

JEWAN RAKSHA KENDRA (LIFE SAVING CENTER)

*The Session approved this special offering for the mission in Nepal.
The Pentecost Offering has been eliminated.*

Sita's Story

Sita lives in a remote village in Far Western Nepal. She became pregnant as a teenager, her lack of protein and health knowledge put her baby's life at risk. Now because of *Jeewan Raksha Kendra*, her family now uses better seeds to grow more potatoes, providing more food and extra income. A new greenhouse in her village ensures they have fresh vegetables all year long. Soon, her child will eat healthy meals and eggs at school to stay strong and focused in class. This will help Sita's child to learn better in school, her family to have a better income, and for her children to have a brighter future.

The Problem

In Sudurpashchim Nepal, the statistics tell a devastating story. The region currently records the highest child mortality rates in Nepal:

- **Under-5 Death Rate:** 48 per 1,000 live births.
- **Rate of Newborn Death:** 26 per 1,000 live births.
- **Stunting:** ~33% (up to 47% in Bajura).
- **Wasting:** 16% (3x increase since 2022).
- **Hidden Hunger:** 58% of infants lack dietary diversity.

In Dadeldhura and Baitadi, inadequate nutrition and low crop yields lead to chronic hunger, creating barriers to children's growth and development. Geographic isolation with a nearby clinic, often being a several-hour trek, as well as low maternal literacy and adolescent pregnancy can result in illness and death of infants and young children.

The Solution

- **Nutrition:** They provide protein-rich meals, meat, and eggs from their own poultry farm to students, infants, and pregnant women — even during school breaks.
- **Resilience:** They create school gardens and are making greenhouses to create year-round sources of nutritious food for healthy schools and families. By providing discounted seeds and modern techniques for potatoes, they are helping to boost both food security and family income.
- **Empowerment:** Their Girls' Clubs use sports and education to teach young women about their health and their bodies, empowering them to make good choices about their health and nutrition.

How You Can Help

Your support allows them to expand their greenhouse initiatives, provide more protein-rich meals, and reach the most isolated families in Far Western Nepal. This is your opportunity to share God's love with a broken world!

"By improving nutrition today, we are securing the leadership and health of the community tomorrow."