

NEPAL: Local group has worked in country for decades

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to relief efforts for the earthquake in Nepal. Also there have been questions about our network of friends and the people involved in the programs that Ten Friends supports in Nepal.

"We have learned that the girls at our HEC hostel and Sunita, our beloved friend and employee are OK. As far as we know their immediate families are alright as well. We have heard that Dinesh, our friend and employee in Kathmandu, is safe but we have not been able to contact him directly. We await information from him regarding his family, our sponsored children and the Hopeful Home orphanage children in Kathmandu. The phones and Internet are down there. When we get more information we'll post it on our website homepage and our Ten Friends Project Facebook page.

"This tragedy has claimed thousands of lives and will take massive efforts lasting months and years to rebuild and recover. Right now the people of Nepal need immediate disaster relief support. We ask that you donate directly to

organizations such as Mercy Corps with any immediate donations. Their website is at www.mercycorps.org. Mercy Corps is set up for disaster relief and they are on the ground in Nepal already. Today they distributing emergency supply kits, and are working on shelter kits. In time there will certainly be opportunities for Ten Friends to participate in the recovery effort.

"Hopefully we will find out more details about our friends in Kathmandu soon and will let you know promptly. This is a sad time for Nepal. We really appreciate your concerns, questions, and support for the wonderful people of Nepal."

The Mercy Corps Nepal relief fund can be accessed at: www.mercycorps.org/donate/survivors-need-your-help-now.

Runco expressed concern for the ongoing impacts the disaster will have in a country that already had fragile and incomplete infrastructure. He is particularly concerned about access to water and medical attention.

"It's one of those places that's a great place to be — until you get hurt or sick," he said.

For more information on Ten Friends, visit www.tenfriends.org.

BREAKFAST: Event is part of National Day of Prayer

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attended Sunrise Christian School (now Sisters Christian Academy) and graduated as a senior from the school. He is a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He began his training as a Cavalry Scout with the Army in September 2005. In the course of his 9-1/2 years of service he has served three overseas tours, totaling 33 months deployed in support of military operations in Iraq. He has trained the Iraqi security forces to take charge of protecting their people and ensuring the safety of their local population.

He is presently a recruiter in Hillsboro.

All proceeds of the event are tax-deductible and enable Sisters Christian Academy to operate with a modest tuition level, and provide financial aid to children who could not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

Advance registration is required. Individual tickets are \$45; grand sponsor and table sponsor designations are available. Checks should



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Master Sergeant John Roberts will facilitate Sisters' prayer breakfast.

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