



Bel Bahadur Gurung working on the handicraft.

"I have loved working at NLT ever since I joined," Bel shares.

If you'd like to explore the latest handcrafted products and see what's new, we invite you to visit the Instagram page. Follow us for updates, new creations, and a closer look at the beautiful work of the artisans.

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Bel and Maita: A Story of Faith, Love, and Resilience

Bel Bahadur Gurung had only just begun his new life with his beloved wife, Maita, when tragedy struck. Just fifteen days after their wedding, while cutting grass for cattle on a steep hillside, Bel slipped and fell. The accident broke his back, leaving the 24-year-old unable to move the lower half of his body. His family rushed to help him, but they could not afford treatment in a hospital and instead took him to a small local facility that lacked the equipment needed to treat his injuries.

For Maita, the heartbreak was unimaginable. Her husband, once strong and full of promise, was suddenly disabled for life. Some villagers and even her mother-in-law think that she would not stay with a crippled man. Yet Maita's love was steadfast. With a pure heart and unselfish devotion, she chose not to leave him but to embrace him even more deeply, caring for him every single day. The years that followed were filled with hardship. Bel, who had once worked tirelessly to support his family, now depended on others for even the simplest tasks.

Yet hope flickered when Robert, an instructor, encouraged the couple to join Nepal Leprosy Trust's Lalitpur Technical School. There, they spent two years learning leather craftsmanship with determination and enthusiasm. Though they faced unemployment and financial struggles in Kathmandu, they never gave up, trusting in God's plan. In time, Ms. Eileen Lodge, founder of Nepal Leprosy Trust, offered them work in NLT's leather workshop. Today, Bel continues to serve at NLT. Leather Works alongside his devoted wife. For 36 years, he has worked with gratitude and resilience as a living testimony to faith, perseverance, and enduring love.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24-25

Organising a craft sale

If you'd like to organise a craft sale in your church or local community, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch to find out how we can help.

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Quarterly prayer letter

We are happy to share that we have started a **quarterly prayer letter** to keep you updated on what God is doing through Nepal Leprosy Trust, as well as to share specific prayer requests and praises. If you would like to receive it, please let us know—we would be delighted to add you to our mailing list.

Lives Transformed Through the Village Alive Project

The Village Alive Project continues to bring lasting change to the community by addressing practical needs and empowering local people to build a better future.



A Community House in Godar, Nepal, Bringing People Together

Previously, self-help groups had no suitable place to meet and often struggled to continue their activities during bad weather. Today, they have a dedicated Community House where they can gather safely and with dignity throughout the year. This welcoming space has strengthened participation and encouraged members to become more actively involved in their group activities.

The Community House has also become a valuable resource for the wider village. Local health workers now use it as an outreach clinic, providing essential services such as childhood immunisations and antenatal check-ups close to people's homes. Families no longer have to travel long distances to receive basic healthcare.

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