was not able to give enough time for my study. Hence I had to discontinue my schooling. I was very disheartened but at such time. I was able to receive support from ETSC-Nepal for which I am very thankful and now the light of new hope has returned in my life. I have passed SLC. Now I'm doing beauty parlor job and study in Higher education.

The Educational support objective has served to decrease child labor and increase literacy among children's / teens/ youth and provide better life option.

## 7. CAPACITY BUILDING OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION:

**Community mobilization:** ETSCN has formed VDC level groups for the sustainability of the programme **Community Peer Watch Group** members have been involving in addressing issues like preventing HIV/AIDS and human trafficking as well other issues of communities.



*Community peer watch group members meets in public places for its concerns.*



*Trainings and workshops are helping members to be equipped.*

## 8. COMMUNITY SURVEY:

Survey study has presented the facts to develop strategic plan for the cost effective programme.



*People are being meet and questioned for the research analysis.*

◆ **PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME:**

ETSCN works through the empowering local communities, mobilizing communities are the priorities to address the issues sustainable.

Community peer watch groups are comprised by various level people of society, its members have represent the very vulnerable people group of the society i.e. landless people, shepherd, Dalit, low wages/daily workers and other professionals of the community in order to make its movement easily reach to all the levels of people of the community and to different faith people groups through Interfaith Peace Committee.



*District Administrator chief is honoring CPWG members*



Promotional Programme was attended by ETSC members, representative of Govt. agencies, NGOs, people of communities, VDC's representatives, medial people and Churches leaders.