

# The Knickerbocker Family In Swayambhu, Nepal

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## Church Planters to the Tibetan People



Dear Praying Friends,

In our last letter, we mentioned our desire to start a new church among the Tibetan people in Swayambhu. At the end of July, God allowed our family to move across the Kathmandu valley to this beautiful area nestled on the hillside.

We live in a colony we like to call “Little Lhasa”, as most of the home owners are from Tibet (many are related to each other)! In fact, our house owner Pasang lives in Lhasa and his wife is considered a political prisoner and cannot leave China. Thus, Pasang’s sister Sherab Dolma is our acting landlord and lives across the street from us. Please pray for our neighbors to be saved. The kids love the fact they can freely ride their bikes and have made some new friends!



The first two weeks of August we had services in our new home. Our friend Gyatso, who also made the move to Swayambhu, brought the first visitor who is a Sherpa Tibetan. We have also found a flat we can use for a meeting place and lodging for Gyatso. During our first service there, we had an unusual “visitor” outside our window – a big hairy monkey!

Do pray for wisdom as we seek to make contacts and conduct outreach. In early July, two Asian missionaries were deported for having church services in the same building where they had their business. Because it was to be used for business purposes only, they got in trouble when someone reported they were also Christian pastors trying to evangelize. Just a few days ago, we heard about a Korean missionary who was put in jail for giving out tracts. Our Hindu landlord was going to rent us the store front space that is in front of our ministry flat, but he refused when we told him it was for a church.

On Wednesday nights, Luke is preaching through the Book of Nehemiah. Although there was opposition to the work

he set forth to do, the good hand of God was upon Nehemiah! It was God that prospered him to rise and build! We also are encouraged by what God is doing in spite of Satan’s attempt to hinder the advance of God’s work here.



The Crown Nepal Bible College has resumed with nearly 40 full-time day students! At least 30 students are in the English class Luke and Gyatso are teaching. This is an opportunity to have an influence on future labourers who are from all over Nepal. This has led to an unexpected open door.

This past week, Luke and Gyatso went to a nearby monastery looking for a tutor to teach them the Tibetan language. When one of the monks they were talking with learned that they were English teachers, he (Kelsang) agreed to teach them Tibetan, if in turn, they would teach 10 teenage monks English grammar! We agreed, with the understanding that we would also be teaching about Jesus Christ and the Bible! Please pray for wisdom and open hearts.



Thank you so much for your support and prayers,

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