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Kathmandu Earthquake Disaster

To Ministers and Congregations

Monday 27th April 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You will all have heard about the dreadful earthquake in Nepal and surrounding areas. Br Hopcroft has spoken by telephone to Br Nagendra and Br Shanti this morning (Monday 27th April) to get an update on the situation in Kathmandu and Khokana.

The earthquake occurred on Saturday morning, which is when they hold Church Service and everyone was evacuated from the city into the countryside. The good news is that everyone is safe and Nagendra, Shanti and Vani, and their families are with a group of about 30 people living in makeshift tents in a paddy field. They have food and shelter and are waiting to be told when they can return back to their homes as there have been more than 80 aftershocks. They are hoping that this will happen tomorrow (Tuesday 28th April) when they can begin to assess the damage to the properties.

So far they are know that 3 houses of Church members in Khokana have collapsed and the church building has a crack in it. There is no news yet of the property in Kathmandu.

Although the banks and shops are closed, and there is no power, if anyone would like to make a donation we have set up an **emergency appeal** and have sent £5,000 from Mission Board funds, together with a further £5,000 received today from the German Mission Board (HMH) to be available as soon as the banks open for which Br Nagendra is very grateful. This is only a small amount initially, until we are better able to establish what might be required.

If you would like to make a donation please send this to Church House. This can be made payable to Moravian Union Incorporated or by card by ringing Church House. Donations will be sent on to Nepal as soon as possible.

This is going to be an on-going process and there will no doubt be large donations from large aid organisations over the next weeks and months, and this is our opportunity to send funds directly to our brothers and Sisters in Nepal.

We give thanks to God that our brothers and sisters, whilst encountering extremely difficult circumstances are safe and we will keep you up to date with any news,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D.' followed by 'H. H.'.

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