

**20 August 2023**

**Mission Partner prayer and update - Tanka Subedi**

The strands of Tanka and Rita's life are as complex as ever. They are rejoicing that the marriage of their daughter Rhema to Ricky Rager was finally able to happen on 22 July in Canada, after difficulties with Ricky's visa a month earlier (their wedding picture is opposite). Sadly, Tanka & Rita could not afford to travel to be there. Rhema is now in Nepal and Ricky will apply for her immigration into the USA which may take 6-12 months.



Meanwhile, their middle daughter Nishma's school is planning a tour in the USA, for which Nishma also needs a visa and financial provision.

Tanka, Rita and his main colleague in ITEEN, Suroj, continue to struggle with health issues. Tanka's severe neck pain and Rita's Dengue Fever mean he cannot attend an Asia Theological Association meeting in Bangalore. Their Church - Family of God, continues to grow and ten new members were baptised last Saturday – this is a remarkable thing in a country where people face persecution for preaching or professing the Christian faith. They are excited (& daunted) to be planning for another Pastors Conference in Kathmandu later this year.

**We are therefore asked to pray please for a number of big things:**

- the health of all the staff members, including Rita, Suroj and especially Tanka's neck pain & Rita's protection & swift recovery from Dengue Fever
- more Funding Partners for ITEEN, as costs have gone up with big price hikes in the last fiscal year and only about half of the need is provided by present partner support and local funds
- the annual General Assembly of ITEEN to go smoothly. (We give praise that end of year accounts & reports are complete)
- Rhema's health and for her immigration papers to come through soon (and for Nishma's visa too)