

# SPECIAL REPORTS



God bless you for reaching out with your love to help Nageswor and Ram Bati cultivate a family farm and a much brighter future. You helped change their lives — forever. Thank you.

## You Help Harvest a Bountiful Future for Neighbors in Nepal

Nageswor's farm grows with his innovations! He's made a plow from an old bicycle and a cart constructed from parts of a broken wheelchair. These crafty tools show his resourcefulness but also reveal his struggle.

Nageswor can't afford to buy hardy seeds or new equipment for his farm. He and his beautiful family — which includes his wife Ram Bati, four daughters, two sons and a growing number of grandchildren — live in a poor, flood-prone region of Nepal.

While farmers need rain, living on the floodplain near the river is often destructive. Every monsoon season, the river flows, drowning crops.

Nageswor has tried other occupations over the years to make ends meet — like carpentry, masonry and bicycle repair — but nothing paid enough to feed his hungry children, cover education costs or pay for

medical care, which is especially frightening, because Nageswor is diabetic.

**“To provide food, clothes, education for the children — we were really struggling with that,” Nageswor recalls. “We did not have enough to meet all our basic needs.”**

Thankfully, your love planted seeds of hope and promise in Nageswor's heart. He received training on flood safety and precautions to help keep his farm safe.

Your generous gifts also built a greenhouse and provided seeds and tips on what crops to grow outside of the rainy season.

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## A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL



The relentless cycle of poverty keeps hardworking families in its grip for multiple reasons. Hunger. Earthquakes. War. Extreme weather. For our neighbors in most need — such as our friend Nageswor, who

battles hunger and flooding in Nepal — these crippling factors can come in unison, like a horrific chorus of devastation.

The struggle won't stop until someone acts.

Thank you for being that someone. By walking alongside your neighbors with comfort and support, you help families rebuild their lives in their time of greatest need.

Together, we innovate and maximize the good we can do in the world with “positive disruptions” — small, strategic acts that create large, far-reaching ripples that change lives today and long into the future.

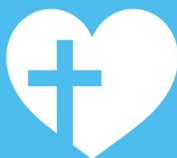
Thank you for your Christian stewardship and for being a positive disruptor.

God bless you,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard  
President and CEO

## Called to Love Our Neighbors

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9 (NRSV)



Because of you, today, Nageswor's family is thriving. He is also proud to be able to pay so all his children can be educated and have brighter futures.

## You Help Harvest a Bountiful Future for Neighbors in Nepal (continued)

He is so happy he can return to farming. “Farming is our ancestral way of life,” Nageswor explains. “So my wife and I decided to farm vegetables together.”

Today, he grows tomatoes, cauliflower, turnips, marigolds, mustard greens and more. He sells these greenhouse-grown crops at market, and the income has allowed him to grow his farm to six times its original size!

Because you extended your caring hand to Nageswor, he can look at his growing farm and thriving family with pride. “Now I do not need to rely on others or stretch my hands to others for money,” he says.

Thank you for giving this hardworking family the help they needed to grow the lives of their dreams. God bless you. ■

**Because of  
you, 2-year-old  
Dibyansi will  
be able to go  
to school.**





# Sharing Even More Love, Right Here at Home

The Quilt & Kit Ministry is Lutheran World Relief's longest running program. Since 1945, quilts and kits have been shipped abroad to neighbors in need. **Today, our Quilt & Kit Ministry is expanding to comfort our nearest neighbors in the United States!**

This exciting growth comes as Lutheran World Relief marks 80 years of profound impact around the world, and at a time when care, kindness and support are needed more than ever.

There is a growing demand for quilts and kits from our U.S. partners, who are eager to share these gifts of care and comfort with families and individuals affected by emergencies and disasters, coping with crises or struggling in poverty.

We are tremendously grateful to the entire Quilt & Kit Ministry community for making this significant and historic expansion possible.

If you are able, we humbly encourage you to use your incredible talents to continue making quilts and kits for neighbors in need around the world, including at home in the U.S. For more information on how to help with this Ministry, visit [lwr.org/expansion](http://lwr.org/expansion). Thank you. ■



Families who have so little — and are left with nothing following a disaster or must survive harsh weather — are incredibly grateful and touched to receive handmade quilts that provide warmth and comfort.



Because of caring friends of faith, like you, Marc is able to save lives and provide comfort and hope to neighbors in need.

## Marc vs. the Volcano

Marc Bombite comes to the rescue time and time again for the women in his community, but the day he faced a volcano head-on, he rose to superhero status!

Marc is a medical transporter for health centers in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He faces danger daily — driving on tough terrain, navigating flooded, often impassable roads and being cautious of the civil unrest. No matter the obstacle, Marc keeps working through it.

**“If I say, ‘I’m tired. I’m not working,’ how many people will die?” Marc ponders.**

His medical supplies contain PEP Kits, which prevent HIV and other diseases and are given in the immediate aftermath of sexual assaults. In order for the kit to work, survivors must take the medicine within 72 hours of an attack to prevent disease.

**When a survivor needs a kit, Marc delivers, no matter what.**

During a recent volcano warning, Marc rode his motorbike to rescue kits from a warehouse and bring them to people in need, who’d been forced to flee. He saw the lava but took his chances anyway.

**“We took the risk because the community needed us,” he says. “We needed the kits. So, I worked.”**

Like Marc, you put the needs of your neighbors first — rushing to the front lines in time of need. Thank you. ■



# YOUR LOVE IN ACTION AROUND THE WORLD

## Ukraine

*Your kindness rushed to the front lines.* Immediately after a missile hit a children's hospital, our team was able to act quickly, rushing **quilts and kits to families who had been evacuated** from the hospital and nearby buildings. We can meet your neighbors right where they need us because of your steadfast support.

## Guatemala

*Your dedication is helping farms thrive.* Through your long-term partnership, we have **established 10 cacao demonstration plots** that give farmers the opportunity to learn new techniques to improve their harvest, such as shading their crops, managing their soil and controlling pests.

## Sudan

*Your compassionate heart is healing families.* Your generous gifts are **providing lifesaving medical care to families**, especially vulnerable mothers and young children. This holistic work includes care before, during and after delivery, training for health workers and ensuring families have easy access to clean water.

**Your loving gifts rush lifesaving aid to your neighbors in need.**

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