

Mission



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Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations

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BMS World Mission

The Douglas Family - latest news. The World's media have moved on from Nepal to the next big story or disaster, but in Kathmandu people are struggling to resume daily life in the wake of April 25th and May 12th. Wherever they go in Kathmandu there are reminders of what has happened, from collapsed buildings, piles of rubble, to teams at work slowly dismantling damaged structures and some buildings amazingly still upright at gravity defying angles.



There are tented communities squeezed into every available open space (where there are few), whole communities relocated from rural areas into these new 'temporary' villages in the city.



The sounds of Kathmandu have once again returned - the fruit and veg sellers, recycling collectors all shouting their wares as they wheel their laden

bicycles along the narrow alleyways, these sounds were eerily absent for so many weeks after the quakes. Another sound they have been pleased as well to hear was the loud enthusiastic, and slightly discordant music of a wedding band as it processed to the bride's home. 'New beginnings' a sign of hope. Sadly there have been sounds of grieving too - their landlord's elderly father has died, he was a former army general and had lived through 2 major earthquakes and so many changes in Nepal. They visited the family near the end of their 13 day grieving period when they shared that their cousin had lost his wife in childbirth, so there is a young husband and tiny baby left to mourn. So the sounds of everyday life are returning, but it is a reminder that life is full of both joys and sorrows.

Angus has just finished his first year as Director of KISC Academy (June 24th), a pretty eventful one too! Over the next few weeks the new Admin Block is being changed into the Guest House, the old Admin Block is moving to a recently refurbished building adjacent to KISC and many classrooms are getting moved around now space has been made with the relocation of the Admin Team. The work will soon start on the repairs to the buildings following the earthquake. Someone is going over especially to help rebuild the boundary walls. Progress is being made on securing a potential site for KISC and they would appreciate our Prayers about this.

They have been very encouraged by people's generosity to KISC following all

the damage. SIM (NZ) have kindly offered to fund the rebuilding of the School hall wall as well as providing a builder/project manager to work with the contractors. Many donations have come from around the world to support the KISC relief fund which is to help the staff to rebuild their destroyed/badly damaged homes. There is still a great need amongst their community which wasn't as badly affected as the rural villages in Gurkha and Sindalpulchowk.



Helena
has
been
busy at
PAHS
Medical
School
during

the last few weeks as it has been exam season, so plenty of stress and anxiety around! No more news about her work permit, please keep on Praying.

Caleb, Charis and Esther are all doing well, but ready for a holiday (as they all are!), they will be heading off to Thailand for a 2 week break soon. Caleb will have now finished in the Primary and is looking forward to starting Secondary in August. It's the season of goodbyes at the moment with many school friends and colleagues moving either home or to other locations, a major disadvantage working in a transient mission community. They are looking forward to their holiday and hope to go back refreshed and ready to get going again. They all send their thanks for our practical support and especially our Prayers.

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