



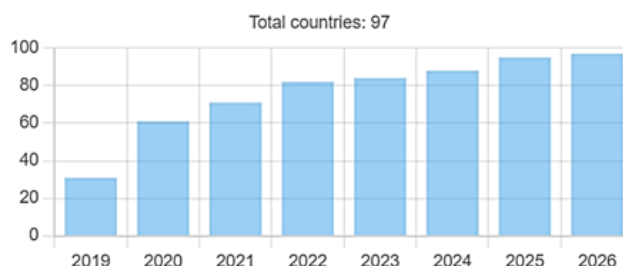
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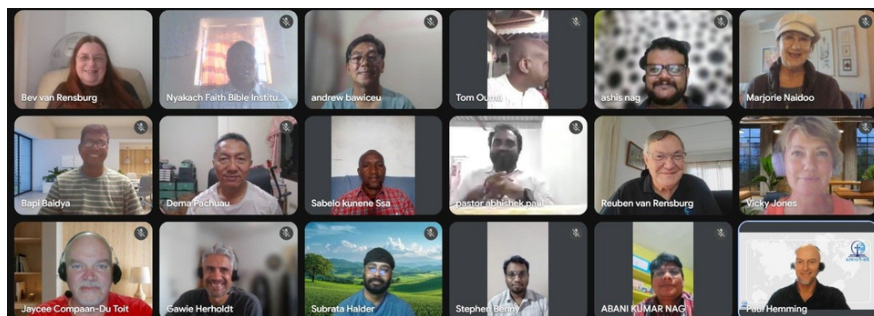
Love them as you love Me

"...Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."
John 21:16.

Countries Served



1st Online QATI pilot off to a great start



At the end of 4 weeks, the happy group who piloted the first online QATI.

Beverley van Rensburg

The logistics:

3 Presenters, 1 co-ordinator, intense preparation. 11 Participants, 3 staff members, eager to learn. 4 Monday half-days, 6 tasks. Hours of marking and providing feedback.

Led by Bev van Rensburg, Re-Forma head office embarked on its first online pilot QATI. The mission: to test whether hard-to-reach facilitators with adequate connectivity, could benefit from being introduced to the Re-Forma program remotely. Most of the participants hailed from south-east Asian countries.

The aim was for them to learn how to guide and mentor their own group of students through the 37 outcomes to become mature and responsible church leaders. Beautiful testimonies emerged, as the participants applied their learning. (*See the Testimonies page.*)

Looking to the future, the presenters will critically review and adjust the online program. Watch this space for further announcements.

Re-Forma appoints a National Coordinator for Francophone Africa

Jean Paul Quassy



Jean Paul Quassy is a pastor and teacher, serving in Côte d'Ivoire and across West Africa. He has been active in Re-Forma since 2020 by leading groups. He attended a QATI in Accra, Ghana and has also helped Re-Forma to translate some material into French. He will be overseeing Re-Forma's activities in all the African French-speaking areas,

strengthening the work in Côte d'Ivoire, mentoring French-speaking facilitators and promoting Re-Forma to denominational leaders in neighbouring countries. Re-Forma now has ten National Coordinators.

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Spotlight on Nepal

To know Nepal better, start with its name. It's derived from the Sanskrit *nepala* ('fly down' and 'house'), referring to the villages at the base of the mountains.

Borders: China (1389km), India (1770km); no coastline.

Economy: developing country, historically constrained by landlocked status and difficult terrain – relies on agriculture, tourism, and hydroelectric capacity to grow.

Prime minister: since March 2026 election, 35-year-old, rapper-turned-politician Balendra Shah from RS Party, previous mayor of Kathmandu.

Cities: **Kathmandu** (political and cultural center of Nepal, ancient temples, UNESCO World Heritage sites); **Pokhara** (adventure-tourism hub, stunning lakes, Annapurna mountain views, gateway to Himalayan trekking routes); **Bharatpur** (fastest-growing city, gateway to Chitwan National Park); **Lalitpur** (rich traditional metal and wood craft heritage); Biratnagar (industrial and commercial hub); **Bhaktapur** (ancient city, well-preserved palace squares and architecture).

7 Provinces (pradesh); Bagmati, Gandaki, Karnali, Koshi, Lumbini, Madhesh, Sudurpashchim.

Population: total 31,5 m, average age 28.1 years; 141 ethnic groups.

Language: 123 languages; official and most spoken Nepali 44.9%; English used by many in government and business.

Youth unemployment 20.8%; population living **below poverty line** 20.3%; **urban population** 21.9%; **electrification** 91.3% of population; **internet** use 56%.

Happiness index: 99th in the world; 1st in South Asia; happiness drivers: close-knit community ties, social support networks, cultural resilience and adaptability.

Striking features

One of world's **extreme topographic ranges**, from Mount Everest (highest point on earth above sea level, 8849m) to low Kanchan Kalan (69m above sea level) within one country, just 150–200km apart.

Terrain: Hill region with rugged Himalayas in the north (cool summers, severe winters), flat river plain of the Ganges in south (subtropical summers, mild winters). About 6000 **rivers**, some longer than 160km.

Re-Forma in Nepal

Since 2008 Nepal is a **secular republic** (monarchy abolished), with 12 political parties.

The main religious groups are: Hindu 81.2%, Buddhist 8.2%, Muslim 5.1%, Kirat 3.2%, Christian 1.8% (1,4 m out of population of 31,5 m). A few unreached people groups. Fastest growing Christian population globally, but converts often face opposition from family, local communities, Hindu extremists, and anti-conversion laws, punishable by fines or imprisonment.

When National Coordinator Harka Khadka travels to promote Re-Forma's program, he faces a daunting physical terrain and spiritual climate. In his April report, he writes: "I visited Okhaldhunga District, eastern Nepal – 7 spoken languages, 9 ethnic groups, and only 1.3% Christians. God always reminds me that His work advances by His Spirit, not by human strength."



Nepal is the only country with a flag that is not rectangular or square.

Harka's God-story

Growing up in an ordinary family in Nepal, I faced many struggles and uncertainties while searching for meaning, purpose, and true peace. In that journey, Jesus Christ became more than a religious figure—He became my living and personal Savior.

Through prayer, God's Word, and fellowship with believers, I came to know that Jesus loves me personally and has a purpose for my life. Since then, my faith has become a daily relationship of trust and friendship with Him. Through prayer, worship, and Bible study, I experience His guidance, peace, and strength,



especially during life's challenges. *Harka Bahadur Khadka*

My passion for ministry comes from a desire to share the Gospel, strengthen the church, and bring hope and transformation to people in Nepal. Serving the spiritual growth and unity of churches is not merely a responsibility but God's calling on my life.

Despite challenges and limited resources, He continues to give me peace, courage, and hope. My testimony is that Jesus Christ is alive, transforming lives today, and it is His grace that sustains my life and ministry.

Joy in many countries!

Months of study. Much discussion. Much application. Much change. And finally the joy of achievement. And so worth it all.



Nigeria

The first-ever graduation in Nigeria was successfully held on 20 June 2026. 69 Students from different parts of Plateau State successfully completed the Re-Forma programme. Churches represented were the Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN), the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA), the Baptist Church, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, the Ecwa Church, and the Methodist Church.



Kenya

May/
June
gradua-
tions



South Africa



Tanzania



DR Congo



Guatemala



Cuba



Ghana



Kenya

What Re-Forma students say...

GUATEMALA. Angélica Cuxil Curruchich, Chimaltenango - Works with children. "This programme was a great blessing in learning how to explain the Bible, and how to help others draw closer to God. Thank you to everyone who supported us."



KENYA. Violet Onyango - "The importance of children in the services made me realize that children can understand God at a young age so they can develop genuine service to the Lord. I want to identify children's talents and help them to grow."



NIGERIA. Rev. Fidelis Ibia, Anglican Church, Jos - Works with drug addicts. "I want to encourage other Anglican clergy to "Come and See" how Re-Forma's programme can impact you, your church, and your communities as it did mine."

NEPAL. Roshan Chepang, church leader, Chitwan - a remote, marginalized community, no formal theological education. "God provided Re-Forma training for me and my church to grow in understanding, in spiritual disciplines, and active ministry.. Many church leaders, and believers in Nepal can benefit from this life-changing training."



GUATEMALA. Elfido Blanco, Santo Domingo Suchitepéquez - "This has been such a meaningful experience from God, providing us with many new insights and skills: being able to think about the art of teaching, and how to develop our skill of evangelism."



GUATEMALA. Alida Haydeé Chinchilla Reyes, Santo Domingo Suchitepéquez - "Many vital principles and lessons showed us how to effectively make disciples, carefully guide others people on their spiritual journeys, and generously share with others the infinite love of God and the spirit of generosity."

From the On-line pilot QATI



KENYA. Elisha Ochieng' Atieno, pastor - "Re-Forma training, focusing on life transformation, and then effective ministry in the community, goes beyond imparting knowledge, to challenge us to apply it in our own lives before sharing with others. But recently I could share the good news with 5 people in Katito, who accepted Jesus as their Lord."



PAKISTAN. Hamal Sonu, pastor, Lahor - As a QATI task we needed to share the good news with someone. I shared with two Catholic families, who had never heard that they needed to repent to be born again; or that salvation and fullness of life comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. They received the message and could report that they felt a great peace.



MYANMAR. Andrew, pastor - "I shared the good news in Burmese on children's day at our church, with a colour-outline: Black for sin and death, Red for the blood of Jesus, White after repentance and forgiveness, Gold for God's heavenly kingdom, and Green to grow in grace and truth. I also shared on the Good Samaritan, and some of the church members then offered to help poor Bible College students."

... on the ground...

Maggie Gilchuci, Re-Forma National Coordinator in Kenya, meets with 20 Bible College owners to promote Re-Forma's programme in evaluating Recognition of Prior Learning.



A new group starts in Malawi (above) and a study group starts with prayer in Nepal (left).



What is Train-the-Trainer?

The Re-Forma Train-the-Trainer (ToT) programme equips facilitators of study groups to mentor and assess their students skillfully. It is being implemented by the NCs, and supports a growing network of competent grassroots leaders.

Facilitators take students through the 37 outcomes towards becoming effective leaders in the church, who know the Word of God (know), live the character of Jesus (be), and minister to people as Jesus would (do). Facilitators need to be equipped for this leadership role.

What better way to learn than to practise?

And that is the method the Train-the-Trainer programme uses: Facilitators are shown methods to demonstrate exercises and practise ministry situations, with immediate feedback, which they can pass on to their students. They are also taught how to skillfully assess their students for the know-be-do qualities.

Facilitators going through the ToT programme are themselves assessed, with clear standards that define a Level of Proficiency. What emerges are leaders who are spiritually mature, committed, teachable, and capable of discipling and equipping others for effective Christian ministry. From this, transformed community groups grow.

What our readers write...



Refugies Congolais – Thank you for the inspiring message. Please continue to inform us of the work.

Jules Wazeng – I am delighted to read the update you sent. I feel so encouraged and strengthened to see how God is advancing His Kingdom by using men and women who are available to His call.

Janet Freeman – Wonderful, interesting, uplifting content and testimonies!

Iliya Tumba Yunana – Glory to God! This is encouraging to know what God is doing through Re-Forma. God has broken the ground in Borno and other persecuted areas of Northern Nigeria.

Denny Zvavamhari, Gokwe North district, Zimbabwe – Thank you Re-Forma for update, you're doing great work.

Pastor Kenn Mugandi Wanjala – Amen, awesome! God is doing wonders globally, and Re-Forma is set to reach all corners of the world with pure teachings.

Musa Majama – Thank you so much for sharing this beautiful and encouraging message in building the kingdom of King Jesus and Savior of the world.

Example of an Outcome

The 37 Outcomes reflect the competencies we believe pastors need to know, to do and to be, to truthfully represent the Lord Jesus Christ in their communities and in their culture. They reflect **Head competency** (knowledge), **Hand competency** (ability to apply), and **Heart competency** (a compassionate mature character). The outcomes are grouped into:



Outcome – Shepherding God's people

4.1 Demonstrate Christlike servant leadership.



Join –

– as **partners** to Re-Forma, who, for the first time in church history, present a global standard for informal and non-formal ministry training.



Pray –

– for Re-Forma's **leadership and team, national coordinators, facilitators, and groups**, for strength, courage, wisdom and resilience, as they raise competent church leaders.



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