

Dear All,

Greetings from MCDS!

It is most unfortunate that Nepal is facing a devastating flood situation right now. Being sleepless and with a heavy heart we had gather together for an emergency flood operation meeting at MCDS early this morning even though it is a non-working day. Nepal is badly affected by the heavy rain flood from last Thursday night (10 August 2017) which is compounded to the flood since June.



We, MCDS and Nepal Baptist Church Family is praying and contacting our people and organisations to get the situation updates and information so that we can work together with them to help the affected people. Our prayer for this morning is Matthew 25:35-40. We are also collecting food, clothes and funds among our churches and individual. Please be with us in prayer.

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Please see the updates:

Total Districts: 29 Districts (Morang, Jhapa, Sunsari, Saptari, Siraha, Bara, Sarlahi, Panchthar, Palpa, Laitpur, Banke, Bardiya, Dang, Sindhuli, Rasuwa, Kailali, Nawalparasi, Rupandehi, Baglung, Kaski, Parbat, Pyuthan, Dolakha, Terathum, Syangja, Ramechhap, Dhading, Doti, Kalikot).

Total Death Casualties: 64

Missing People: 16

People Injured: 44

Affected Families: 19,819

Houses Destroyed: 728

Houses Partially Damaged: 2,153

Houses Inundated: 15,000 (only in Saptari)

Church Destroyed/Damaged: 16 (5 Baptist churches). Many churches could not organize their regular worships.

Infrastructure: Bridges, culverts are destroyed, we lost east west, and east to Capital city Kathmandu connection lost. Electricity is not available at the east so telephone connection and daily lives are difficult. 80% of Terai areas are flooded. Hills areas are also badly affected by the flash floods and landslide. Schools and colleges are closed. Livestock are swept away and plantations are destroyed.

Emergency needs/ response: rescue, evacuation, water, foods, pre-loved cloths, utensials, medical assistance and shelter.

Government Effort: Government has already made an appeal to the public to join hands for the rescue and relief works in the affected area and urged the Humanitarian organizations, Civil societies, Business and corporate sector, Media and Journalist to cooperate and support at this needful time. Government has called emergency meeting today and mobilised more than 5000 security forces for rescue.

Source: Kantipur Daily News, Updates by the Regional Baptist Church Associations and local pastors.

Photo Updates

1. Biratnagar City, East Nepal and Tanki Baptist Church



2. The Situation of the churches (many churches could not hold their worship services)



3. Our vice president Pastor Manoj Shrestha and his wife in east Nepal



4. Infrastructure damages (Biratnagar Airport and people waiting for rescue in Saptari)

