Here is a trip update for our team. I was given the task of writing a team update, so this one was written by me. Other updates can be found at <https://reignministries.org/category/nepal/>

Today is our last day of ministry. We're visiting a school.

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On July 16, the Nepal Team left the tropical jungle region of Chitwan and drove for 6 hours through winding mountain roads to the city of Pokhara. Here, we have endured periods of torrential rain and savored occasional glimpses of huge, snow-capped mountains when the clouds part. We have launched into 10 solid days of relational ministry.

On most days, we visit local villages and roll out our flashy performances, hoping to draw a curious crowd. Then, our group spreads out and initiates conversations with the gathered Nepali people. The young Nepali boys often join our spontaneous soccer games, and the girls love to decorate our team with henna and draw in our journals. In every case, we aim to share the bold, intimate love of Jesus with the people we interact with. Many of our conversations lead directly to faith: we learn about the beliefs of our new friends and offer to share the Gospel message we were sent with. Most conversations are not straightforward. We meet many who are deeply set on the religious traditions they were raised with. Many others view Jesus as simply another perspective of the God that all religions point to. Still, we hold firmly to the uniqueness and completeness of our faith. We spoke with one woman who had her eyes glued to the Nepali Gospel tract we gave her, reading intently and periodically asking "Is this true?" with wonder in her eyes. Yes, it is true that God has saved us with his unending love, and it is our incredible privilege to share this. That woman gave her life to Jesus in front of our eyes and vowed to visit her village's church the next day.

We also spend time doing "intentional shopping," in which we hit the streets of Pokhara with the goal of building relationships with shopkeepers. Each time we return to a shop, our conversations with the shop owners deepen. It is remarkable how quickly some people will open up to us. Some of our team have been introduced to their family members and given a tour of the home above their store. Intentional shopping time also provides the opportunity to engage with the poor and buy lunch for orphaned children we meet.

On other days, we have visited a bible school for Nepali people entering ministry, or hiked to a Buddhist temple for a morning devotional time, or taken over Nepali classrooms to exchange Western and Nepali culture. Our ministry is tiring and uplifting, and we strive to devote all of our energy to it. We have only 3 days of ministry remaining before we return to Kathmandu for debriefing week. Much like the waterfall we visited, God's love is unstoppable and unending, and it is gushing loudly throughout Nepal.