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# Kathmandu Earthquake Disaster Update

To Ministers and Congregations

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I am sure you will appreciate the situation in Nepal is very fluid at present, but I am happy to report that Br Hopcroft has spoken to Sr Vani Pradhan this morning as he was unable to get through to Br Nagendra Pradhan. The news is that they are in the process of leaving the camps in the countryside and making their way back to Kathmandu.

Br Hopcroft reports that yesterday they were allowed to go back for a short time to collect a few belongings and as there was only one minor aftershock last night they are being allowed back again today, hopefully to stay and begin the clean up.

The homes of Vani and Shanti, Nagendra and Kemelesoorie are habitable but all of their crockery and other items are smashed. They have food and fresh water and are very, very grateful that the British Mission Board and the German Mission Board (HMH) have sent funds which will be available to them when they return home.

The people from Khokana, which is a small village, are not being allowed home yet as the devastation in Khokana is more severe. The houses are older and not as strong as the homes in Kathmandu. Unfortunately, Bob then lost contact with Vani (I think her phone died!) but was able to call Shanti who went on to say that they have been able to buy food for the people from Khokana, before leaving for Kathmandu and that at least six families from Khokana have lost their homes.

Bob will be contacting the Pradhans tomorrow once they have returned home to get an update, but it is important now that we remember everyone on our prayers as they begin to rebuild their lives. We are grateful that all are safe unlike the many thousands in the more rural parts of Nepal who have died.

Yours in Christ's service,



David Howarth  
On behalf of the British Mission Board