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We have lived in Tansen almost half a year, and we feel like home here. Life in Tansen is silent and pleasant. There are not many hooters here, neither disco music in the streets. The Creator`s own music will break the silence; In the morning the rooster wakes us up at five o`clock. In the night the dogs are barking, and in the evening the grasshoppers are playing.

Gunnar spends most of the days at the hospital. The days starts before eight in the morning and work at hospital is not finished before half past five. There are hundreds of patients daily at the out patient department. There are no regular family practitioners in Nepal therefore the patients have to visit the hospital in order to check their blood pressure, blood sugar and for antenatal follow up. It is quite exotic for a Norwegian doctor too experience other kind of diseases than I am used to; worm diseases, leprosy and tuberculosis outside the lungs. The language (Nepali) is a great challenge. Recently I should ask one patient about the colour of his cough. It must be quite pleasant for the patients at the hospital with all these «white» doctors trying to speak Nepali. In fact I asked the patient about the colour of his chicken! But the patient asked politely «white»!

Evelyn spends most of the time at home together with the children. There are no kindergarten here, but we have a nice Nepali babysitter some days a week. The children like it here, and they are picking up new words in both Nepali and English. After a while , especially after starting school for Markus in Oct this year, Evelyn will take part in the ministry at the hospital. Both of us still study

Nepali some hours every week.



One good news this spring from Tansen Mission Hospital is that the language teacher during 30 years has become Christian. He and his wife both decided to put their faith in the Bible. The days beforehand the wife had dreamt that she should pass away, so she told the family. So she turned critically ill, admitted to hospital, recovered. This event was so special, and both of them are now active in the church. |



Gunnars father, Roald, died at 9.th of May from acute leucemia, 71 years old. Therefore all of us travelled home to Norway via 17.th of May- (Norwegian constitution day) celebration in Kathmandu. It has been a good time in Norway together with family and friends. At the same time we do look forward to go back to Tansen at 11.th of June.

Thank you all for warm thoughts, prayer and mail conversations. Read more about life in Nepal at our blog page. Also available in English!

<http://mollestad.blogspot.com>

Beste hilsen Evelyn, Gunnar, Markus (4,5) og Marie (3).