

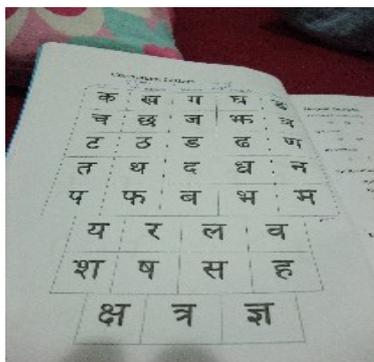


News from Mollestads` in Nepal

2 months ago we arrived in the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu. As we expected it was a huge cultural shock; the warm weather, noisy traffic, poverty, cows walking in the streets, monkeys, exotic smelling, not understandable language, loadshedding....

But it is possible to adjust to life everywhere, and now we are settled in a kind of routine life here. The kids spend daytime from Mon-Fri in one English-spoken kindergarten, and G+E study Nepali language 5 days a week.

Markus and Marie are repeating their English words by counting the steps while walking and so do we in Nepali...



We have been heartily welcomed by the organisation United Mission to Nepal (UMN). UMN have been settled in Nepal since 1954, and we are impressed by this organisation and their ministry in various fields; health, education, hydropower, human rights, reconciliation ministry after the civil war..... UMN has a well known reputation in Nepal, and by arrival at the airport in Kathmandu, we were welcomed as a diplomat and passed through the long queue!

Time is running quickly, and we are trying to memorize as many Nepali words as possible. Also we will participate at the English worship service every Sunday and joining a biblegroup every 2 week.

Give thanks for:

- A stable routine life in Nepal.
- Kids are doing well.
- Good health.

Prayer needs:

- Still good health.
- Language training.
- Political stability.



It is quite exotic to walk around in Kathmandu among temples, monkeys and cows. It is a duty to give right of way for cows in Kathmandu and even dogs are worshipped at specific days. Even if the secularisation is illustrious, as we know from Europe, the hinduism is the cornerstone and fundament in this society.

Neither church bells nor minarets you will hear, but bells from hindu temples will call on to worship. Faithfully every morning at 5 am will we wake by the sound of these hindu bells. Also these bells are meant to wake the hindu gods so that the prayer can be heard. At beginning by hearing these bells, I thought I had got this special disease called «tinnitus». (This disease will give you a sound in your ear) There are not many church bells to hear among the hindu bells, but it is estimated that there are approximately between 600 000 to 1 000 000 million christian believers. Total inhabitants in Nepal is 30 million.



It is great to be in Kathmandu, but we do look forward to move to Tansen in the beginning of Jan 2010 to join the medical team at Tansen Mission Hospital.

We give our best thanks for your warm thoughts, mail correspondance, prayer and economical donation. You are welcome to visit our blog:

<http://mollestad.blogspot.com>

There is a photoalbum linked from the blog.

Best greetings from Marie, Markus, Evelyn and Gunnar in Kathmandu, Nepal.

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