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### **EMERGENCY APPEAL: Help Needed in Nepal**

**BRAMPTON, ON. – May 4, 2015** – With the death toll exceeding 7000, and many more injured and unaccounted for, continued help is needed to provide relief to Nepal in both the immediate and long term future. Partners International Canada has been able to make consistent contact with our partner organization, Good Friends of Nepal, in order to provide them with support to help those affected. This morning, a team from another Partners International Canada organization located in India was able to make the journey across the border with relief supplies. The Duars Rural Development Program was able to send a truck containing 210 tent pieces, two water purifiers, a solar-powered cell-phone charger, food and water supplies that reached Bhim Lal in Kathmandu. Bhim Lal was able to confirm that he now has food and water supplies to ensure the safety of all of the children that the Good Friends of Nepal orphanages are responsible for.

With the immediate needs of Bhim Lal and the orphanage taken care of, the focus of Good Friends of Nepal now moves to the rural regions of the country that have remained untouched by relief agencies. GFN has the unique ability to be the first boots on the ground in ministering to those who have been impacted by the earthquake in rural areas. Reports from the rural areas say that the villages have been heavily damaged, with many bodies still trapped in the rubble. Those who survived have moved outside, but with no shelter they have been forced to sleep under trees. With monsoon season coming, shelter will be needed to survive the rains. The added impact of not having bathrooms also has contributed to the spread of disease, as many are using public areas occupied by people. Please continue to pray and support Good Friends of Nepal as they move out into the rural areas to help serve

those who need it most.

Bhim Lal continues to maintain contact with Partners International Canada and is continuing to form a long term plan to help rebuild broken homes throughout Nepal. He has stated in numerous phone conversations that, “It will take a long time for Nepal to recover from this. We are thankful for all of your prayers.” To continue to support Bhim Lal and Good Friends of Nepal in their rebuilding efforts please visit [www.partnersinternational.ca/nepalearthquake](http://www.partnersinternational.ca/nepalearthquake).

Good Friends of Nepal is an organization that directly serves remote and mountainous villages where Christians are often persecuted. While working in the mountainous regions of Nepal, GFN has been able to establish orphanages and literacy programs, as well as establishing Churches throughout the region that also serve the physical needs in the villages.

Partners International has been a leading Christian non-profit specializing in holistic international development since 1963. By working through local entities, they gain the advantage of grass-roots knowledge that enables them to overcome the hurdles and challenges often missed by outsiders. Their rigorous selection process enables them to partner with the most effective local leaders and organizations in each context including children-at-risk, education, health and wellness, water, Christian witness, entrepreneurship and justice issues.

**“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with action and in truth.”**

**– 1 John 3:18**

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