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Dear Jake and Sarah Jo,

A much-needed rain is falling today. After the wet spring we had, it's hard to believe we are already praying for rain, but the temperature is soaring into the mid-90's and there has been blue sky all around. We are too dry!

It reminds me of the words of Jesus, "God makes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." (Matthew 5:45) Most of us interpret that to be, "Bad things happen to good and bad people." In truth, rain was considered a great blessing to the Jewish people living in the arid desert of Israel, so, it should be read, "Blessings come to those who deserve it and to those who don't!"



This morning, I received an email from Ganesh Poudel, leader of our partner ministry in Nepal. Lately, his messages have been garbled and difficult to understand, a reflection of the intense pressure they are under. Here's an edited excerpt:

"I arrived home just a few minutes ago from our National Board Committee

meeting Dharan. We had good meeting about the situation in Nepal and how to run our Church Fellowship in this time of persecution. But the situation is not good and there is no peace in Nepal. In west Nepal just a few weeks ago four Churches were burnt by fire and destroyed. It is very sad news. In Tehrathum district, five Christian Leaders have been jailed - two Pastors from India and three Pastors from Nepal."

We were planning to be there this fall, but it seemed that he might be warning us not to come – for our safety and theirs. We will pray.

A heavy rain is falling in Nepal – persecution is on the increase and Christians are suffering. But, rain is a blessing, and perhaps this storm is what God knows is best for the church. "Sometimes He comes in a cloud..." "What if His blessings come through raindrops?" (from two popular Christian songs)

Earlier this morning, I read an article that stated that there are fewer Christians than ever in Generation Z, and that we should be happy about this. Why? Today's youth are not concerned with religion, and if one claims to be a Christian, it is much more likely that he has truly decided to surrender to and follow Christ. It seems the rain has washed out the church! Mud slides have stolen a generation – or 2 or 3!

# PRAYER NOTES & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

# WEEKLY LOCAL MINISTRIES:

*Men's Prayer Breakfast* Friday, 6:30 am

Youth Community Explosion (YCE) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday SUMMER SESSION: Jun 4 – July 26

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

MAY 18-20 – "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Lori on team in Ozark, AL

- 24 Art Night at The Storehouse, 6:30-830; Painting w/ Acrylics; \$25/person; Snacks and Supplies included
- 27 Lee Ann @ The Claiborne

  JUL Every Sunday Lee Ann teaching

  Bible Class at Sandtown UMC,

  Philadelphia, MS

#### PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES:

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