



Tansen Times

Happy New Year 2012

This has been our third Christmas in Nepal. On the roof of Tansen Mission Hospital one big star can be seen. Every year some of the Christian staff at the hospital put this star on the roof. This is the most significant sign for Christmas, and again will remind us of the birth of Jesus; the beginning of salvation-history for all mankind.

Once again this year has been busy at the hospital, the second most busy ever. Some statistical facts from this year; 90000 out-patient-visits, 11000 admissions, 1800 deliveries, of those 360 Caesarian sections. Nepal is one out of few countries in the world with new patients with leprosy. This year 17 new people got leprosy treatment. One of the many highlights this year must be that 5 year-old Raja from the nearby village to Tansen came in time to hospital after being bitten by one of the world`s most poisonous snakes ("Bungarus" or "Kreit"). 15 minutes after arriving hospital, he stopped breathing, and we managed to put him on ventilator. After 20 days in hospital, he was discharged in good health.

Teaching Markus Norwegian language has been Evelyn`s new task this autumn. The Norwegian school is an online school, supported by teachers in Norway. Both of them really like to do school-work together. Marie and Evelyn are also enjoying time together when Markus is at school. It is a privilege as a mother to spend so much time together with own children at this young age.

Life in Tansen is both joyful, challenging and stressful. To cope with some of the stress living overseas, we enjoy playing bandy every Wed afternoon together with Nepali colleagues and other foreigners. Also the weekly family coffee drinking at the best restaurant in Tansen is one of those highlights. At Sat we go to Nepali church.

Markus is one bright pupil at the international school at the hospital, and at present he prefers mathematics and dinosaurs. Like his father he is not so skilled in art and painting. Marie likes to sleep in the mornings and stay late up at night. She is painting her nails with red colour, and with her blond long hair she is a charming young girl. She will start school this coming spring.

This year we have bought one house close to Gunnar`s family in Kristiansand in the very southern part of Norway. Kristiansand is the 5.th largest city in Norway, and we look forward to move there when returning to Norway.

We are thankful for every visit this year, economical support, mail, presents and prayer. Also a special thanks for economical support to the charity-fund at the hospital.

Best New Year-greetings from Nepal from the Mollestad Family; Evelyn, Gunnar, Markus (6 years) and Marie (4,5 years).

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«I am the Root and the Offspring of David and the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the bride say: «Come!» And let him who hears say: "Come!» Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.» (Revelation 22.16-17)