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First of all, let us introduce the name of our newsletter; Tansen Times. The new year is coming up, and time has run out for modern city life in Kathmandu. Now time has come to settle in more rural life in Tansen. Lets us say goodbye to cafe latte and pizza for a while and spend all our money on the national meal «Dal bhat» and tea. All Nepalese eat this delicious meal consisting of rice, vegetables and some times meat 2-3 times a day.

Our life in Kathmandu so far has been a lot about learning as much of the language Nepali as possible. I guess we have been given approx 200 private language lessons each. Our Nepali teachers have been extremely patient. I guess it can not be that exciting to listen to us talking about whether we walked or went by bus to school, if the children are in kindergarten or not, if there is a garden in front of or behind our house and if there is a house to the left side or to the right side of our home.... and we have had a lot of different verb conjugations....

At last the basic course in Nepali is finished. We are thankful for good health. The children have not been sick at all despite 5 days of kindergarten pr week. Evelyn is the only one in the family who have had the touch of sickness. Once she visited one restaurant and she so much longed for a green salat Well, one day after....classical symptoms. But this time was fortunately not so bad as 12 years ago in India. She that time got a serious amoebe infection and lost 10 kg.

One of the highlights this autumn has been to get to know one Nepalese family consisting of husband Rajendra and his wife Usha and their kids. We have been invited to eat their delicious dal bhat in their small apartment close to our place. Usha first heard about Jesus at the age of 11 while listening to worship songs that were song at Tansen Mission Hospital. Her mother worked at Tansen Mission Hospital, and every day Usha brought food for her mother`s lunch at the hospital. Usha was invited to one of the churces in Tansen and at the age of 15 she was baptized. Because of her hindu background, her family stopped paying her school fee



when they got to know that she had become a believer in Jesus. She had a tough life as the only Christian believer in her family. At the age of 18 she met her husband and soon they got married. After a while they got 2 sons, but life was difficult and often they did not have money for food. They even had to sell their wedding rings in order to get money for food. But life changed into better. Once Usha dreamt about herself giving food to many children. And not long time after they adopted 4 boys from an orphanage. During the civil war in Nepal (1996-2006) many orphans were brought into the Maoist army to be children soldiers. But the boys to Rajendra and Usha were given love, a home and education.



Pictures above show the language teachers, Rajendra and his family and Markus and Marie in front of the Himalayas. We will move to settle in Tansen, approx 300 km west of Kathmandu medio Jan. We are both excited and happy to start our work there. Great thankful for both prayers, engagement and mailcontact. You are welcome to read our blog: <http://mollestad.blogspot.com/> or homepage: www.mollestadeika.no Translations (not valid) available from this day into English, German and Russian

*Best greetings for the year of 2010
from Evelyn, Gunnar, Markus and Marie*

