

Mission



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disciples of all nations

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BMS World Mission - Transforming Lives



The Douglas Family

Spring is definitely in full swing there in Kathmandu! Winter woollies have been put away and sandals are the order of the day. They are looking forward to the Easter break when they hope to celebrate with a 'bhoj' (Nepali feast) for staff and neighbours in their garden, sharing our major festival and a little of the Easter message. Please Pray that all goes well. They have family visiting over Easter (Angus' parents) which will be lovely, it's always great to show off their home to those from the UK.

Helen has some meetings at the end of the month (March) regarding her work permit; please Pray that they can move forward with this and that God would remove obstacles in the path (some bureaucratic and others in human form).

Caleb, Charis and Esther are well after a recent round of sickness. They have enjoyed playing out in the garden every day after school with the neighbourhood children. It seems their garden

has become something of a local park (being the only green space in the area) so there is always someone to play with.

The children's work in the Church is going well and they are planning a holiday club for neighbourhood children in the Easter break. Last time they got over 90 along so please Pray for them as they write and plan what they are going to do, that Jesus' love would be clearly shown. They wish us all here at WBC a happy and joy filled Easter.



BMS is running a campaign against gender based violence called 'Dignity' - there are resources for use in Churches and small groups. This is not just a problem there in Nepal but is found all around the world and sadly in our Churches too. Over the last few weeks Helen has met a number of women suffering from absence of dignity, some very sad and troublesome situations. She has been leading a series of Bible studies with vulnerable women looking at women Jesus met, from the woman caught in adultery to the bleeding woman. The overwhelming impression from these encounters was the way Jesus treated each of these women with dignity. He never looked down on them, never treated them as second class

citizens, or not worth His time, but in a very counter cultural revolutionary way He treated them with love and respect, giving them both hope and dignity. Sadly both there in Nepal and back here in the UK that is something many women do not experience.

Our Prayers are asked for a couple and their family; they have come to Kathmandu from a rural area about 6 hours away. They owned a small farm but have had to sell up and come for treatment as the husband has cancer. He is now in Hospice Nepal and his family sit with him, they have sold everything and taken out a loan to pay for the treatment - they have nothing left. He is facing imminent death with bravery, acceptance and a certain fatalism, obviously worried about his family and how they will cope. Helen asks that we give thanks for our NHS and be really grateful for the care we receive in the UK.

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Nepali Christian girls participating in a programme marking the Easter Festival at Tundikhel in Kathmandu, March 2013