

Peter and Jayne Fleming

Location: **Kathmandu, NEPAL**

Mission: **Integral development and teaching**



Four years and eight months ago we arrived in Kathmandu with lots of baggage, plans and hopes. What an amazing experience it has been. There have been so many things we never could have imagined – endless challenges, but some of the greatest experiences of our lives.

What a privilege it has been to gain a sense of how different one culture is from another. To work teaching children from multiple nations. To meet church leaders and community workers doing amazing work across the whole country. To wrestle with the challenges of constant change as Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) moved into new premises and year on year had to find new teachers, while in United Mission to Nepal (UMN) pressures from outside and pandemic meant adjustment, uncertainty and just keeping going in faith. In the middle of it all we had an unintended lengthy stay at home including unexpected surgery. Throughout it all there were people – patient, determined, innovative and generous toward us. Behind everything there was a higher purpose. We had our plans and ideas, but time and again we learned, “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (Prov. 19:21). We were often frustrated by events, restrictions and delays that seemed pointless, but time and again we have seen enough to convince us that God has a purpose, and we can trust him even when we cannot see the reason. We have a God who is in control and loving.

It has been a wonderful thing to see the Lord’s purposes prevailing in the work at KISC. As the new term began 15 new teachers joined the staff, some having served in Nepal before, while others are new to living outside their home country. As with any new job things can seem overwhelming as they get to grips with new colleagues, curriculums, living conditions and pupils coming from so many countries of the world.

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In UMN it is a similar story. Our Integral Development team has grown and each member is busily following up their own responsibilities whether in Kathmandu based leadership and planning, or with leaders in remote villages two or three days walk from the nearest road. It has been a most encouraging few months for Peter helping this team to gel together, and to witness leaders growing in understanding of the responsibility of the Church to be innovative in serving the whole of their community.

Our Lord has purposes in the world and now we are asking for guidance and provision for the next phase of his purpose as we prepare to leave Nepal at the end of September. We have learned and benefitted much, made many special friends, shared in wonderful opportunities for service and witnessed much blessing. We will always be interested in Nepal and pray that fullness of life will come increasingly to the nation.



Prayer points

- Praise & Prayer for over four years of protection and blessing.
- Pray for God’s purposes to prevail in Nepal and for Peter & Jayne.