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PH.D. ALUMNI ONLINE FORUM

DEAR ACTS,

The AIGS Ph.D. alumni online forum was held on 13 February 2023 via Zoom at 8 PM ~ 9:30 PM (KST). We have twenty Ph.D. alumni who graduated from AIGS between 1994 and 2022. We sent emails to all of them and got a response from ten of them. Unfortunately, out of ten, five of them could not attend due to their prior schedule or time difference. Since it was the first of its kind, we could start with five of our Ph.D. alumni from Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. It was a wonderful time of fellowship to share our academic scholarship, and missional activities. A brief description of each attendee's ministry is provided below.

DR. CHIMI DORJI

Dr. Chimi serves as a pastor and Bible teacher in Bhutan. He is married and has two sons. In 2016, he graduated from AIGS with a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology. After returning to his native place, he is actively involved in training rural pastors in small groups. Bhutan's state religion is Buddhism, and the spread of the gospel message is strictly prohibited. Hence, his ministry is involved in small group meetings and training programs.



Prayer Points:

Pray for Bhutan and churches in Bhutan.
Pray for Dr. Dorji's family and ministry.

DR. SALEEM S. YOUNAS



Dr. Saleem is a pastor and seminary professor in Pakistan. He is married and has four daughters. He graduated from AIGS in the year of 2017 with a Ph.D. in Old Testament. Since his return to Pakistan, he has been serving as the Vice-Principle and a professor of Old Testament at Gujranwala Theological Seminary. He is also actively involved in evangelistic preaching and regularly travels to different cities and towns in Pakistan to preach the Gospel. He is currently writing and publishing a commentary on the Book of Amos.

Prayer Points:

1. Pakistan's economy has been wrecked by political crises; in addition, IMF's conditions and heavy taxes have raised prices beyond the public's reach. Pray for nation's economic situation.
2. Pray for Dr. Saleem's mission activities and the 143rd commencement ceremony of GTS in March 2023.

DR. THOMAS AARON MARTIN

Dr. Martin is a pastor and seminary professor in India. He is married and has a son. He graduated from AIGS in the year 2020 with a Ph.D. in Old Testament. After his return to India, he has been serving as a professor of Old Testament at Madras Theological Seminary. He also ministers as a pastor of the Evangelical Church of India in Chennai. In addition, his ministry includes teaching seminary students, pastoring, and training skilled workers in rural areas.



Prayer Points:

1. Pray for Dr. Martin's family. May God strengthen them to overcome all the struggles that they face in their ministerial journey.
2. Pray that God will use them as His mighty instrument for the propagation of gospel, train and equip ministers of God for reaching the unreached.
3. God should meet all the physical, spiritual, financial, and psychological needs that they face in their family and ministerial journey.

DR. KEWAL BAHDUR KHADKA

Dr. Kewal is a pastor and the founder of Evangelical Christian College and Life Enrichment Center of Nepal (LECN). He is married and has a daughter and a son. He received his Ph.D. in Historical Theology from AIGS in 2019. Upon returning to his hometown, he established a seminary called Evangelical Christian College. Currently, there are 43 enrolled students from all over Nepal. Further, he is also involved in empowering poor and needy women through LECN for skill development programs. 18 underprivileged women are being trained at LECN.



The training covers a basic course in tailoring, sewing, and the foundational principles of the Gospel. Each participant is provided with a sewing machine. In addition, he is also involved in the church planting ministry. Six ECC graduates are sent two-by-two as church planters. As he continues to carry out these mission activities, he asks for your sincere prayers and supports.

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for God's financial provision for forty-three ECC students' training for three years and for the development of Library resources.
2. Pray for God's provision to add ten more computers for students' use at ECC's computer lab.
3. Pray for the New Life Nepal (Life Enrichment Center of Nepal) Skills Development Project.
4. Pray for ten additional sewing machines for New Life Nepal's sewing and tailoring training.
5. Pray for ECC's eight graduating students who have begun their new ministries in 2023. Please pray for the provision of financial support for them monthly.
6. Please pray daily for God's protection, wisdom, and grace for students and faculty of ECC.



DR. JEEVAN VEMAGIRI

Dr. Jeevan is a research professor at ACTS University. He is married and has two kids. He has been teaching AIGS students since 2020 and serving in networking AIGS alumni. He also engages in intercultural migrant ministry with Onnuri Namyangju Mission Center to reach and serve foreign workers.

Prayer Points:

Pay for his teaching ministry in ACTS and the networking program he is involved. Pray for his research works and migrant ministry.