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Dear family, friends, donors and prayer colleagues. Thank you for all your support during last year. Almost one year is gone since we arrived to the silent mountain village named Tansen. Our first monsoon in Tansen is over, and we were happy again to be able to see the wonderful Himalayan view from our apartment. Picture above is taken in Pokhara, and mountains behind is reaching 8100 m.a.o.

Life in Tansen can sometimes be considered as to be a visitor in a living museum. Outside our house shepherds with their goats can be seen, several hens walking around and cows returning back from green pastures. In the village nearby, the ox is still pulling the plough. Grandmothers sitting outside and children running around with smiley faces telling «namaste» to the foreigners. The sun is shining and a warm wind makes the climate in Tansen to the best in Nepal. But behind the romantic view, a tough reality life is seen.

More than 10 % (3 millions) of the population in Nepal are starving. 4,5 million of women are illiterate. Diseases like leprosy and cholera still exist here. Lack of health infrastructure, and only 1000 governmental doctors should serve 30 millions Nepalese. There is no pension money, unemployment money and pregnancy pension. Life in Nepal for Nepalese is definitely tough enough, but our hope is that the development ministry which is done through United Mission to Nepal will give many Nepalese an easier and sustainable life.

This fall Markus, aged 5, started at the international school at Tansen Mission Hospital. He enjoys the school and probably soon he will be able to speak better in English than the parents` knowledge of Nepali. Marie, aged almost 4, is still at home with Evelyn. During last year we got to

know one excellent nursemaid, but unfortunately she had to leave to another part of Nepal. Evelyn was starting to be part time engaged at the pediatric ward, but at present she will be mostly engaged at home and get to know a new nursemaid for Marie and Markus.



Gunnar`s work at Tansen Mission Hospital is challenging and joyful. He is a medical all-rounder and engaged with pediatrics, emergency, obstetrics and general medicine. An important part of his work as a senior medical doctor is teaching and counselling younger Nepalese colleagues. During monsoon time was the most busy time ever for the hospital, and working hours exceeded 60 hours pr week. Fortunately at present is more normal working hours.

At Sat we use to join one Nepali church in Tansen, the third oldest Christian church in Nepal. Among 30 millions Nepalese more than 1 million are Christians, an incredible growth since zero Christians in 1950.



Read more : <http://mollestad.blogspot.com>. Also available in other languages. Best wishes for Christmas and the coming year of 2011.

Greetings Evelyn, Gunnar, Markus (5) og Marie (3 ½) Mollestad