

## 1. Opening & Scripture

Good morning, beloved brothers and sisters.

My name is **Dr. Benjamin Khadka**, founder and president/principal of **Evangelical Christian College - Nepal**. It is a profound joy to be with you today. Thank you for welcoming me and for the faithful witness of the Korean church to the nations.

We stand together under the authority of Christ's command. As our Lord said in **Matthew 28:19–20**, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*" This is not a distant ideal - it is our present calling.

Today I want to share how God is at work in Nepal through ECC-N: how we are training servant-leaders, forming communities of faith that live out Scripture, and multiplying disciples in the spirit of the Book of Acts. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this mission.

## 2. The Gospel Need in Nepal

Nepal is a nation of breathtaking beauty and deep cultural heritage, yet spiritually many remain unreached. With over **30 million** people, fewer than **2%** identify as Christian. Numerous communities have never heard the Gospel clearly.

Across Nepal, many pastors and ministry workers serve with tremendous devotion but lack theological formation, mentoring, and practical training. This gap makes it difficult to sustain healthy churches and to make mature disciples who replicate discipleship in others.

The need is clear: Nepal needs **leaders who are theologically sound, spiritually formed, and practically equipped** - leaders who will not only preach but disciple, plant churches, and build communities that reflect Christ's character.

That is the calling of Evangelical Christian College - Nepal.

## 3. The Birth of ECC-N

In 2020, moved by the need for faithful leadership, I helped establish **Evangelical Christian College – Nepal** in Kathmandu. ECC-N was created to serve the Nepali church by preparing ministers who will faithfully shepherd, teach, and multiply the Gospel.

From the start, ECC-N has been a family: professors and staff investing in students' spiritual and academic formation. Today we have **23 faculty and staff**, **55 students**, and **31 graduates** already serving across Nepal in a variety of ministries.

Our goal is not simply to award degrees but to form servants of Christ—men and women who will embody the Gospel and lead the church forward.

## 4. The Mission: Developing Servant-Leaders

At ECC-N our mission is straightforward and deeply biblical: to **equip servant-leaders**, leaders who serve the church, the community, and the Kingdom, following the example of Jesus.

We believe leadership in God's Kingdom is defined by humility and service, not status or title. Jesus reminds us in **Mark 10:45** that He came to serve. That is the core of our teaching: we form leaders who wash feet, who serve under supervision before leading, who prioritize discipleship and obedience.

Our students learn to shepherd, to teach, and to mentor—so they won't just lead programs, they will form people. Our hope is that each graduate becomes a multiplier: discipling others who will disciple others - just as Paul instructed in **2 Timothy 2:2**.

## 5. Practical Christianity - Our Distinctive

What sets ECC-N apart is our firm commitment to **Practical Christianity** - not theory without practice, but theology that is lived in community and expressed in active ministry.

We understand Practical Christianity this way:

- It is **faith expressed in action**.
- It is the church as the true "**ecclesia**"—a gathered and sent community that serves, proclaims, and transforms.
- It is **community transformation**: discipleship that affects families, neighborhoods, and social structures.
- It is the **multiplication of disciples**, modeled after the Book of Acts where the Holy Spirit empowered ordinary people to plant churches and change cities.

## 6. How we form Leaders

How we put this into practice:

- **Daily outreach**: Students engage in outreach ministries in three local slum communities around Kathmandu and Lalitpur—teaching children, sharing the Gospel, and meeting practical needs.
- **Church internships**: Students serve weekly in local churches, gaining hands-on pastoral and community ministry experience under mentors.
- **Spiritual disciplines**: Each day begins with early morning prayer (5:00–6:30 a.m.), and weekly chapel fosters continual dependence on God.
- **Community life**: Sports, retreats, seminars, and mission conferences create an environment where faith is formed in real relationships.

This integration of **learning, serving, and spiritual formation** produces leaders who do not simply possess biblical knowledge, but who embody Christ-like ministry in their communities.

Let me describe the life of an ECC-N student.

Our students come from varied regions of Nepal—mountain villages, rural towns, and urban neighborhoods. They live in community in our dorms, rise early for prayer, study Scripture rigorously, and spend time every day serving in outreach programs.

Beyond the classroom, they learn leadership through practice: leading Bible studies, assisting pastors, organizing community programs, and partnering with local churches. Sports, seminars and spiritual retreats build character, resilience, and team spirit.

The result is graduates with a trained mind, a servant's heart, and practical skills to serve the local church faithfully.

## 7. Graduate Impact – Church Planting Stories

I want to share two short stories that show how Practical Christianity and servant leadership are bearing fruit.

### **Slide 1 — *Jhapa Team: New Life Nepal Jagriti Church***

Two graduates, **Simon Besara and Prakash Kishku**, went to the **Jhapa District** in eastern Nepal. They began by visiting homes, teaching children, and praying with neighbors. With perseverance, these efforts became four fellowships collectively known as **New Life Nepal Jagriti Church**. These fellowships are not only places of worship but also serve as centers of hope, community, and encouragement for people living in challenging conditions.

### **Slide 2 — *Makawanpar Team: New Life Nepal Fellowship***

**Padam Thing and Amit Moktan**, both ECC graduates, responded to a call in **Makawanpar**. In March 2025, they launched New Life Nepal Fellowship in two separate locations. These fellowships have quickly begun to grow, with local individuals and families joining to hear the Word of God and experience true Christian community. Even in a short time, their efforts have brought spiritual hope and a renewed sense of purpose to people living in spiritually dry and often neglected areas

These stories illustrate a simple truth: when we equip servant-leaders, communities are transformed. Each graduate multiplies disciples, and each church plant becomes a new center for the Gospel.

## 8. Invitation to Partner

ECC-N is growing, but to continue forming servant-leaders who change lives, we need faithful partners.

Our **annual budget this year is ₩80,000,000 KRW (≈ Rs8,000,000 NPR)**.

Additionally, the support needed per church-planting team per year is **₩5,100,000 KRW (≈ Rs500,000 NPR)**.

Practical ways to partner:

- **Pray** for students, faculty, and church planters daily.
- **Sponsor a student:** ₩600,000 KRW (~~₩~~ ≈ Rs60,000 NPR) for one semester (tuition & housing).
- **Support a church-planting team:** ₩5,100,000 KRW (~~₩~~ ≈ Rs500,000 NPR) per year.
- **Invest in capacity:** ₩10,000,000 KRW (~~₩~~ ≈ Rs1,000,000 NPR) for classroom/library development.

Your involvement is not only financial, it is a spiritual partnership. Your prayers and support multiply the impact of every graduate and church plant.

## 9. Closing & Blessing

Brothers and sisters, God is at work in Nepal. Through ECC-N we are seeing a renewed, active church: disciples being made, communities being transformed, and leaders being developed who reflect Christ's servant heart.

I invite you to stand with us in prayer and partnership. Let us together participate in the next chapter of the Book of Acts for Nepal.

Thank you for listening, for your care, and for your faithful obedience to the Great Commission. May God bless Korea and Nepal as we walk together for the sake of His Kingdom.