

Prayer Letter February 2009

Greetings from Nepal and a Happy New Year!

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a good Christmas. It was lovely to be in England for Christmas this year and I am looking forward to April when I will be back for four and a half months of home assignment. I hope to see some of you in that time. Before that though, let me fill you in on some of the things I have been doing.

Surkhet Primary Study Centre (PSC)

Last summer we moved PSC to a new building. The children and I have been very happy here and so it was very sad news to hear that the landlord has sold the house and that we will have to move again. Just this weekend, we found a new place to move to, near where I live which is great! The house needs some work doing to it, but the landlord seems very nice and is willing to do the work. He will live in the house next door. If it is possible, we hope to move in the middle of February.

We still have the same three children Teresa, Rebecca and Kamiel. They get on really well and the Dutch pair have picked up English very fast, much to my relief! Here they are hanging on the climbing frame.



Looking ahead at PSC

In the summer, we will all be away for varying lengths of time. Teresa and her family hope to travel to Canada to visit family and supporters; and Kamiel, Rebecca and family will travel to Holland for some time, hopefully returning in the autumn. The Chinnery family also plan to be back with us in September and we hope to start school again in October. That all seems a long time off, but please pray for us all in our travels and transitions between cultures.



Goodbyes

I have written before about the number of goodbyes I seem to say. This week, my good friend Lois left Surkhet for a sabbatical. She will return to Pokhara after a year. I have spent the last week visiting friends with her and eating lots of dhal bhaat!

Here's a photo of us at Mailie didi's house. Another team member, Rebecca, has also left to live in Kathmandu. Her didi and I packed up her things and sent them on.



Sadly, my Nepali friends Pabitra and Henri have also left Surkhet. They felt God telling them to move on from



here and so, while I was away, they left! They are now in Kathmandu, seeking God for where they should go next. I have been challenged by their obedience

to go. It is hard not to have been able to say goodbye, but it reminds me that I must make the most of 'now' opportunities for relationships with people. Our time is a gift from God. Please pray that I use it wisely and well with the people I meet.

Conference

In November we had our annual INF conference in Nepal. Although it seems a long time ago, I remember with much thanks the wonderful time of refreshing we had. Playing and singing in the worship team was great fun and I thank God for being able to share in the gift of music with others.

Children's home

I continue to help out at the Mugu children's home on a Friday afternoon. The children are all growing up fast and mostly doing well in the Christian school. We enjoy sports outside, different craft activities or cooking. Recently it was one of the older boy's (Hima's) birthday and we had a little celebration for him. Here is Raju feeding him a piece of birthday cake!



Home assignment

I return to England in April for home assignment. After some time with family and home church, as well as medicals and time with BMS, I will start church visits. I hope to meet many of you in that time. Please pray for me as I leave Nepal for a few months and as I prepare for all the visits ahead.

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Give thanks for

- Our current PSC building and the times of learning and fun we have there.
- Our new building.
- Friends.
- The Mugu children's home.
- INF conference.

Please pray for

- The work to be done well at the new PSC building.
- Our PSC move, good relationships with the landlord and neighbours, and for new times of learning and fun.
- Home assignment time; for me and the children who are also away.
- Friends who have left Surkhet.
- Relationships and wise use of time.

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