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The Nepali Church Outside Nepal from 1990

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MYANMAR

[G-03-08-01-0001-000-001](#) - Gurkhalis in Myanmar (map).

[G-03-08-01-0001-000-002](#) - Myanmar is a Buddhist country.

[G-03-08-01-0001-000-003](#) - The grip of Buddhism in Myanmar.

[G-03-08-01-0001-000-004](#) - The grip of Buddhism in Myanmar.

[G-03-08-01-0002-000-001](#) - Pastor B.P. Rai, Yangon. Founder of the Gurkha Baptist Mission; pioneer Nepali evangelist and pastor in Myanmar.

[G-03-08-01-0002-000-002](#) - Pastor B.P. Rai baptizing one of the first Nepali converts, 13 February 1994.

[G-03-08-01-0002-000-003](#) - Pastor B.P. Rai baptized 13 people on 13 February 1994.

[G-03-08-01-0002-000-004](#) - The Myanmar Gurkhali Baptist Mission headquarters in Insein, Yangon. B.P. Rai and sons. From left: Binod, now pastor; B.P. Rai; Stephen Rai, Nepali evangelist.

[G-03-08-01-0002-000-005](#) - Pastor B.P. Rai celebrating communion after his ordination at Insein, Yangon. Summer 1994.

[G-03-08-01-0002-000-006](#) - Pastor B.P. Rai (centre) and key members of the Myanmar Gurkhali Baptist Mission, Insein. Bunod, now pastor (second from right); Stephen Rai (second from left).

[G-03-08-01-0003-000-001](#) - A church service in Pastor B.P. Rai's home, Insein, Yangon, summer 1994.

[G-03-08-01-0003-000-002](#) - Sunday School for Nepali children.

[G-03-08-01-0003-000-003](#) - Stephen Rai, son of Pastor B.P. Rai, playing the guitar on a preaching tour.

[G-03-08-01-0003-000-004](#) - 1981: The first Gurkhali converts: Buran, Kanchal, Kanchall, and Zuze.

[G-03-08-01-0004-000-001](#) - The Nepali Baptist Church in Mobi, on the outskirts of Yangon.

[G-03-08-01-0004-000-002](#) - Cindy Perry preaching in Nepali at the Baptist Church, with Rev. J.B. Limbu.

[G-03-08-01-0004-000-003](#) - Myanmar Young Crusaders, Yangon (Drug Rehabilitation Ministry), 1991.

[G-03-08-01-0005-000-001](#) - Early Gurkha converts with Kishor Adhikari (right, back row, with black beret): the Earliest Nepali convert in Myitkyina, Kachin State, c. 1990.

[G-03-08-01-0005-000-002](#) - Kumar Limbu (right) removing a Hindu altar. Kumar was an early Nepali evangelist and pastor in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

[G-03-08-01-0005-000-003](#) - The Gurkhali congregation in Myitkyina, Kachin State, c. 1990.

[G-03-08-01-0005-000-004](#) - After hearing the Gospel. The Gurkhalis (Nepalis) gathered with Rev. B.P. Rai and group.

[G-03-08-01-0005-000-005](#) - Rev. B.P. Rai sharing the Gospel at the home of a Gurkhali (Nepali) elder.

[G-03-08-01-0005-000-006](#) - Dedication of the first shipment of Nepali Bibles to Myanmar, in Myitkyina, Kachin State, c. 1990. Rev. Maw Tawng laying his hands on the Bibles.

NEPAL TEAM VISITS (following visits by individuals)

The first Nepal Team visit was made in February/March 1996. The team members were: Solon Karthak, Dhanmit Sharma and Cindy Perry.

The second Nepal Team visit took place in March 1997. The team members were: Robert Karthak, Shwu Eng Tam-Karthak, Rainy de Wit, Rajendra Rongong, Rebecca Karthak, Pramod Mulmi and Cindy Perry. The whole team went to Maymyo (Pyin Oo Lwin), and then Rajendra, Rebecca, Pramod and Cindy went by train to Myitkyina.

The Myanmar Gurkhali Christian Fellowship (MGCF) was formed on the second visit. Some photos of team members follow; the other photos are found under the geographical sections.

[G-03-08-01-0006-000-001](#) - Pastor Robert Karthak and Rebecca Karthak.

[G-03-08-01-0006-000-002](#) - Rebecca Karthak speaking in Maymyo.

[G-03-08-01-0006-000-003](#) - The second team at lunch: Rebecca (in yellow sari), [Unidentified], Shwu Eng, Rainy, Rajendra, Robert, Pramod.

[G-03-08-01-0006-000-004](#) - Pramod being welcomed.

[G-03-08-01-0006-000-005](#) - Rajendra speaking.

[G-03-08-01-0007-000-001](#) - The formation of the Myanmar Gurkhali Christian Fellowship. Kumar Limbu, Chairman.

[G-03-08-01-0007-000-002](#) - Pastor Robert Karthak praying for the new MGFC leaders.

[G-03-08-01-0007-000-003](#) - Rajendra and Pramod eating sticky rice on the train to Myitkyina.

[G-03-08-01-0007-000-004](#) - The new MGFC leaders.

[G-03-08-01-0008-000-001](#) - The first MGCF Conference, held at St. Matthew's Kachin Baptist Church, Maymyo.

[G-03-08-01-0008-000-002](#) - A meeting of the MGCF at its first conference.

[G-03-08-01-0008-000-003](#) - Asking for God's blessing on the bread and wine.

[G-03-08-01-0008-000-004](#) - A welcome to Gurkhalis who are Hindus, into a meeting in the church...

[G-03-08-01-0008-000-005](#) - ... and singing time at the MGCF Conference.

[G-03-08-01-0008-000-006](#) - Relaxation time for Robert Karthak and Rajendra Rongong with more of the local culture.

[G-03-08-01-0008-001-001](#) - The second Myanmar Gurkhali Christian Fellowship (MGCF) Conference, held in Myitkyina, December 1998.

[G-03-08-01-0008-001-002](#) - The MGCF Conference held in the Gurkha Mission Centre, December 1998.

[G-03-08-01-0008-001-003](#) - MGCF leaders, Myitkyina, December 1998.

[G-03-08-01-0008-001-004](#) - MGCF, Myitkyina, Christmas 1998.

[G-03-08-01-0008-001-005](#) - The Nepal mission team with Myitkyina Gurkhali believers, December 1998.

[G-03-08-01-0008-001-006](#) - The Nepal mission team to Myanmar, Myitkyina, December 1998.

[G-03-08-01-0009-000-001](#) - The first Nepal team being welcomed to Jil Basti, a Nepali visit outside Maymyo, by Jesu Das (evangelist) and family. From left: Cindy Perry, Solon Karthak, Jesu Das Sodemba, Dhanmit Sharma (in front of Jesu Das). February 1996.

[G-03-08-01-0009-000-002](#) - Gurkhali Christians in the Jil Basti Mission Centre (home of Jesu Das).

[G-03-08-01-0009-000-003](#) - Singing Nepali songs from Burmese script.

[G-03-08-01-0009-000-004](#) - Sharing the Gospel from house to house in Jil Basti, November 1992.

[G-03-08-01-0009-000-005](#) - Sharing the Gospel from house to house in Jil Basti, November 1992.

[G-03-08-01-0010-000-001](#) - A group of believers in Mogok, Pyin Oo Lwin District, with Solon Karthak (back, second from right) and Cindy Perry (back, far right) on the first Nepal

Team visit, 1996.

[G-03-08-01-0010-000-002](#) - Pastor D.B. Limbu, evangelist and leader of the Mogok Nepali Fellowship.

[G-03-08-01-0010-000-003](#) - D.B. Limbu with his family, Mogok, Pyin Oo Lwin District.

[G-03-08-01-0010-000-004](#) - An early group of Christians in Mogok, Pyin Oo Lwin District.

[G-03-08-01-0010-000-005](#) - Another early group of believers.

[G-03-08-01-0011-000-001](#) - Early Gurkhali believers in Maymyo (Pyin Oo Lwin).

[G-03-08-01-0011-000-002](#) - Early 1980s. Yesu Das and Purna Maya Sodemba, from Falam, Chin State, Myanmar (later workers with St. Matthew's, Maymyo).

[G-03-08-01-0011-000-003](#) - Graduation day for Yesu Das and Purna Sodemba, Yangon, 12 May 2002.

[G-03-08-01-0011-000-004](#) - Yesu Das and Dorothy Sodemba, leaders of Gurkhali work in Pyin Oo Lwin (Maymyo), and secretary of the Myanmar Gurkhaly Christian Fellowship (MGCF).

[G-03-08-01-0011-000-005](#) - Moe Gyo Byint village Nepali Christian Church (near Pyin Oo Lwin), 2001.

[G-03-08-01-0011-001-001](#) - Myanmar Gurkhali Harvest Training Program, Pyin Oo Lwin, 6-10 April 2001. Teachers from OM, Nepal, led by Vikki Khada (front row, second from right).

[G-03-08-01-0011-001-002](#) - Harvest Training Program, 2001: Showing materials received, which trainees were taught to use for evangelism.

[G-03-08-01-0011-001-003](#) - Four madals (Nepali drums) presented to trainees for Myanmar Gurkhali churches, April 2001.

[G-03-08-01-0011-001-004](#) - Jill Busti, on the outskirts of Pyin Oo Lwin. Gurkhali Mission HQ, and meeting house affiliated to St. Matthew's Kachin Baptist Church, 2001.

[G-03-08-01-0011-002-001](#) - From left: Pari Ratna Sodemba/Lepcha; her mother; her sister-in-law and brother, Yesu Das and Dorothy Sodem ba. Children's home behind.

[G-03-08-01-0011-002-002](#) - Pari Ratna Sodemba/Lepcha, founder of Gurkhali Children's Home, Jill Busti, Myanmar.

[G-03-08-01-0011-002-003](#) - The first six children living with the Sodemba family, waiting for renovations to be completed on the Gurkhali Children's Home, December 2001.

[G-03-08-01-0012-000-001](#) - Mogok: Tek Bahadur, healed by prayer. Standing, right: Prava Chhetri, early woman evangelist.

[G-03-08-01-0012-000-002](#) - Special Gurkhali cultural show organized by Prava at Mogok, attended by over 400, using people in Nepali dress, Nepali music, etc. Prava taught them (a group of Brahmin boys) Christian songs, and then preached. February 1996.

[G-03-08-01-0013-000-001](#) - Tek Bahadur Limbu, Elder in the Myogochint Church.

[G-03-08-01-0013-000-002](#) - Local believers in the Myogochint Church.

[G-03-08-01-0013-000-003](#) - Members of the Church of Christ Nepali Fellowship in Myogochint 9an all-Gurkhali village near Maymyo/Pyin Oo Lwin. The man in the blue shirt is Dee Zee, the original Kachin evangelist who helped to start the group.

[G-03-08-01-0013-000-004](#) - Members of the Fellowship in Maymyo/Pyin Oo Lwin.

[G-03-08-01-0013-000-005](#) - The Gurkhali Church of Christ Fellowship in Myogochint.

[G-03-08-01-0014-000-001](#) - Believers in Myogochint worshipping in their "Upper Room" Church.

[G-03-08-01-0014-000-002](#) - Believers in Myogochint worshipping in their "Upper Room" Church.

[G-03-08-01-0014-000-003](#) - A church service in Myogochint.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-001](#) - Christmas 1993 at a Kachin/Gurkha Church, 14 miles NE of Myitkyina.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-002](#) - Gurkhali Sunday School children, with Kachin pastor's wife, at Naw Wang, 7 miles NE of Myitkyina.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-003](#) - Gurkhali Sunday School at the same church.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-004](#) - Inside the Gurkhali Centre Church, Myitkyina.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-005](#) - The visiting team from Nepal: Dhanmit Sharma, Solon Karthak and Cindy Perry, with Kumar Limbu (second from left), February/March 1996.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-006](#) - On Centennial Prayer Mountain: Kachin evangelist with Gurkha Baptist Mission (speaks Nepali), Dhanmit Sharma, Stephen Rai and Solon Karthak.

[G-03-08-01-0015-000-007](#) - Solon Karthak visiting a Limbu priest living next door to the Gurkha Mission Centre, Myitkyina.

[G-03-08-01-0016-000-001](#) - Hari Bahadur (Nepali), Principal of Assemblies of God Bible School in Myitkyina and evangelist among Nepalis.

[G-03-08-01-0016-000-002](#) - Hari Bahadur and his family.

[G-03-08-01-0016-000-003](#) - Believers in Myitkyina, on the first Nepal Team visit, 1996.

[G-03-08-01-0016-000-004](#) - Rev. Kumar Limbu preparing to teach at the church in Myitkyina. Taken at the Myanmar Institute of Theology, with two young women dedicated to Nepali work.

[G-03-08-01-0016-000-005](#) - Nepali dance in Myitkyina, performed in honour of the visiting team.

[G-03-08-01-0016-000-006](#) - Solon Karthak preaching in the newly dedicated Baptist Mission Centre, Myitkyina, with local leader, Rev. Kumar Limbu.

[G-03-08-01-0017-000-001](#) - Myitkyina: Members of the Gorkha Baptist Mission Centre ready to welcome the visiting team on their second trip, March 1997.

[G-03-08-01-0017-000-002](#) - A colourful welcome, inside the Church, by the Kachin people.

[G-03-08-01-0017-000-003](#) - Pramod Mulmi preaching in the Kachin Church in Myitkyina.

[G-03-08-01-0017-000-004](#) - Pastor and Mrs. Kumar Limbu with Rajendra wearing a local head scarf.

[G-03-08-01-0017-000-005](#) - Rajendra being honoured with the local makeup.

[G-03-08-01-0017-000-006](#) - A cultural show by the local people in Myitkyina.