



The Methodist Church

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Monsoon Musings

News from the Wrights

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Yesterday afternoon Paul and I stood at a bedroom window watching the rain run off the banana leaves outside. The water beads like water on a newly waxed car. After ten years in Nepal we still feel it is special to live in a place with bananas growing in the garden and it surprises us that the feeling hasn't worn off yet.

We are sorry that this is our first newsletter of 2008 but we were glad of the chance to see and/or talk to many of you while we were in the UK between January and April. Being there was refreshing and we feel blessed by so much ongoing commitment to supporting our work here, thank you.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life”
John 4v13



Paul has been asked to work 75% of his time in Nepal Christian Relief Services (NCRS) and 25% in United Mission to Nepal (UMN). In NCRS he works alongside Daya Ram supporting the work and development of the organisation.

Recently they ran a workshop together for church leaders in Pokhara who want to reach out as neighbours to their communities. It is encouraging to see the church here getting involved in relief and disaster management as a part of the whole mission of the church, and able to take advantage of the opportunities that arise from this involvement.

Please pray for vision and drive for Daya Ram as he leads NCRS and decides what to be involved in.

Back in the office, Paul is doing devotions with NCRS administrator, Dal Bahadur. *Please pray for this discipleship opportunity and for other opportunities to be a light on a day-to-day basis.*

While I was in the UK I asked for prayer that I would have opportunities to teach more. Coming back I was asked to teach at the Antioch School of Missions, the small college I taught in last year. Many of the students are weak in English, so to help me teach in Nepali I have started some classes to help me learn more Bible vocabulary. *Please pray for that my fluency will increase and that the college's teaching will be used to help many churches in the towns and villages of Nepal and North India.*

The lady with whom I lead the Thursday Bible Study leaves for 8 months in July. While she is away I need to help train some of the women to be able to lead the group more effectively.

Please pray for wisdom in knowing how to teach creativity and also for the teachers to have good understanding of the passages they are trying to teach.



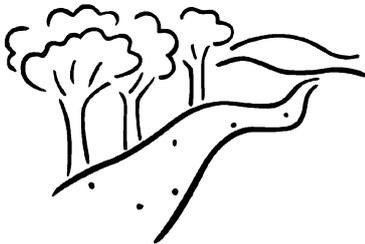
“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it”

Isaiah 55v 10,11

Returning to church we found the Sunday school running well. The new curriculum makes planning easier but the teachers asked us to help them make it more interesting with games and crafts. The pastor is concerned for the older teenagers who have no programme and we are looking at what materials are available with a view to perhaps starting to train some teachers to run an older class.

Please pray for the teachers as they now do most of the leading. Pray too for the right materials for the teenagers.

Jack and Asha have settled back well into the long services. It is more difficult now for them as the teachers only use Nepali (we used to teach in English and Nepali) and we have to whisper to tell them what is going on when they don't understand. They are coping well. Praise God!



“He is like a tree planted by streams of water, and which yields its fruit in season”
Psalm 1v3



Thank you for your prayers for Jack's ears. It seems he has a permanent, untreatable hearing loss of 30% in his right ear. In the UK he also had glue ear but that has cleared. We are working on helping him to cope – saying 'pardon', making eye contact when he's spoken to as well as working with school to help them support him.



The term in the UK was a disruption for both of them in schooling. They did very well – especially Jack who could hear very little for much of the time. Asha is now making good progress in learning to read.

This season is the only time we can swim as all the pools are outdoors. This week Asha took her armbands off and has swum a half width unaided. She's very excited about that!

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Sarah, Paul, Jack and Asha