



Rajendra and Sarah's Promotional Tour

Rajendra and Sarah Gautam touched down in Australia on a warm day in March, a little over a week before Give Freedom's annual Foundation dinner and the launch of The Pokhara Project. In the long days following their arrival, Rajendra and Sarah ran a promotional gauntlet of speaking engagements that included schools, churches and radio interviews. They inspired many who met them, including all of us here at Give Freedom.

During their promotional tour, we were able to sneak in a quick interview with Rajendra and Sarah to get to know them both a little bit better.

What occupation are you trained in?

Rajendra: After college I became a theology student and trained as a pastor. I've done a doctorate in Theology. But that's only one part of my education. I also have a doctorate in human trafficking from the European International University in Paris.

Sarah: I used to be a nurse, then later did a bachelor's degree in sociology, followed by a master's in political science and psychology. I am a practising psychologist—a psychosocial counsellor. I do a lot of trauma counselling.

What is your favourite Nepali food?

Rajendra: Nepali food doesn't excite me too much. I love Australian food rather than Nepali food. *Sarah:* Dal Bhat Takari and chutney, which is dal, rice, curried vegetables and chutney.

What is your favourite Australian food?

Rajendra: Without a second thought, the best Australian food is beef steak. *Sarah:* For me, fish. Any kind of Australian fish is very awesome. Delicious.

How many kids do you have, and what are their names?

Rajendra: We have three kids. Rebecca, the eldest, is 18. Shekina is 12. *Sarah:* Benjamin is 10.

What country would you most like to visit?

Rajendra: Obviously Australia for many reasons. This is my second home and a lot of Australians are very warmly supporting our work. I can't imagine going anywhere else for a visit other than Australia. *Sarah:* Australians are such beautiful people. We love it here.

