

MISSION PARTNER PROFILE



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Nepal

Bhibin serves as the Director of 'Grace' Community Service (GCS) which is a social service ministry of the National Churches Fellowship of Nepal. Bhibin lives in Kathmandu with wife Romi, daughter Simran (14 years) and his son, Sandesh (10 years).

'Grace' seeks to reach out to people who are the most marginalized and impoverished in society. The organization has a special burden for people affected by HIV/AIDS and with girls caught up in human trafficking. For the past two years 'Grace' has been reaching out to

churches in various parts of Nepal to make them aware on HIV/AIDS and removing stereotypes through changing perceptions associated with the infection. Bhibin seeks to lead 'Grace' in reaching out to people with the good news of Jesus Christ, educating people about HIV/AIDS, providing drugs counselling and rehabilitation as well as general relief work such as skills training and providing clean drinking water.

A large number of people from Nepal travel abroad as migrant workers. The majority go to work in India, the remainder to other countries in Asia and the Middle East where they play a significant role in the transmission of HIV/AIDS. People living with HIV/AIDS often suffer discrimination and ostracisation due to lack of awareness and misinformation about the disease both within the church and within wider society. Bhibin sees a growing need to reach out to such people and 'Grace' has plans to extend their work geographically, developing their existing educational, income generation, counselling and vocational initiatives. A major challenge is the lack of adequate funds.



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