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Prayer letter, September 2016

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Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to you from Besi Sahar. The small town that we have recently moved to. It is a place of truly stunning natural beauty, and a little more heat than we have been used to.



The endless rice fields

Besi Sahar's one main road, lined with shops and little businesses, extends for 2km before the rough tracks up in to the foothills of mountains begin. The streets are full of children. Students come from all over the district to stay with relatives, or in hostels, to go the schools here. Every corner seems to have a school on it. Some are small, some large, some private, some run by the government.

At 10am, the sounds of children singing the triumphal national anthem resound around the city. Though, for the last month, this happy sound has been reduced. It's rice planting season and government schools have been given a month off for the students to help their parents in the fields. For many, the rice crop will be the most important of the year.

We are slowly beginning to call this place home. We try and get out as much as we can for mini-adventures. Sometimes we have official work and we may trek up a hill to visit a school, or head to the district education office to meet with the government officials there. Alternatively, sometimes the goal is simply to find



Wendy met a family and their pet-monkey

toilet-roll, or some kind of greens to accompany the rice and lentils. As we have been walking the streets, we've been asking around for places to rent in the future. (We are currently staying in some of the HDCS doctors' flat while they are away). It has been amazing how often meeting someone leads to a cup of tea.



Looking down at the city

By the grace of God, we are starting to get to know a small network of people. We are in the midst of two projects with Microsoft and World Vision that we are hoping and praying will come to fruition. We've also joined a very small church which we have really enjoyed so far. We like how the Pastor shares around all the different roles and responsibilities within the church. There has been a different preacher each week.

Some BMS friends from Kathmandu came to visit us about a month into our stay, which was lovely. We had a lot of fun sharing the highlights of our new town and its surrounding hills and waterfalls. After they left, we realised that it will take time to build friends as close as these, but we will keep working towards that goal.



View from our rooftop (special thanks to Jane for my favourite t-shirt!)

We now have a 4-month stint in which to get a little more established before we come back to the UK for home leave. We have started planning dates, and are excited to spend some time in the West. Yet we know

we need to be careful. There is such a temptation to get lost in dreams of potable milk and 24-hour power. Pray that the next few months we are able to settle fully, find a flat, and invest in people, relationships, and projects so that we can return to Besi-Sahar with excitement and a desire to pick-up where we left off.

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a safe journey here
- Praise God for the temporary housing while our friends are away
- Praise God for the ongoing projects and partnerships that are forming
- Praise God for a new church
- Please pray for new friends and relationships
- Please pray for continual adaption to a slightly different culture
- Please pray for our homeleave, as the schedule is arranged now

Thanks

Simon and Wendy

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