



Missionaries to Nepal

The Uhl FAMILY

January - March 2024

O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. -Jeremiah 18:6

As we have been seeking God's will in our lives and ministry I have had to remember this verse often. We try to make permanent plans as well as plans for the coming years, but ultimately, we and our plans are in God's hands, and we want Him to do whatever He wants with us.

We had a rough beginning to our year as in January our family battled a stomach virus that worked its way to each person and lasted about two weeks. And then two weeks later we had another round of a similar illness. It was a physically exhausting time of trying to nurse our kids back to health as well as keep ourselves and the house operating. Thankfully Todd and I were in between language phases at the time! We praise the Lord for good health again!

Also in January we got to visit with the president of our board and his wife as they visited Nepal! It was a sweet time of encouragement and fellowship with them! They spoiled us with some special goodies from the states for us and the kids!

The kids have been growing like crazy. Kimber turned one years old in February and she has been learning all kinds of things from "No" to walking up and down the stairs on her own while holding on to the railing. Moriah is finishing up 2nd grade, Ginny is getting ready to lose her first tooth and Sadie who is 2 yrs. old is such a cute jabber jaws right now and copies a lot of what she hears!

This last month we had the privilege of celebrating our second year of living in Nepal. With this anniversary we have had the opportunity to look back at where God has led us. We often get bogged down in the details right now since much of our time is taken up with language study. It can sometimes be difficult to spend hours each week studying and not seeming to get anywhere, but when we look at where we have come from there is visible progress. Rachel and I still attend language school five days a week 3 hours a day. The children are also continuing with their Nepal three days a week. This continues to be our focus because we believe that being able to communicate is vital to long term ministry. Rachel's ability to speak Nepali is progressing quite quickly. Her previous tutor focused on

vocabulary and now she is leaning how to use all these words correctly in conversation. Todd can communicate with people out and about and carry on conversations with folks we have been building relationships with over our time here!

Recently we had the opportunity to travel outside of the valley for a Bible conference at a like minded church about 60 miles to the south of Kathmandu. This was not your ordinary road trip. On this trip we encountered washed out mountain roads, very little pavement, stuck trucks blocking the road for hours, and even a tiger scare. Those 60 miles took us 9 hours to traverse. The trip back was substantially better, but still it took 6 hours. And this is the good traveling season. We thanked God for the safety He gave us. We had a wonderful time at the church and being immersed in a new environment that took us completely out of any comfort zone, but we enjoyed it. For one of the services, we got to sing a special "Lord, I Need You" with our church family in Nepali during the conference. The services were all in Nepali and so for the three days we got lots of practice in speaking and hearing Nepali.

Our current visa expires in May, and we believe that we will be able to have the same type of visa this coming year.

Soon we will be sending out new prayer cards and family pictures to each address that we have on file, so please look out for that in the mail.

Please continue to pray with us about how God wants us to stay here long term. Nepal is a closed country to missions and with that comes the struggles of obtaining and sometimes also maintaining a visa. We are not deterred by this, but we are seeking the Lord's guidance in this matter.

Because He Lives,

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Prayer

- New visa Application
- Language study
- Special wisdom for upcoming decisions

Praise

- Progress in Nepali
- Mostly good health
- Safety traveling

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