

# MWA

## Home and Overseas Paper - April 2016

MWA members will probably recall that there was an earthquake in Nepal in April 2015, just a year ago, which affected the members of our congregations there, their buildings, and other property.

The earthquake struck on a Saturday, the day when the congregations in Baneswor (Kathmandu) and Khokona meet for worship. This was a real blessing as most of the congregations were together in one of the two places. Thankfully, there were no deaths among the congregations, but many people had homes damaged or destroyed. Many from the two congregations came together in a rice paddy field where temporary accommodation was put up. This was their home for a number of days.

Here are four photos from the trip that Br Bob Hopcroft and Br David Howarth took in September last year. (2015) As you will see, there are signs that things are slowly getting better, but there is still a very long way to go. The first shows a rice paddy field.





Part of a row of houses. One has almost totally collapsed while next door is still 'habitable'.



Pulpit/music stand fall in the new temporary church building in Khokona.



A view over the new site in Khokona. The church is the large, blue roofed building on the right. The compound also has a large room for Sunday School and community activities (hopefully, including counselling), a smaller room, a kitchen and a store room. The store room was being used to house a church family.

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