Their dream. Your partnership. Together, we can transform this village.
Transform a village in Nepal this harvest

Will you dream bigger this harvest?

BMS World Mission is inviting you and your church to walk hand-in-hand with a remote community in Nepal’s mountains – and help them transform their village.

Be transported to Ghusel and hear the dreams of the community. Dreams for better education for their children. Dreams for veterinary training so their animals don’t needlessly die. And dreams for access to clean water and better health care to improve the lives of the whole community.

This harvest, your church can partner with the people of Ghusel to make their dreams a reality. With your church’s support, this community can work to ensure that everyone is able to feed their families. They can create a child-centred classroom and access teacher training to give every child in their village a good start to their education. And they can make sure every community member has the knowledge they need to live a healthy life.

With your church’s support, Ghusel can create holistic change. Change that will impact generations.

The name of BMS’ Harvest appeal for 2022 is Good Land, inspired by Deuteronomy 8: 7-9. By running a Good Land service this harvest, your prayers and donations will help the people of Ghusel reap good things – hope, health, and the opportunity for a better future.

What we’re asking you to do is simple.

1. Dedicate your harvest service this year to supporting the BMS Good Land appeal.
2. Encourage your church to donate towards vital livelihoods, health and education support.
3. Pray for the people of Ghusel and the inspirational team of Nepali workers walking alongside them.

This easy-to-use Leader’s Guide will help you on every step of the journey.

We believe God gave us the ability to dream. We believe he calls us to help each other. And we believe he wants all people to experience abundant life.

Ghusel community has a dream. Will you help them transform their village and build a good land for their children?
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60-second Good Land trailer video: hear Amos, a BMS World Mission partner worker in Nepal, explain why your support is so important to the people of Ghusel. Share this trailer video on social media and in your church ahead of your Good Land service.

Good Land feature video: travel with us to Ghusel in Nepal's mountains, hear the dreams of the community, and then choose to partner with them in prayer and giving as they work to transform their village. At under five minutes in length, this video is perfect to show in your church service.

Good Land reflection video: pray for Ghusel using this reflective prayer video. This short video is perfect to play during the prayer time in your Good Land church service or as you take up a collection. (Find the written prayer on page 15 of this Leader's Guide.)

Good Land gift envelopes: order these from www.bmsworldmission.org/goodland and leave them on seats ahead of your Good Land service.

Good Land poster: download our A4 poster to advertise your Good Land service.

All-age quiz: quiz your church on their knowledge of Nepal using the Good Land quiz.

Colouring sheet: photocopy the colouring sheet on page 16 of this Leader's Guide for children to use in your Good Land all-age service or in their children’s groups.

All photographs for the Good Land appeal were taken by Clive Thomas for BMS World Mission. Pseudonyms have been used throughout the Good Land appeal for the people of Ghusel village.
HOW YOUR GIVING WILL CHANGE LIVES

£29 can give a family access to breeding goats and veterinary training to rear healthy and productive animals

£70 can equip 20 people with vital water management and hygiene skills to fend off dangerous waterborne diseases

£1,430 can create a child-centred classroom in Ghusel, giving children the best foundation to stay in school

“I want my children to have a good future... to be educated, to be able to eat good food, be able to live in a good land and to be happy.”

Parbati, mother of four, Ghusel
WAYS TO GIVE

Give online at www.bmsworldmission.org/goodland

Give by phone on 01235 517641
(Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm)

Ask your congregation to use the Good Land gift envelopes in your harvest service to give cash or cheques (and to let us know if we can add Gift Aid!)

Send a cheque to BMS World Mission, PO Box 49, 129 Broadway, Didcot, OX11 8XA

If members of your church want to give by cheque, please ask them to make the cheque out to ‘BMS World Mission’ and include a note stating their name, address, church, the amount, if we can claim Gift Aid, and that this gift is for the Good Land appeal. Please do also let us know if you require a receipt.

By supporting the Good Land appeal, your church will help bring abundant life in Nepal and across the globe.

“How BMS will use your gifts to the Good Land appeal

Your gifts will support the people of Ghusel village and people living in other communities also considered among the most marginalised in Nepal. If our appeal target is exceeded, we will use additional funds to support urgent work in the world’s most marginalised countries, based on where the need is greatest. Development work in Ghusel is jointly supported by BMS World Mission and Operation Agri.

“Freely you have received; freely give.”
Matthew 10: 8
TRANSFORM LIVELIHOODS

“Last year in the rainy season, ten of my goats died. I had to spend the money that was supposed to be for my children’s education on treating the goats. We had to keep and take care of them for a long time, and they just died.”

Bishnu, farmer and father of four, Ghusel

BISHNU’S STORY

Bishnu is 36 years old. He has four daughters and a grandson to support. Last year, he had to make the difficult decision to spend the money he’d saved up for his children’s education on trying to treat his sick goats. It was too late. They died anyway.

Goats are Bishnu’s livelihood. Without them, things were really difficult for his family.

Veterinary training and access to a breeding goat would help Bishnu make a more stable income, and keep his children in school.

£29 can give a family access to breeding goats and veterinary training to rear healthy and productive animals

£345 can fund a BMS partner worker for one month as they walk with the people of Ghusel
ALL-AGE ACTIVITY
Balancing the books

Aim of the game
To demonstrate how challenging life can be for people in Ghusel, whose livelihoods are at the mercy of the climate and the health of their animals.

Setup
Create 20 simple playing cards with example expenses faced by families in Nepal and across the globe written on them.
For example:
- Your goats are sick, you need to buy medicine. Pay £50.
- You’ve been invited to a wedding! Hooray! Pay £10 for a present.
- You need to buy food for your family. Pay £20.

Game play
Ask for six volunteers and put them into two teams, representing two families. (If you’re doing this activity in your Sunday school group, all the children can get involved.)

Using Monopoly money (or equivalent), give one team notes totalling £1,000, and the other team £100. The team with more money live in the city and the parents have a stable job, whereas the team with less money live in a remote village like Ghusel, and rely on agriculture for survival. Make sure it’s clear to everyone listening that both families work equally hard.

One by one, the teams select a playing card and read it out loud. They decide whether they need to buy what is on the card (which they almost always will), and then they pay you the money. The village team will quickly run out of cash. When they do, you can start haggling with them: “I’ll give you food, but you’ll have to give back the medicine I gave you earlier…”, etc. Act like you think it’s unreasonable that this team has run out of money, while the other team still has plenty. They might kick up a fuss – and it’s good if they do! It will highlight the inequality of the world. Both teams are working hard, but only one has enough to live a healthy life.

Takeaway
Explain that, for people like Bishnu in Ghusel village, this is reality, not just a game. But there is a way we can help. This harvest, we can support families to have a better income by providing goats and veterinary training, so they do not have to choose between their children’s food and their education.
TRANSFORM HEALTH

“My dream for our community is that every household has good access to water.”

Anita, teacher and mother, Ghusel

ANITA’S STORY

Anita lives in Ghusel with her husband and their baby boy. She says that there is a big problem with drinking water in the community. As a result, people often get sick with diarrhoea. “This is due to unclean drinking water, right?” she asks.

The source of Ghusel’s water is in another community, and it is not well protected. “They say there is open defecation there,” Anita says. “There are houses near the water source, they wash clothes there and animals roam freely. So the water source is deteriorating and it’s becoming polluted.”

Anita wants every household to have access to clean water. By teaching the people of Ghusel how to manage their water safely and ensure it is clean before they drink it, we can help keep the community healthy and safe from disease.

£70 can equip 20 people with vital water management and hygiene skills to fend off dangerous waterborne diseases

£1,378 can pay for a safe birthing centre for the women of Ghusel, so they don’t have to travel for hours on dangerous roads to give birth safely
**ALL-AGE ACTIVITY**

**Full to overflowing**

**Aim of the game**
To show that we can do so much more when we work together.

**Setup**
You’ll need a piece of plastic pipe (ideally see-through, but this is not essential) wide enough to fit a ping pong ball in, two plasters, and a roll of sellotape. Make 20 small holes in the pipe ahead of your service, and attach the upright pipe securely to a plastic tray/something that you’re happy to get wet. Fill some jugs with water (more than enough to fill the pipe, as lots will leak out of the holes into the tray). And keep the plasters and sellotape hidden away in your pocket.

**Game play**
Place the tray with the attached pipe on a table at the front of your church. You may want to put some plastic sheeting on the floor as the ground could get wet.

Explain that the tube represents the health of Ghusel, and the holes represent the challenges people in the community face that prevent them from being healthy, eg lack of access to clean water, no hospital nearby, etc. We want the health of Ghusel to be abundantly good – and even overflowing.

To represent this, place the ping pong ball in the tube, and ask for a volunteer to come and get the ping pong ball to the top of the tube without moving the tube. It should be completely impossible for them to do it alone, with just their hands (but don’t tell them that!).

As they start pouring the water in, it should start flowing out of the holes so the ping pong ball never comes close to the top. On their own, they’ll never be able to block up all the holes.

When they start getting frustrated, tell them that they can enlist the help of someone else. When the two can’t successfully do it either, ask for a third volunteer. This time, give the volunteer the two plasters, and see how they use them – it’s possible they might be able to complete the challenge now, but quite likely they’ll need more help. If they’re still unsuccessful, ask for one more volunteer, and this time give them the roll of sellotape.

When the team successfully completes the challenge and the ball comes out of the top of the pipe, get everyone to applaud.

**Takeaway**
Even though volunteer one (insert name) has lots of skills and talents, there was no way they were EVER going to be able to complete this challenge alone. They needed a team with different skills and resources to make it possible. The same is true for the people of Ghusel – and their challenge is so much bigger. But if we partner with them, giving our resources and our prayers, they can improve the health of their entire village.
TRANSFORM EDUCATION

“Looking at this community... I see a lack of education. People are economically poor, so they don’t have enough money for their children’s school and school materials, and that is why they drop out of school.”

Tara, teacher and mother of two, Ghusel

TARA’S STORY

Tara moved to Ghusel village when she got married. While she grew up outside the village and had the opportunity to finish school, her husband and many others in the village did not.

Right now, Tara’s children are little – just four and six years old – but she wants them to get a good education now, so that when they’re older they will be able to stand on their own two feet. Tara would like her children to be able to have good jobs and earn a good wage so that they are able to save money and have enough to help their families when people get sick or need support.

A child-centred classroom with well-trained teachers for Ghusel’s youngest pupils would enable children like Tara’s to start their education well, giving them more opportunities than their parents had.
In the UK, we have the privilege of getting a free, high-quality education. But how much do you know about life in Nepal?

Download our all-age PowerPoint quiz from www.bmsworldmission.org/goodland and put your church’s knowledge to the test.

More about the quiz

Help your congregation to engage with some of the challenges of life in Nepal and have fun at the same time by using the quiz in an all-age harvest service. Alternatively, why not use the questions as one round in a quiz night hosted at your church to raise funds for the Good Land appeal? Choose one of the price points as your fundraising target, ask church members to invite friends, and see how much you can raise with a small entry fee, all going towards transforming Ghusel village!
The theme for BMS World Mission’s 2022 Harvest appeal is amazing. It reminds us all of God’s heart to dwell with his people, and to bring them into a place of wholeness and fulfilment in Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy can sometimes be dismissed as only containing history and laws; and while it does mainly contain that, in its telling of the story of the people of Israel we are reminded of who God is and who he is calling his people to be.

The context of the verse is about remembering God’s protection and God’s loving discipline. It’s a message to the Israelites emphasising the uniqueness of God. A reminder of the covenantal relationship between God and his people.

This verse reads like a hymn of celebration and proclamation. The strong imagery of ‘a land with brooks, streams and deep springs’ allows us to imagine the abundance and provision that God is providing for his people.

And that is why it is a powerful verse to reflect on when we think about the work that BMS is involved in in Ghusel.

This verse reminded the Israelites what God was doing in and through them (even when at times it was tough in the wilderness). And it reminds us of God’s amazing generosity.

“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land — a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills”  
(Deuteronomy 8: 7)
and provision; there is a sense of a changing of direction from the barren desert to a good land.

And just as this is true of the time in which it is written; we can also see the truth of this in the community of Ghusel.

**We know that God is bringing us into a good land.** We know that Jesus promises life in all its fullness. So how does that impact our dreams? The dreams and aspirations we have for ourselves, our family, our friends and our communities?

The dreams of the community in Ghusel are for education, for people to be able to stand on their own feet, for a better future, for clean water, for women to be able to speak up in the community. We can see a holistic dream for a whole community playing their part and being enabled to flourish – to be a good land.

Deuteronomy 8:7 reminds us that God is not distant, distracted or disconnected from the challenges people or communities face, but that he comes to bring wholeness and goodness, by working in and through his people. And we see this in the work of BMS.

Even though our lives may seem far removed from the lives of the Israelites, or the community of Ghusel, our dreams and aspirations of being in a good land – of seeing communities transformed by the power of Jesus – are the threads that connect our story to their story.

God is inviting all of us to partner with him, as he dwells in communities like the one in Ghusel and the ones in our context in the UK. Because when God dwells in communities, they begin to become a good land where restoration is happening, and where aspirations for wholeness become realised in Christ.

As disciples – as sent ones – we have a responsibility to communicate in words and actions what a good land looks like and can be in our small part of the world.

As disciples, we are called to challenge, model and to live life in the fullness of Jesus – which is the good land. And when we do, we begin to show those around us, in church life and in our wider community, that God has made space for all people to flourish and know ‘a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills.’

What we see modelled by the work of BMS in Ghusel is that God is not calling us to be distant from communities, but to dwell in them and serve them.

In this verse, we are reminded that it is the Lord our God who is bringing us into a good land. It is good for us to be reminded that we are not the ones who bring transformation to communities, only Jesus can do that. But through the Holy Spirit, we can show people a glimpse of the promises of God by being Jesus’ hands and feet and empowering communities.

God calls each one of us to respond by partnering with him in bringing wholeness to communities; showing people the good land he is calling us into by being Jesus’ hands and feet to those around us, using the resources and skills we have as individuals and as communities.

So here is the challenge for us: what resources and skills has God given you to help bring about a good land for others?

How can you enter into transforming communities with the good news of Jesus, by enabling people to live in a good land? Because it is fiercely on God’s heart that all people should flourish.
FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Want to get people in your congregation excited about raising money for the BMS Good Land appeal? Here are some fundraising ideas to get you started.

Walking tour
Is anyone in your church knowledgeable about your local area and its history? Or could you gather a small team of people who are?

Ask them to offer a walking tour (or tours if there is high demand!) of the church and the surrounding area to people from the church and local community. At the end of the tour, tell people about the community living in Ghusel and ask them to donate towards the BMS Good Land appeal. As well as a fundraising opportunity, this is a great way to get to know people living near your church and to introduce them to your wider church community.

Bake for Ghusel
You can never go wrong with a classic bake sale. Ask church members to bake for Ghusel, and then hold a bake sale after your Good Land service to raise funds for vital development in this remote community in Nepal.

Sponsored scoot/swim/run/ride/walk
Ghusel is 2,200 metres above sea level. Could your congregation grab their scooters, swimsuits and sneakers and scoot, swim, run, ride or walk some multiple of 2,200 metres for the community in Ghusel? If they’re up for a bigger challenge, they could do the whole thing uphill!

Harvest supper
Host a Good Land harvest supper. You could even try your hand at a traditional Nepali meal. Sell tickets to the dinner, or ask people to donate on the door. Watch the Good Land video before you eat, and pray for the people of Ghusel between courses.

Totaliser
Encourage your church to set a target for your community’s fundraising efforts. Having a goal is a great motivator! Once you’ve set your target, create a totaliser out of card to track your progress – or even better, why not ask your church’s children to use their creative talents to make one, to get them actively involved in Good Land.

Some price points to help you set your target:

- £29 can give a family access to breeding goats and veterinary training to rear healthy and productive animals
- £70 can equip 20 people with vital water management and hygiene skills to fend off dangerous waterborne diseases
- £312 can help educate teenage girls on their rights and empower women in Ghusel
- £350 can fund a BMS partner worker for one month as they walk with the people of Ghusel
- £1,330 can pay for a safe birthing centre for the women of Ghusel, so they don’t have to travel for hours on dangerous roads to give birth safely
- £1,430 can create a child-centred classroom in Ghusel, giving children the best foundation to stay in school

Each Sunday, collect any funds raised for the appeal and make time to publicly mark your progress on the totaliser. When you reach the top, take a picture and share it on social media, tagging @bmsworldmission in it.

We’d love to celebrate with you!
We thank you for the people of Ghusel village. 
We thank you that each and every one of them is 
fearfully and wonderfully made by you. 
We thank you for the privilege of hearing their 
stories. 
And we thank you for their hopes and dreams. 
Dreams that we can relate to, 
Even though we’re separated by thousands of miles. 

Father God, please bless Amos and the team BMS 
World Mission supports in Nepal 
As they walk with the people of Ghusel. 
May their light shine in the community and bring 
transformation. 

We pray for sustainable, flourishing livelihoods. 
We pray for good health for every person in Ghusel. 
And we pray that each child in the community will 
have the opportunity of a great education. 

Father God, we ask for abundant life for the people 
of Ghusel. 

In Jesus’ name we pray, 
Amen