

Lesson Two

Smriti is an amazing young lady! She sometimes walks long distances to carry out her ministries and goes to places where people don't usually go. She is very much like a missionary within her own country. Smriti has been working with the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) program led by EFM's missionary Samson Retnaraj for about a decade.

Testimonies FROM Nepal

My testimony:

(With assistance from Priscilla)

My name is Smriti. I was born into a Hindu family in the Chitwan District of Nepal. My father was a Hindu priest. I grew up worshiping various gods and goddesses and sacrificing animals in the temples. However, my heart was not in it, and I didn't find any meaning and peace doing all these rituals.

One day (May 22, 2004), a YWAM DTS team came to our village to share the gospel of Christ. They sang a song which said, "If you do not receive Christ into your life, you will be in hell" That was the day I decided to accept Christ as my personal Savior.

I was in grade eight. When my family found out that I received Christ they started to persecute me. My father threw all my school books into the fire and asked me to leave the house.

I had nowhere to go, so I visited the local pastor and told him about my new faith and my family's reaction. He sent me to a seven-day discipleship training program that helped me understand my newfound faith. After I returned home from training, I went to visit my family. However, as I was entering the house my father hit me on my head with a big piece of firewood. I became unconscious and was taken to the hospital by my aunt who is a good Christian. The doctor tried his best to wake me



Smriti

from my unconscious state, but I remained unconscious for many days. Miraculously God healed me.

After regaining good health my pastor sent me to Kathmandu Bible College for two years. Upon completion the local Friends church pastor and Dr. Samson, who had started working with CHE, sent me as a missionary to the Maida village in Rautahat District. Maida had very few Christians then, and I started working and helping the children in a Sunday school program. The adults in the village were happy with my work, and many new people started coming to our fellowship. Today Maida has a Friends church. God further used me in this community to minister as a CHE trainer for the Adult Education (Non-Formal Education) which transformed many individuals in Maida.



Smriti with two women she is currently training in the western part of Nepal

After a year I returned to Chitwan, and I started to prepare others as teachers to teach uneducated people by giving them an advanced teacher's training. There are more than thirty groups who have been taught by our teachers. Through this ministry many people have learned to read and write, started participating in Bible study groups, and become active members of their local churches. This program has particularly empowered women to help their kids with school work and take leadership roles in their churches.

My family members are still unbelievers. My father is addicted to alcohol. He mistreats my mother and me in his drunken state. Please pray for my family to receive Christ as their personal Savior.

My ministry in Friends CHE as a trainer and the local Friends church as a youth leader keeps me excited despite the hardships and persecution. It gives me immense joy to see people who were once illiterate reading their Bibles. May God be glorified through my life!



Smriti leading a training session



Smriti taking us to some of the remote places she goes