

## SAVING CHILDREN'S LIVES HAND IN HAND WITH BERMUDIANS

### THE ISIS FOUNDATION NEPAL COUNTRY DIRECTOR TO MEET BERMUDA SUPPORTERS

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A chance encounter with two abandoned, malnourished boys in a Kathmandu street led Pralhad Dhakal to dedicate his life to turning around the lives of many trafficked children in Nepal and to campaign for new laws banning bonded labour for girls.

The boys were the victims of child traffickers. When found by Pralhad, they were sick with aggressive meningitis. Pralhad rushed the boys to hospital but only one survived. After the boy was nursed back to health, Pralhad helped reunite him with his grieving family.

More than a decade later, Pralhad Dhakal's work as Nepal Country Director for The ISIS Foundation has helped improve the lives of thousands of children and families in Nepal.

The ISIS Foundation, which started in Bermuda 16 years ago, provides healthcare, education and infrastructure to villagers in the remote Humla district in mountainous north-west Nepal. ISIS also helps keep formerly trafficked children in Kathmandu safe from the sex trade and lives of poverty, sickness and forced labour. Additionally, ISIS delivers healthcare services in Uganda.

Pralhad's ground-breaking work has helped bring about national change for children's rights in Nepal. Policymakers seek his advice, and he helped change Nepali laws last year, when the Government abolished kamlari, a practice that enslaves young girls as bonded servants.

Pralhad is visiting Bermuda to update The ISIS Foundation's supporters on his team's life-saving work and to share stories from the field about the uniqueness of remote development and complexity of child-trafficking. This trip follows a presentation Pralhad gave at an international conference on human trafficking at the University of Montana.

"I am very much looking forward to my first visit to Bermuda," said Pralhad. "The ISIS Foundation has grown into a global organisation that works hand-in-hand with the people of Nepal and Uganda, but its first steps were taken in Bermuda so this is a very special place for us."

"The unique ISIS model — where a corporate finance business funds the overhead costs of an international foundation — has proven that two very different worlds can work together to tackle extreme poverty. We have the generous people of Bermuda to thank for giving us such a solid start to this great work."

***If you are interested in hearing Pralhad speak about the work of The ISIS Foundation in Nepal, please join ISIS for a reception at ACE Bermuda Insurance on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Details for the event are below.***

#### EVENT DETAILS

***"Learn about development in the most remote place in the world – the mighty Himalayas!"***

**DATE and TIME:** Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**ADDRESS:** "Chairman Suites" ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd.  
17 Woodbourne Avenue, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 08

**RSVP:** Pamela Barit Nolan – [Pamela.BaritNolan@isisgroup.org](mailto:Pamela.BaritNolan@isisgroup.org) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

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