



**Name:**

Ashish Cyrilbhai Christian

**Location:**

Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Home town:**

Gujarat, India

**Mission programme:**

Theological Education

**The Mission Field:**

One of the necessities of the Church today is to have more committed and responsible leaders who can lead God's mission. I am now serving as a faculty at the Nepal Theological College with my wife. I also teach at few other theological colleges, as required. As a part of the Missiology department I am more interested in cross-cultural mission, particularly in Nepal. I believe higher education or professional skills will bring more quality to cross-cultural Mission.

**My Mission Calling:**

~~To be a minister for the Kingdom of God through teaching, preaching and music ministry~~

**My Role:**

Faculty at the Nepal Theological College, Lalitpur, Kathmandu; Involved in Preaching and Music ministry. This includes

- Preparing or equipping the local leaders;
- Teaching at various bible colleges;
- Encouraging and preparing youths for future mission;
- Conducting workshops, seminars and gatherings for churches to be involved in mission;
- Creating the atmosphere of mission to make people more mission-minded;
- Using Music and Media in mission.

**My Story:**

I am from the town of Mahemdabad, Gujarat. I grew up in Christian family that belongs to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. I began my musical journey in a secular band and discontinued my high school studies. On January 26, 2001, there was a massive earthquake in Gujarat and it was a turning point in my life. One night in July 15 that same year, God spoke to me. I accepted Jesus and gave my life to ministry. Subsequently, I joined IMCARES in Mumbai for three years. During those days, God spoke to me clearly to attend Bible college training so I eventually completed a 1-year certificate course in Methodist Bible Seminary, Gujarat. I also finished my high school studies and studies B.Th. at New Theological College, B.D. from Allahabad Bible Seminary from 2011-13. After that, I came to Nepal with my family and served at the Nepal Theological Collage, Kathmandu for two years. During our service there, we saw the need to upgrade ourselves with more theological education in Nepal. Therefore, between 2015-17, I joined the Union Biblical Seminary for Master of Theology – Missiology. Now, I am involved in visiting various churches to preach and teach. I am also assisting Nepal Theological Academy, a consortium of several theological colleges, and teach at the Nepal Ebenezer Bible College. God has gifted us with one son, Ashriel. It is my prayer to minister in the theological field and raise more church leaders for God's Glory.

**Name:**

Karuna Sharma

**Location:**

Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Home town:**

Gujarat, India / Kathmandu, Nepal

**Mission programme:**

Theological Education

**The Mission Field:**

I strongly feel that it is God who led my family to Nepal to serve His people. We are blessed to work in the land of Nepal among the Nepali churches. I believe the theological studies which I have pursued will help me reach out to people more effectively. I think my academic training and skills will help me become more involved in teaching theological studies. Moreover, I will also be involved in counselling ministries and develop women leaders through training.

**My Mission Calling:**

To equip and empower Christians through theological education.

**My Role:**

Faculty at the Nepal Theological College, Lalitpur, Kathmandu teaching MDiv, BTh and DTh courses, and as a counsellor for female students. My roles include:

- Teaching students who are training for ministry;
- Equipping the leaders (especially women) through encouragement and training;
- Developing the counselling field and teaching on the importance and methods of counselling;
- Providing counselling trainings as required;
- Conducting seminars and workshop for leaders, developing follow-up meetings for sharing and reflection.

**My Story:**

I was born to a Christian family in Kathmandu, Nepal. Since my father was involved in full time ministry, I saw the importance of equipping myself with God's word. I had a great desire to attend bible college and pursue my theological education. By God's grace, I completed my Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity, and now Master of Theology in Christian Counseling. I believe that it was God who led me thus far and made me who I am today, and He is still leading me. Life was not an easy walk; there were different paths to choose from but God has always been by my side. He has given me a wonderful family, who is an inspiration to me. They have always encouraged me to walk in truth and with faith in God.