



# The Knickerbocker Family

## Church Planters among the Tibetan People

November/December 2018 Report

Nepal, Asia

Dear Friends and Family,

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With a new year comes new opportunities! Of course, with opportunities come obstacles. But it is with joy we run the race before us. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support and for the extra money given to our family for Christmas.

**Blessings:** Before we share some of our goals for the new year, let us revisit some of the ups and downs of the past couple months. In November, Luke had the privilege of preaching at the annual Youth Conference at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The day after, our men (Luke, Gyatso, Paul, and Jason) went on a retreat. They were challenged to be godly leaders and hard workers.

Christmas time is busy here, as it is a tremendous opportunity to share the meaning of Christ's birth. We also enjoy fellowship with other believers as well. We had a special time meeting with other missionaries working here in Nepal. We also enjoyed hosting the staff from the Bible College at our house. Jamie has done a lot of cooking during the holiday season!



Preaching at Youth Conference



Christmas party with monks and neighbors



Playing musical chairs



Singing Christmas carols

A week before Christmas, we had a special party for our neighbors and the monks where we have been teaching English and Bible stories. We had games, food, gifts, and told the story of Jesus's birth, death, and Resurrection. Gyatso brought the message in Nepali and another missionary friend translated it into Tibetan! Including the his family and our family, there were 62 in attendance! 31 monks came from the Buddhist monastery! Everyone received Gospel literature in their gifts.

**Some challenges:** About a week before our Christmas party, my hard drive crashed on my computer. So far, we have not been able to retrieve the data. We will send it to the USA in hopes to find a technical surgeon who will be able to get it back, as much of it was not backed up. It seems the monks have been too busy to consistently attend our English classes. Lobsang seems too busy to meet and do the Bible studies. We will see what more we can do with them this new year. Though Satan wants to discourage us with trials and disappointments, we are excited about the Incorruptible Seed sown and the opportunities that lie ahead.

**Looking ahead:** Our theme for 2019 is "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets". In view of the stricter rules against "proselytizing", we are planning some creative ways to meet new people and invite them to special events, like we did with the Christmas party. We are planning a monthly presentation about "How to find true freedom". We also want to have a game night each month to meet people and Jamie is starting a cooking class for ladies.

**Family Notes:** Each of our kids are a joy to be around. One great highlight during the past few months is family game time, where we have been having a blast, especially playing Ticket to Ride! We really enjoy our family devotions at the breakfast table. Paul and Jason help lead singing during our services. Abby and Emily love books and helping Jamie in the kitchen. Zach took his first steps a day before he turned 10 months! Jamie has just started a Nepali class at a new school which is 15 hours a week. She is determined to get fluent this year! With our increased duties with church ministries and studies, Luke will not be teaching at the Bible college. Please pray for us as we really want to do few things well: 1) Walk with God 2) Nurture our family 3) Make disciples.

Yours For HIS Harvest, Luke and Jamie Knickerbocker & Paul, Jason, Abigail, Emily, and Zach

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