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YEAR IN  
PHOTOS**

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**“It was prayer with action, love in practice, faith with deed.”**



Pastor Tej Rokka, quoted above, is a long-time Climbing For Christ member and Nepali ministry partner who saw first-hand how the Lord works through and uses C4C in the aftermath of the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that devastated Nepal on April 25. “As we received funds we were able to provide relief help to our children, believers and non-believer friends with tents, food, medicine, and cash. We repaired our orphanage, rebuilt a church, provided help to rebuild houses for victims,” and more. Megh Gurung, another Nepali C4C worker, took aid into the mountains around Langtang. When asked for “the most amazing God moment” of 2015, one Board member said “that the ministry of C4C was blessed with adequate provision to rebuild even while the country continues to suffer from delays in receiving promised aid (due to Nepalese government intransigence).” Climbing For Christ exists to serve spiritual and physical needs where others cannot or will not.



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**“Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.**

**Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.”**

**– 1 Chronicles 16:24  
(NLT)**

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# A year full of God moments

BY ELAINE AND GARY FALLESEN

It is difficult to sum up a year in a few words or even a photo, which is said to be worth a thousand words. But that's what we have tried to do with this issue of *The Climbing Way* (Volume 33, December 2015).

We asked our field workers, staff and Board of Directors to name the most amazing Climbing For Christ “God moment” in 2015.

Mary Lindsay was flying from California back to her home in New York in early November just after our Annual Meeting. “I looked out the window and all in one view I could see the stars and moon, but also in the distance was the sunrise,” said Mary, who has been a Board member since our 2004 start. “It made me very mindful that God's might, mercy, and awesomeness are eternal and without boundaries or limits. The East and the West and the day and the night merge at some invisible point.

“He's given us the privilege to serve Him, whether it be from a mountainside or in an orphanage, it matters not. As C4C, we can quickly mobilize a relief effort in a disaster (as with Nepal's earthquake on the cover) or never give up on a lost soul we've been gently nurturing for years until the Lord's timing is right.

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“Pray. Give. Go.” That's what we preach. That's what was put into practice to make possible the photos and the stories behind the images in this issue of *The Climbing Way*. There are thousands more. Thanks to faithful prayer, generous support, and the willingness to go.

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**Gideon, a youth cared for at the C4C-sponsored orphanage outside Kathmandu, Nepal, receiving a guitar from Elaine Fallesen in March. The instrument was a gift from Guitars for Glory. Gideon will use it to lead worship in a church Climbing For Christ helped build. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)**

**LETTER CONT.**

“‘God Moments’ are plentiful and He’s given me many of them, when I least expected them. My most recent and profound one was seeing the face of that young man in Nepal as he played the guitar that was given to him!”

Some moments or images are small. Some are much, much larger. Larger than life even.

In 2007, Climbing For Christ rescued a 14-year-old boy named Gilbert, who had broken his leg and been left for four weeks to die in the mountain village of Gentilhomme, Haiti.



**Gilbert, now 22 years old, receives the first bed he’s ever owned from Climbing For Christ in August. Although C4C pulled out of Haiti this year, we continue to support Gilbert.**

“This young man’s life story is AMAZING,” Board member Kevin Kimble said, enthusiastically. “I see so many obstacles and challenges that this guy appears to be overcoming. I KNOW it could only be attributed to the Hand of GOD!”

“He shows a lot of guts and commitment to continue working toward completing high school. He has traveled to his hometown to share his faith, which is the community that had agreed to treat him as an outcast and leave him to die alone of a gangrenous-infected leg. He also has

indicated that he has thoughts about trying to find a way to go on in school and study at seminary after he graduates high school! Amazing grace is driving this boy’s heart! Thank You, Jesus!!”

Precious moments. There are many in the course of 31,536,000 seconds - the length of 2015.

Board member Michele Annibal said the moment she keeps coming back to is the September birth of a daughter to our East Africa missionary Damson Samson. He named his new baby Elaine after his American “mum.”

“It just sticks out to me because I know and can see that this type of work can often be wearisome, a lot of toiling on earth for fruit that we may never see this side of Heaven,” Michele said. “But then there are these occasional tangible moments and events that remind us so clearly of the impact being made.

“We don’t and shouldn’t need the earthly approval and applause, but a small validation of touching someone’s life in such a HUGE way reminds me that we are working to be like Jesus to all of them.”



**Elaine Samson. (Photo by Damson Samson)**

We hope you’ll take some time to really look at the photographs and the few words associated with each of the photos in this issue. We believe they’ll speak volumes. It is our prayer that you’ll see Jesus at work in each of them. †

*"I am alone in this village, but Jesus is with me any time so that I am always enjoying being with Him."*

Imagine being the only follower of Christ in the place where you live. That's what Pasang Tamang is - the lone Christian in a village of about 2,200 Tibetan Buddhists. Pasang came to Christ this year after finding a Bible at the guesthouse one of his children operates. Pasang lives in Thuman, located in Langtang (a region in the Himalayas north of Kathmandu near the Chinese border, where our October mission revisited for the first time since 2012). Villagers there tell our brother in Christ: "Leave your faith. Our religion is the best in the world!" He says, "No." He has written the name "Jesus" in Nepali on the door of his house. †



Pasang, center, in his Thuman home with his wife and brother Megh Gurung of C4C. (Photos by Gary Fallesen)



Orphans were visited by C4C teams in March and October.

Thirty-two children live in the C4C-supported orphanages under Pastor Tej Rokka's care.

More sponsors are needed. A monthly gift of US\$50 can provide a child with food and clothing.

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"Jesus" in Nepali on Pasang's front door.



The church at Dapcha in October. This was Climbing For Christ's first church in Nepal, built in 2011. In 2015, land was being purchased across Nepal in the Far West district of Humla for the construction of our fourth Nepali church.



Rachel Wall soaks in the beauty of His creation. (Photo by Michael Wall)

*“To go together to fulfill Matthew 28:19 [‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’] in His Word, rescuing souls like Epifania, a mother farmer who never heard of Lord Jesus. Not only that, but we also prayed to God for a heart problem that she was (enduring) in the middle of the mountains.”*

– Jaime Servat, Climbing For Christ’s missionary to Peru



For the fifth time in as many years, a Climbing For Christ mission team trekked through the Cordillera Blanca mountains with missionary Jaime Servat, center. (Photo by Rachel Wall)

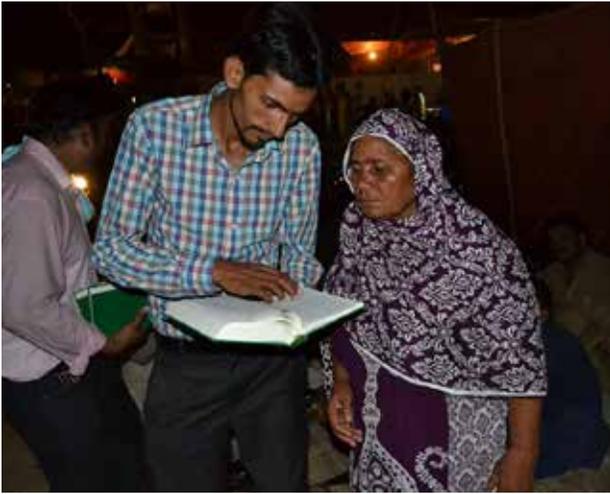
Long-time C4C member and guide Edwin Milla asked Epifania in her native Quechua language if she knew Jesus Christ. She told him she had not heard of Jesus. She knew about God, but Jesus? “Who is He?” she asked. Edwin explained that He was the One Who provided our salvation. After she heard what Edwin shared, Epifania received Jesus as her Savior.

When our Mission: Peru 2015 team learned that Epifania also suffered from shortness of breath and pain in her chest, they laid hands on her and prayed for healing.



Epifania with her daughter Dalila. (Photo by Jordan Rowley)

She was one of the many sick and afflicted who were prayed over and cared for, trip leader Jordan Rowley said. “Sixteen souls – more than half of whom had never heard of Jesus Christ – made a decision to trust in Him for their salvation. And no doubt beyond all of those wonderful things God did much more than we’re even aware of.” ✝



**Pakistan**

*“Years ago one man gave me a new Urdu Bible and I read it every day and it was exciting and interesting to have new Bible. So that way, of course, I came to know the reality of God’s words and it increased day by day.”*

– **Evangelist Haseeb**, C4C member and founder Save Pakistan Ministries.

C4C’s Project Living Word provided another 250 Urdu Bibles (a total of 2,350 since 2011) to Save Pakistan this year. You can buy an Urdu Bible for US\$7.

**Tanzania**



**Nasoro Hussein**

Nasoro Hussein is a porter on Mount Kilimanjaro. He is a Muslim background believer who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior during Climbing For Christ’s conference on evangelism in November 2014. “He is still gathering with the Muslim people (in his neighborhood),” said Damson Samson, C4C’s missionary to East Africa. “That’s why he uses Sunday to have a Bible study with his neighbors.” When Damson met with Nasoro during the year, he encouraged

him to start a house church. Nasoro, like the many guides and porters associated with our Kilimanjaro Chapter, is learning more from Damson about sharing his new faith and worshipping the One true God.

The goal of the Kilimanjaro Chapter is to teach guides and porters how to witness to non-Christians working and trekking on Africa’s tallest and most popular mountain. To do so, C4C sent staff in March and Damson five times through the year to work with our Tanzanian members. †

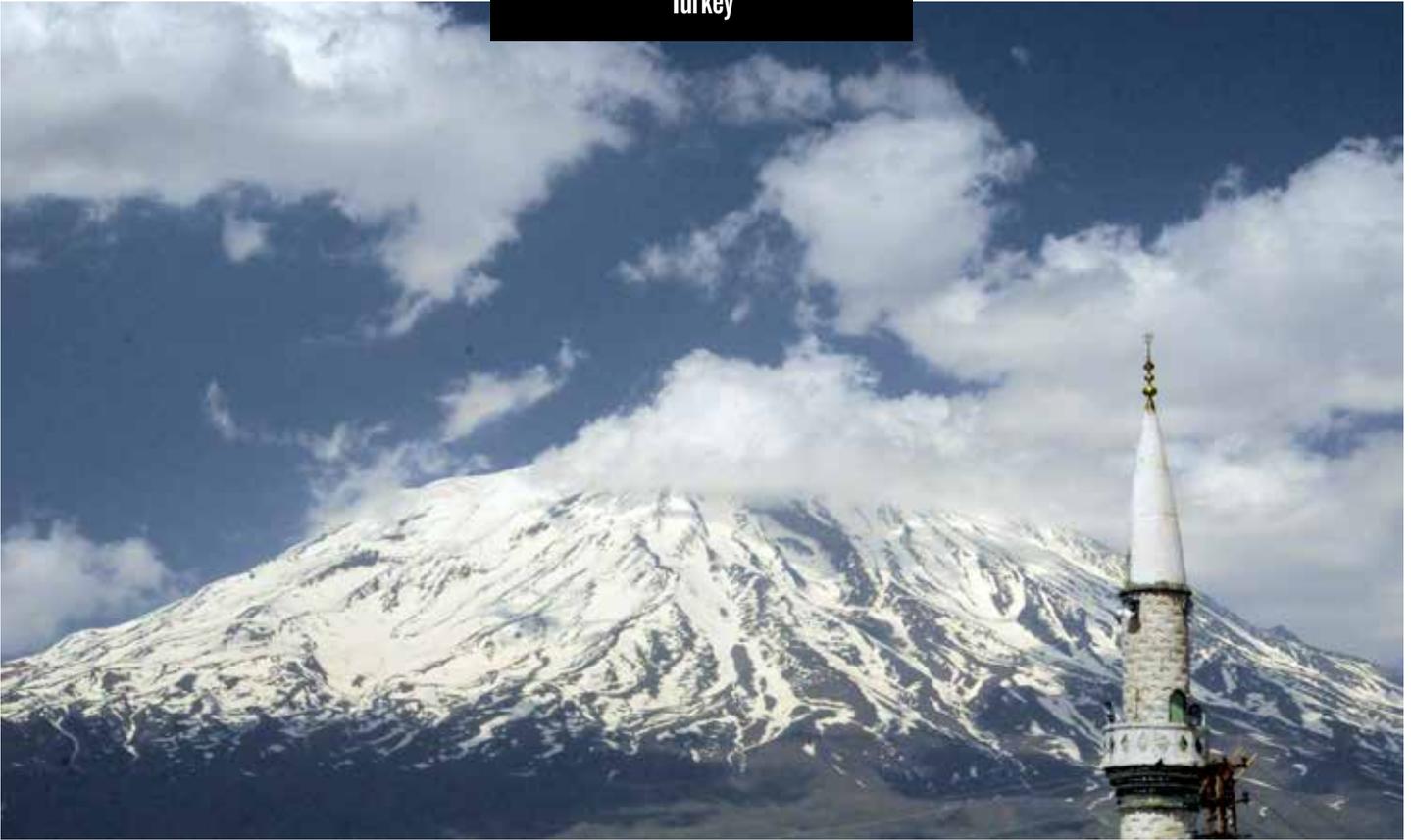
**Malawi**



**Pastor Duncan Nyozani and children in the orphanage supported by Project I:27 enjoy a celebratory moment after receiving monthly funding from Climbing For Christ.**



**The view of Mount Kilimanjaro with the main summit Kibo, left, and Mawenzi, right. Climbing For Christ is tilling the fertile soil around the 19,341-foot mountain. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)**



Mount Ararat dominates the landscape behind a minaret in a village mosque in eastern Turkey. Turkey is 96.5 percent Muslim with only 0.3 percent of the 76.3 million people living there professing to be Christian. (Photos by Gary Fallesen)

Two days on Mission: Ararat 2015 in June stood out as the most amazing “God moments” during this year of Climbing For Christ ministry for staff member Elaine Fallesen.

“The first is the day we were in a city in southeastern Turkey where, via an amazing series of events, God led us to the first worshipping Christian church we’d ever found in that Muslim country,” Elaine said. “And not only was the timing perfect for us to worship with that church on the one night a month they held a service, but sitting in the pew behind us were our three favorite (Turkish friends, who are Muslim). That was a significant and amazing moment in my mind.

“The second is the day we returned to visit blind Yusuf, and the first words out of his mouth were that he’d had a dream about Gary (Fallesen) coming to visit him. The immense significance of that statement pretty much knocked me off my feet.”



Blind Yusuf.



Worshipping with the church in Turkey.

Yusuf allowed Gary to pray for him and Gary asked the Lord to reveal Himself through dreams and visions to our blind friend living in the shadow of Mount Ararat. Ministry partners estimate that 10 percent of all Muslims coming to Christ have done so as a result of dreams and visions. †

*“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” – Acts 2:17 (ESV)*



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## A View



Kurdish dengbêj singers perform a traditional form of storytelling, which was illegal in Turkey for many decades. Climbing For Christ spent time with Kurdish people in southeastern and eastern Turkey in late May and early June during Mission: Ararat 2015. This was during Turkey's parliamentary elections and we were blessed to be with Kurds as they celebrated their first success at the polls. Shortly thereafter, the Turkish government's unofficial war against the Kurds was renewed. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)

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