

BMS World Mission - Transforming lives



The Douglas Family send their greetings, but unfortunately the family are split at the moment! They returned to Nepal on the 9th August after being in the UK for 3 months on Home Assignment, during which they had a busy and full time visiting family, friends and supporting Churches. Mary, Len and I were able to meet up with them when they visited Longfleet Baptist Church where they spoke very graphically and movingly of what happened to them during the earthquakes.

They were pleased to be back 'Home'; they really look on Nepal as being that now for however long God wants them there. They have just completed 4 years with BMS and have signed up for another period of 4 years. Unfortunately there have been delays with KISC visas resulting in most staff moving onto tourist visas. Helen quickly used nearly all her visa allowance days up, so after only being back in Kathmandu for about 2 weeks has returned to the UK with Charis and Esther. Not an ideal situation for any family.

Helen and the girls have spent a lovely week's retreat at Lee Abbey, spent some time with in-laws, then on to South Wales, they don't have a base, so it is quite tough! School started in

August in Nepal, so Helen has brought school work to do; it's a challenge home schooling again and not easy. Things are moving slowly with the visas. The different departments are bouncing it back and forth and not really talking. There are a number of families in the same position, and it is frustrating. Angus and Caleb are 'supporting' each other but obviously missing Helen and the girls. Angus is busy planning and preparing for the new KISC site as outlined in the May News, much to be done! Please Pray that God will move in this situation and that they can all be together very soon, and for the country of Nepal where there are many changes taking place and where so many people are suffering after those earthquakes

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The news from the Tjiwana family has been spasmodic over the past months but recent emails have shared problems and joys! In April they experienced some team disunity; after many Prayers and consultation with Leadership they asked one lady to leave, and she left in mid-June. Jorma and Yochanan (Jeremiah and John) were 1 on 16th July. They were planning on having a late birthday celebration on the 10th September and invite all the neighbourhood children to participate. The concept of

birthday celebrations is very foreign to The San People. Zeka and Anita wanted to take the opportunity to share the gospel and encourage parents to be responsible and good stewards of the gifts God has given them. They have been saddened to hear how many San children have died because of dehydration, malnutrition and parental negligence. (The reason they delayed to celebrate was because of the death of a good friend and neighbour.)

The girls, Sally and Sarah, are fast growing too, and Anita has started some home schooling whenever possible. They have learnt basic counting and colours. As Team Leaders and parents of 4 little ones it must be really hard for Zeka and Anita!

The Team have known challenges, some have been ill, some struggling with home sickness, and others feeling overwhelmed with language learning and spending time with people, and doing all the required readings (the Training in Ministry Outreach TIMO has a set curriculum which is not easy!) They will be taking vacations for about 3 weeks from the 20th September until 13th October. Zeka and Anita and the children will be going to Canada; they have been invited to a wedding and all their expenses have been covered. They too have had visa problems so are Praying that these will arrive and they will be able to leave on the 21st September, returning 11th October.

Please Pray for safe travel for all the Team members going in different directions, and for them with flights across continents with 4 little ones.