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Nepal Update

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Married, at last! My first newsletter as Annie Tanner.

Thanks for all your prayers and well wishes for Chas and I on our wedding.

In the middle of the constantly changing Covid restrictions, we were finally able to be married near Dunfermline in Scotland on 13th August. Our down-sized, socially distanced, masked-up wedding was every bit as wonderful for all of that.

Work Update

Nepal is still under a countrywide lockdown. There are still no inbound flights for any but returning citizens and diplomatic or UN workers. Travel within different regions is also restricted. All the schools have been shut since March and currently remain so. Our EQUIP team of 11 trainers are now spread across 2 regions of Nepal and 3 countries, with 2 are in the USA and 2, including me, in the UK.

Despite these geographical and time zone challenges, we have been continuing to meet twice weekly by zoom to support each other in prayer and to work collaboratively to develop on-line training. Our Nepal team in 2 regions have been talking with our partner school principals to get updates on what help and support they need. With some we have been able to set up online training and demonstrate such as google classroom for them to use in their own schools. The extra challenge is that some teachers have not been paid and are no longer in touch with their school communities. Where teachers do have internet access, many do not have reliable electricity. Power-cuts have meant having training sessions cut off mid-stream. A mobile phone with data is often the best access, but the expense is prohibitive for many. With this in mind, our latest venture is an EQUIP YouTube Channel, so that teachers can access our training and resources where possible, in their own time.



Church without walls

We are currently living at Chas's home, in Fife Scotland, waiting to be able to return to Nepal. My otherwise empty flat in Kathmandu has become a temporary home for many friends stuck between places.

It's good to be encouraged by personal stories of relationships that have grown and opportunities that have arisen because people are in different places and have a different outlook.

I get updates from the home group, that used to meet at my flat in Kathmandu by zoom from Nepal, Malaysia, South Africa, USA, Iraq and the UK. My Romanian and Burmese friends still join from Nepal.

Recently Chas & I have attended a local church community that meets outside in a farmyard. Looking at the hills, surrounded by a field of cows. A church without walls is how I am seeing all of these prayerful connections.



Please pray for:

Wisdom for those in authority in Nepal making decisions in this crisis.

My EQUIP team making plans and decisions about new ways to support our schools.

Plans and decisions regarding our return to Nepal when the time is right.

Opportunities to use our time and connections whilst here in Scotland.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and prayer support for me.

With warm blessings

Annie

Situation in Nepal

It's hard to know how accurate the information is from Nepal. As of the end of September there have been around 78,000 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 500 deaths due to the virus. Infections are on the rise in Kathmandu and there are fears that the disease could spread with people travelling home for the 2 major annual festivals in October and November.

Challenges in Nepal

An example of the challenges facing many in Nepal is that of a family who my friend is currently supporting. A mother and her daughter returned recently from their village to Kathmandu. The girl developed a high fever and cough. The authorities were alerted and the family were required to pay for a test and told that if her symptoms persist she will have to go into hospital. Without support this would be impossible. Most are unable to pay, so no wonder that many may be choosing not to share until it is too late.

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