

# BROTHER'S KEEPER

THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE PACIFIC  
NORTHWEST

DECEMBER, 2024  
VOLUME 11, NUMBER 3



## Regional Officers 2025

- Regional Director:  
Elder Brian Herren (pastor)
- Counselors to Regional Director:  
Elder Mike Terry (pastor)  
Elder Gary Jones (pastor)
- Regional Youth Director:  
Priest Michael Livingston
- Regional Women's Director:  
Sister Dianna Clark
- Regional Treasurer:  
Priest Travis Clark
- Regional Secretary:  
Sister Melissa Herren
- Regional Activities Director:  
Brother Matthew Terry
- Regional Music Director:  
Sister Cessaries Galusha
- Regional Church School Director:  
Sister Melissa Herren
- Regional Auditor:  
Elder Mike Terry (pastor)

## In This Issue

- Missionary Trip to Asia
- Reunion
- Youth Camp

## Glad Tidings From Afar!

by Brother Brian Herren

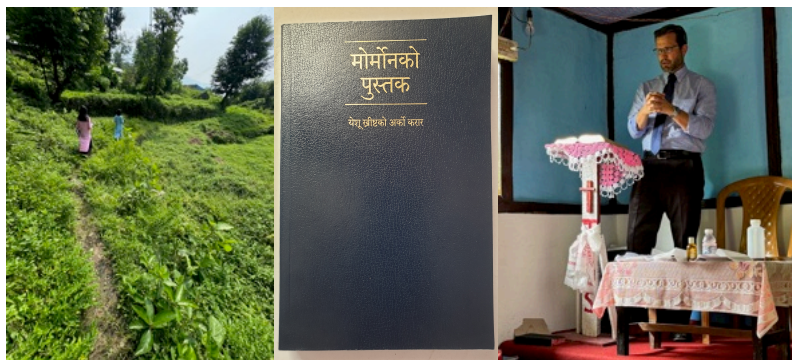
“And moreover, I say unto you, that the time shall come, when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people”

- Mosiah 1:121

In two predominantly Hindu nations, Nepal and India, this scripture is finding fulfillment in the hearts of God's children as the word of the Lord presses deeper and deeper into the stunningly beautiful jungle spaces and awesome heights of the Himalayan foothills. Beneath towering peaks and through mountain mists, the Restored Gospel is being preached in remote homes and densely populated cities. The Book of Mormon has been accepted, and is being shared between countrymen. While the general population is only 2% Christian, Brother Andrew Smith and I have been witnessing baptisms on almost every mission recently, and we have enjoyed a warm reception from Kathmandu to the Jhapa District of southern Nepal, and in Sikkim, India. We thank God for the power of His Holy Spirit, and bear record of His matchless ministry in overcoming many human weaknesses and spiritual obstacles. It seems to us that nothing will frustrate the work of the Lord in this region, despite occasional setbacks and heartbreaking loss.

Elder Dil Gurung, of Kathmandu, has been instrumental to the work, and deserves our deepest gratitude for promoting the gospel work tirelessly, despite personal and collective hardships beyond his control. Through Brother Dil's steadfast faith and unquenchable dedication, we have witnessed the Lord at work in Nepal and India. Recently, Brother Dil completed a translation of the 1908 Book of Mormon into Nepali, which is a fine rendition by every report. With many hungering and thirsting to receive the book in their native tongue, this introduces an immeasurable gift to many willing to receive. Through a generous gift of \$3,000 through SEAAM, we will be able to print 300 copies of the Book of Mormon before Andrew and I return again. What a joy it will be to share in the fullness again as those endorsing the work are given the opportunity to read the plain and precious gospel in their native tongue. The translation will make available the baptismal prayer and the prayers over the bread and wine, and will serve to further clarify and promote those principles already being embraced through regular missionary efforts.

Let us here record our testimony of God's eternal light, and report



that there is no mountain peak so high, or plummeting river valley so formidable, that God's light will not, in due time, illumine every heart thereby. Having recently returned from Nepal and India, October 2024, we bring tidings of great joy.

## Glad Tidings From Afar!

Photographs taken during Missionary Trip to Nepal and India, October, 2024



Elder Dil Gurung



Our home



Baptism



Kitchen



...daily chores, including feeding, watering, and giving liver treatment to the chickens



Confirmation



Sister Mona Lisa was baptized during our stay and was given a copy of the Book of Mormon

## The PNW Regional Reunion 2024

by Sister Melissa Herren

During the week of August 5th, Saints of the Pacific Northwest and beyond gathered to the Vancouver Restoration Branch to learn, worship, fellowship and work together. After a delicious breakfast, our days began with worship and singing praises to our Heavenly Father, followed by time for offering prayers and testifying of the Lord's workings and blessings in our lives. After lunch we had time to rest, time to play and time to prepare as needed or desired. Afterwards, we gathered into like-aged groups and received classes presented by well prepared teachers. Plentiful and tasty dinners followed our afternoon classes. With grateful hearts and full bellies the Saints then gathered to the sanctuary to hear the spoken word of our Lord. Night after night we were blessed to hear our daily themes be integrated into the inspired sermons. At the close of our days, many gathered to the campfire to offer more songs of praise and worship to our beloved Father.

Saturday afternoon, before dinner, was spent basking in the gifts and talents of our fellow saints. Several offerings of beautiful and well prepared music ministries were presented and very gratefully received by the body. Sunday morning services were attended with solemnity and a spirit of peace surrounded.

The overall theme for the reunion was "Keep the Faith - Kindle the Fire", and the daily themes were observed as follows:

### To Kindle the Fire:

Tuesday	... "Hearken, My people"
Wednesday	... Humble Your Hearts
Thursday	... Acknowledge the Lord
Friday	... Build Up His Church
Saturday	... Choose Higher Ground
Sunday	... Remain Steadfast

While there were many wonderful individual offerings and moments of personal devotion, one of the greatest blessings was sharing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with so many friends and family members throughout the week. Every single soul makes a difference, and this year we were blessed again in the reunion of God's children.



## The PNW Regional Youth Camp 2024

by Sister Gabriella Herren

This year's camp theme was "Keep the faith, kindle the fire". We were extremely blessed and very thankful to have a wonderful pastor, Josh Pedersen, who graciously flew out to be our pastor. We had a blast at the Silver Creek Falls lodge. We had a few classes each day with breaks for meals, electives, recreation/fun, nighttime chats with Josh, and a campfire, before lights out.

Each day we had three classes led by various teachers, each with different pieces and interpretations of the overall theme, plus a few bonus classes: "Geography of the Book of Mormon" and "Zoology in the Scriptures". On Tuesday, Travis taught us how to start our spiritual fire. On Wednesday we learned how to Maintain our spiritual fire from Michael. Thursday, Cessaries taught us how to rekindle a flame, and finally Friday brought lessons on keeping our flame kindled when we go back into the world.

We had a few choices in electives for each day. We had a videography class taught by Michael, which made a video documenting things and activities around camp. Another class was camp log, where they wrote and put together the camp log. In our subjective opinion, the best elective was the cooking class taught by the camp chef, Melissa, where we made food that we'd later eat sometime at camp. Last, but not least, was the painting and art class with Cessaries, where they made beautiful projects with nature.

Each night we had pastor chats with our beloved Josh Pedersen. He started each night with an activity or competition, and after it was finished he'd connect the activity to a principle teaching us life lessons as well as lessons from the scriptures.

At the beginning of camp, we were given bracelets with a little fire charm. This represented the oil from the parable of the ten virgins and we were not told why, but we were told to keep it on us at all time. We later found out why... In the middle of the night, The trumpet sounded (literally). We were woken up late and told to come because "the Bridegroom cometh". Once we were all gathered they asked us to show our bracelets. Most of us had them, but a few of us missed out. The ones with our bracelets were let inside to enjoy a yummy dessert treat. The ones who were without their oil (bracelets) were stopped outside and not let in. They had to sit outside in the cold and watch the others eat yummy desert while they were reminded why we need to be prepared for God's coming and we never know when it is going to happen. This taught us to always be prepared and was a good way to end camp.

