

## Peter and Jayne Fleming

**MARCH 2022**

Location: **Kathmandu, NEPAL**

Mission: **Integral development and teaching**



Jaimasih (victory to Messiah) is a common greeting among Christians in Nepal. So “Jaimashi” to all who read this update! We thank God that there have been changes in Nepal since we last wrote. Even at a very simple level it is now warmer and for the first time since arrival we have dispensed with our thermal underwear!

More importantly, ‘normality’ is returning after the restrictions of January and much of February. Schools are open again to pupils – though there are still many precautions. United Mission to Nepal (UMN) also decided to remove most of its safety precautions and so it is possible to meet, work and travel together more freely.

On 17 February, Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) was able to celebrate 35 years of school with prayer throughout the day. We give praise for God’s faithfulness since 1987 when Alan McIlhenny founded KISC. Children asked God for more staff to come as there is a huge need. New principals in both secondary and primary are needed in August. Subject teachers are needed in secondary for the next academic year too. Jayne is settling into her new position as a student support teacher, dividing her day between working with ESL (English as a Second Language) children in class and meeting one to one with both primary and lower secondary pupils. It is amazing how quickly the day passes. Using her electric scooter to travel each day can be a challenge, but it’s also fun. A different mind-set is vital to negotiate traffic in Kathmandu!

Peter has continued to be involved with discussion of changes to his own job description and the future. The Leadership Team in UMN has also been reviewing long term plans, and on 18 February Peter had the privilege of

leading the team in a spiritual retreat. Just a few days prior to this, government officials finally (after almost two years) signed an interim agreement for work related to Covid-19. This is answered prayer, however three project agreements are still outstanding and this both hinders work and also makes getting visas for expatriate staff impossible.

A very positive development is that a Nepali lady will soon be appointed to work alongside Peter and Jiwan implementing a new Tear Fund project called ‘Transforming Family and Community Relationships’. Recently Peter has been invited to be a member of the Board of Asia Graduate School of Theology Nepal. This board provides graduate training for many key leaders. He has also been drawn into some very strategic discussion on how a holistic approach to ministry can be taught and supported for the long term in Nepal.

On 1 March we will have 92 days remaining on our visitor’s visa. We wait patiently for God to reveal the next step or the next season for us, whether in Nepal or at home.

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*Photo: KISC day of prayer 2022*

### Prayer points

- Praise God for all the positive developments mentioned above.
- Pray for continued protection in work and travel.
- Pray for clear guidance and provision for KISC, UMN and the Flemings