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Update and prayer requests from Rita & Tanka & Subedi

In our support for Tanka Subedi & ITEEN it is easy to miss the significance of Rita's long-standing contributions and growing international role. Rita was involved with the Institute for Theological Education in Nepal (ITEEN) from its very beginning in 1995, when she began the translation work of the first TEE courses to be used in Nepal. Then in 2004, she was part of the training team who helped to equip a group of Russians from Vladivostok. This group have now become the thriving Open Russian Theological Academy, ORTA, supporting TEE throughout Central Asia. She was involved with the ITEEN team in hosting a 2010 Increase Conference and provided training input on TEE methodology and translation for a similar conference in Turkey in 2013. Most recently, Rita was part of the planning team for the Conference in November 2022 and contributed to the Translation and Contextualisation Track.



Rita has now been invited to join the Increase Executive Team, whose vision is: *“to see churches equipping all Christ’s followers in their contexts, so that many millions are disciplined and empowered for mission, ministry, and leadership.”*

Please pray that Rita will rapidly find her feet in this role and contribute richly from her understanding of the opportunities and challenges that women have in the South Asian context.

MPC and the link Life group were able to pray for Tanka through another recent health scare – a severe anaphylactic reaction to medication. He also fainted twice, which may also have been a reaction to medication, though his heart will continue to be monitored. We are pleased to report that Tanka is now discharged from hospital and has been recuperating at home. **Please pray for** Tanka's full recovery and return to work, his heart and general health.

The Mission Partnering Team