

NEPAL

Working together with Jesus in Nepal

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These teaching tools are used in conjunction with the globe-shaped mission banks provided by Mennonite Mission Network. Banks for children can be ordered online at www.MennoniteMission.net/MissionBank.

For more resources about Nepal, visit www.MennoniteMission.net/MissionBank.

Introduction

These tools are designed to encourage mission-focused stewardship education. The idea behind the tools is to show ways that God is at work in Nepal, and ways that children can both learn about that work and also about what mission means in their own context.

Mennonite workers first went to Nepal in the 1950s to work under a new international consortium called United Mission to Nepal. Mennonites worked in health and education ministries, rural development, electrification technology, nutrition, and many other fields. As Nepali people have been trained in most such professional fields, there has



Dale and Bethsaba Nafziger with daughters, Shova and Sushma.

Together, sharing
all of Christ
with all of creation

been reduced need for expatriate expertise. But foreign workers continue to serve under UMN and other agencies in this poorest of Asian countries, mentoring Nepali staff and bringing specific knowledge to help in unique situations.

Mission Network workers today run businesses, counsel new believers, and help in congregational ministries. Dale and Bethsaba Nafziger have been involved in various business ventures in Nepal, including a coffee shop. They both serve in leadership roles at their church, and Bethsaba also serves as a nurse and midwife.

Story cards

Included in this packet are three story cards. These stories from Nepal can be shared with children during worship, Sunday school, or other gathering times. After reading these stories together, invite children to reflect on how they might show love to people around them and also to people around the world.

Giving project

Mennonite Mission Network supports a wide variety of ministries like the ones in Nepal. One of the most important ways that mission happens is through relationships. Mission Network highly values the relationships that our workers have with the people in countries where they work. One of the primary ways that mission happens is by sharing the good news through friendships and loving your neighbor.

Offering display

\$20 a day helps support mission workers as they live and work and make friends around the world. To track your giving progress, consider making a poster or turning a bulletin board into a mountain. Nepal is home to eight of the 10 highest peaks in the world, including Mt. Everest, the world's tallest mountain. Divide the mountain into \$10 or \$20 sections and color in each section or move a mountain climber up the mountain as you raise funds for mission. Set a big goal and see if your climber can get there!



Mission Banks
A stewardship and mission resource

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

—Matthew 18:20



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Mission bank guidelines

Please use the following guidelines as you implement use of Mennonite Mission Network's mission banks to support God's work in Nepal.

- **Use of banks**—*The globe-shaped mission banks are specifically designed to be used alongside the mission bank teaching tool packets produced by Mennonite Mission Network.* These packets always focus on one country or region where Mission Network ministry is taking place. In these packets you can find:
 - Stories about Mission Network ministry happening in that area.
 - A giving project.
 - Activities, songs and recipes to help children engage the country's or region's culture.
 - Videos and PowerPoint presentations that help to put a face on each country and the giving project.
- **Age range and cost**—Mission banks are meant to be a fun way for children and congregations to learn together about stewardship and generosity, and to hear stories about the ways that God is working around the world. Because we want each child to be able to participate in this learning experience, banks are offered free of charge to all Mennonite Church USA children in grades K-6 from January 1–March 31 of every year. Banks can also be ordered throughout the year for \$4.95 per bank.
- **Resources**—Alongside each teaching tool packet, we also have a host of extra resources that we post online. Check back often at www.MennoniteMission.net/MissionBank for new pictures and ideas for mission education.
- **Other uses**—Stewardship and mission education are not just important for children; they are important for the whole church. Consider giving one globe bank to each household, or sharing stories from the Mission Network teaching tool packets during worship. Invite all members of your congregation to pray and support MMN workers around the world.
- **Gift designation**—Mennonite Mission Network supports workers and partners all around the world. You may wish to consider using your banks to also support Mennonite Voluntary Service or Service Adventure participants from your congregation, or to raise support for a Mission Network worker that your congregation is connected with.
- **Collecting funds**—Congregations are asked to collect the funds contributed through the mission banks and send a check payable to Mennonite Mission Network, with “Mission Banks: Nepal” or “Project #1301” written in the check memo line. Congregations may decide to participate with other congregations in bringing the total change collected to a cluster or area conference gathering. Then funds may be disbursed in the same manner as above.

If you have other questions about how to use your Mission Network mission banks, or would like to order more teaching tool packets, please contact us at MissionBank@MennoniteMission.net or 1-866-866-2872.

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