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Five Minute Mission Moments for VBS, Sunday School and Church
2014 Liberia VBS Project Update

Because of the outbreak of the Ebola Virus in Liberia the EC church of Liberia was not able to hold their youth camp. People were told to stay in their own local area, and the government did not allow large gatherings of people. The VBS money that was collected was sent to the E.C. Churches of Liberia to help their people survive the Ebola Epidemic. Rev. Matthew Gueh, the leader of our E.C. Churches, formed a response team that went out into villages to educate the people and help them deal with the crisis. The money helped to provide protective gear, like rubber gloves, and bleach for cleaning. It also helped to provide rice and medicine to the villages. Many people were sick, and others could not travel to buy food because they were afraid of the virus, or were caring for their family members. We need to continue to pray for the people of Liberia, as many people have lost family members to Ebola, and many still need help. (show pictures of EC response team)
2015 Mission Minded Kids VBS Lessons

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Objectives for Nepal VBS Lessons:

1. Briefly review 2014 Liberia VBS Project
2. To learn basic facts about the country of Nepal
3. To recognize the flag of Nepal
4. To be introduced to Rev. Janga and Mercy as the Field Superintendent of the EC Church of Nepal (ECCN)
5. To understand the desperate physical and spiritual needs of the people of Nepal
6. To participate in raising funds to help the Nepal EC churches and Mercy Home

Lesson Overview

Lesson 1: Review 2014 Liberia VBS Project
   Nepal: Basic facts about the country and flag
   Introduce the 2015 Project to raise funds for Mercy Home and ECCN Headquarters
Lesson 2: Review the Mercy Home Project.
   Learn about the desperate need for Jesus in Nepal, the land of many gods.
Lesson 3: Review the Mercy Home Project.
   Introduce Rev. Janga and his wife Mercy and the EC Churches of Nepal
Lesson 4: Learn about the Children in Nepal and their need to learn about Jesus’ Love
Lesson 5: Learn about the EC Church in Nepal

Materials needed for the week: Power Point slide show either downloaded from GMC website or on disc; the included picture of the flag or a real flag of Nepal. Mount pictures and maps from all lessons on card stock paper for stability and set up equipment as needed to show power point pictures each day. For lesson three, find a man in your church who would be willing to answer some “interview” questions, posing as Rev. Janga. Locate middle-eastern style clothing for him to wear.
Lesson One
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Hello and welcome to Vacation Bible School Missions Moments. If you attended VBS last year, you might remember that we were collecting money for a very special project. Does anyone remember what that project was? (Allow students to recall, or remind students about the Liberia Youth Camp project) (Show PowerPoint Visual 1: Ebola Response Team, and give the included update)

This week, we will be learning about the country of Nepal (Nuh-PALL) and what the Evangelical Congregational Church is doing there. All of the offerings that we collect this week will go to Mercy Home which is a home for Christian orphans and for the E.C. Church of Nepal, so that many more boys and girls can learn about Jesus and become part of His family. (Show PowerPoint Visual 2: Sign for Mercy Home)

Does anyone know where the country of Nepal is? Let’s look at the map and see if we can find out more about this country of Nepal. (Show PowerPoint Visual 3: Map of the World) Can anyone find where we live? Can anyone see Nepal? It is very far away from where we live.

Let’s look a little closer at where Nepal is. (Show PowerPoint Visual 4: India map) Nepal is North of India and South of China. It is not by any ocean so we say that it is land locked.

What can you tell me about the flag of Nepal? (Show PowerPoint Visual 5: the Nepalese flag) It is like two triangles. It is the only flag in the world that is not a rectangle. It is red, white, and blue like our own flag. The blue border on this flag signifies peace; the color red is the color of the rhododendron which is the national flower of Nepal. The white moon is symbolic of the Royal House and the Sun represents the Rana Dynasty. (Until recently, Nepal was a monarchy, ruled by a royal family.)

In Nepal there are 16 Evangelical Congregational churches and 4 E.C. church plants (They call them “fellowships”). There are 16 E.C. pastors in Nepal. As the week progresses we will learn more about this small country and what the E.C. church is doing there.
Yesterday we learned about the country of Nepal. It is located north of India.  

We are raising money this week for the children in Mercy Home and the E.C. churches in Nepal. 

Today we are going to find out why the people in Nepal need Jesus. Nepal is a country that follows the Hindu religion. Hinduism is a religion that is polytheistic. Does anyone know what that means? Polytheistic means that they believe there are many gods. Each of these Hindu gods looks a little different. Here is a picture of one Hindu god. 

The Hindu people feel there are many ways to approach their gods so they do not have one special day to worship, and each temple honors a different god. Many people go to a temple every day or they might have a shrine in their own homes where they worship one particular god that they like best. There are 2500 temples in the capital city of Nepal. Here are pictures of two of them. 

The Hindu people say there is no heaven. They believe that people are just reborn as something else when they die, and that all through eternity, they must keep on trying to do better in each of their lives. They go to a temple each day and they try to please the many, many gods of Hinduism. 

The Bible tells us that there is only one True and Living God, and there is only One Way to get to God. The Living God tells us in Jeremiah 29:13 “If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me.” The Hindu people don’t know that there is only One God who can see them and care for them, and that if they look for Him, they will be able to find Him. The people of Nepal need to know that there is only one God, and He wants them to find Him. 

Tomorrow we will learn about Rev. T. Janga who went to Nepal as a missionary and is now the leader of the E.C. work in Nepal.
“If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me. I will be found by you, says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 29:13
LESSON THREE
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PREPARATION: Have a man dress up in a middle-eastern costume (baggy cotton pants and long cotton shirt would be fine) and pretend to be Rev. Janga. This lesson will be in an interview format. (“Rev. Janga” doesn’t necessarily need to be dramatic but he should have the script a few days ahead to be familiar with it and ad lib if he wants to.)

What country are we learning about? (Nepal)

Why are we raising money for Nepal? (So that boys and girls and men and women in Nepal can learn about Jesus through church planting and orphanage projects.)

Do you remember the verse we talked about yesterday? (Show PPT Visual 9:Verse) Say verse out loud together.

Today we are going to meet someone who is telling the Nepalese people how to find the One True Living God. Please welcome Rev. Janga from Nepal.

Welcome to _______________E.C. Church and our Vacation Bible School.

We are just going to ask you a few questions today so that the boys and girls can get to know you better.

Interview between Leader and “Rev. Janga”:

(Leader) When were you born and where?

I was born May 7, 1967 into a Christian family in Manipur, India, which is in the north east part of India. My parents dedicated me to missionary service on the day I was born.

(Leader) When did you become a Christian?

I asked Jesus to be my Savior when I was a teenager. I then had the privilege to go to Bible College from 1987-1990.

(Leader) How did you end up in Nepal? What led you there?

During my summer vacations I spent time with an Operation Mobilization team of India. While spending time with them we heard of news that one of the team members in Nepal had been put in prison. The Lord asked me, “Who will go for us?” (Is. 6:8) and I said, “After my graduation I will go to Nepal.”
Was it safe to go to Nepal and tell others about Jesus?

I knew if I got caught I would probably go to jail for at least 3 months. When I first told my local E.C. church and my parents they said it was foolish, and they could not support me because the E.C. church of India did not have a work in Nepal. But I knew that the Lord who calls will provide, so I began my journey to Nepal on June 20, 1990 and arrived at the border on June 23, 1990. I only had 50 rupees left and knew I could not get a hotel. I was going to sleep under a tree, but through God I met a fellow pastor from the Baptist church and he let me stay with him.

What was your ministry like in Nepal?

I first started by teaching in a private school. I taught there for 10 years until 2000. After school and whenever I had free time I would tell people about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. In 2000 I was appointed by the E.C. Church of India to be a full time missionary. Since then, churches have been planted and other pastors are working alongside me to teach the people about Jesus.

How many E.C churches are there now in Nepal?

There are sixteen churches, and we are planting four more. I brought along a map of Nepal with all our churches on it. (Show PPT Visual 10: Map of E.C. Churches in Nepal)

Is it still illegal to preach about Jesus in Nepal?

In 2008 Nepal became a democratic country and there is now freedom of religion, but it is still hard to preach here because most people are Hindu or Buddhist and don’t believe in the One True and Living God.

Do you have a family?

I have a wife, Mercy, and 5 children: Eunice (23), Hannah (21), Elizabeth Alice, (17), Angel (15) and Nelson (9). We also have another young lady living with us, and, we also take care of a group of orphans. I believe you will be talking about the orphans tomorrow. Thank you very much for allowing me to come today. May the Lord bless you.

Thank you Rev. Janga for coming to our Bible School today. Close in prayer for Rev. Janga, his family and his ministry.
Welcome back boys and girls. What country we are learning about this week? That’s right Nepal. (Show PPT Visual 10: map of E.C. Churches of Nepal)

What is the major religion of Nepal? Hindu, you are right again.

Who is the leader of the E.C. Church in Nepal? We met him yesterday. It is Rev. Janga. Here is a picture of the real Rev. Janga and his family. (Show PPT Visual 11: Rev. Janga and family)

Today we are going to learn about some children in Nepal. (Show PPT Visual 12: Children of Nepal) What do you think happens to children who do not have a mom and dad? Where would they live? (Give children a chance to respond) They might go to live in an orphanage where they can go to school and are cared for. But in Nepal there are no government orphanages. Orphaned children might have to go live with aunts and uncles or other relatives. But if the orphans love Jesus and believe that He is their Savior they might have to say that they do not love Jesus and say they will follow the Hindu gods if they want to live with their Hindu relatives. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have any place to live. So what do you think they will do? (Give children a chance to respond) Rev. Janga and other Christian pastors and church members take the Christian orphans into their own homes. Rev. Janga has several orphaned children that he takes care of besides his own children. (Show PPT Visual 13: Rev. Janga and Mercy with Orphans) Right now, they have to rent a house where they all can live. They have purchased land to build a permanent orphanage that will be called Mercy Home. Some of the money we raise this week will help build a road to the new land and provide electricity to Mercy Home. (Show PPT Visual 14: Future site of the permanent Mercy Home)

Do you remember that Rev. Janga’s wife’s name is Mercy? When she was growing up, she was an orphan, and now God is giving her a way to love other orphans in the name of Jesus, and so this Home is named for Rev. Janga’s wife, and for the Mercy of a Loving God who sees the orphans and wants them to find Him. Let’s say our verse together. (Show PPT Visual 9: Verse)

Close in prayer for the orphans of Nepal who cannot go live with other family members because they love Jesus.
LESSON FIVE

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Review the week together:

What country are we learning about? Nepal

Where is Nepal? (Show PPT Visual 4: Map of India) North of India and South of China

What is the major religion of Nepal? Hindu


There are 16 E.C. churches in Nepal at the present time (Show PPT Visual 10: Map of E.C. Churches) Most of the E.C. churches are in the eastern part of Nepal. There are still many places in Nepal that need to hear about Jesus so they need churches in the villages and towns. The Bible says, “How beautiful are the feet of those that bring good news. How can they hear unless someone tells them...” The people in Nepal will only hear of Jesus’ love for them by other people in Nepal telling them. Once they hear, they need a place to come to learn more about living for Jesus so they need churches. Pastors and other church members start telling others about Jesus in different places, and then they start new churches. Here is a picture of a new church which was a 12 hour walk from the first church. (Show PPT Visual 15: Two EC Churches) Christians walked all that way to teach other people about Jesus, and then they started a new church in that area. Would you be willing to walk 12 hours to start a new church? Here are two more of our EC Churches in Nepal. (Show PPT Visual 16: Two more EC Churches)

Do you remember our verse? Do you think the people of Nepal will find the One True Living God if their neighbors tell them about Him? (Show PPT Visual 9: Verse) Say verse together. Close in prayer for the pastors as they start new churches, and for the Christians in Nepal as they tell their neighbors about Jesus.
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