

Peter and Jayne Fleming

Location: **Kathmandu, NEPAL**

Mission: **Integral development and teaching**



Great news! After seven months of negotiation, hope, then disappointment, prayers have been answered! Praise God that on Friday 18 June the long-awaited General Agreement was signed off with the Government/Social Welfare Council. Thank you for praying with us. The next important step which will need continued prayer is for the Project Agreements to now be approved by the government. Peter's visa is connected to one of the project agreements and until this is approved, he cannot apply for a work visa.

United Mission to Nepal (UMN) is thankful for all the opportunities it has throughout the country to distribute health and safety equipment and materials to health institutions and food relief to families affected by Covid-19. There is a very slight loosening of lockdown, with vehicles now allowed back on the roads – one day vehicles with odd number plates are allowed on the roads, the next day those with even number plates are allowed.

The monsoon season has begun and has caused flooding, landslides, and loss of life in many parts of Nepal. At the end of June, 67 people were missing, 260 houses had been damaged and more than 600 people had to move from their homes and villages.

Peter continues to be involved every week with the 'Staff Support Group'. Around 50 – 60 staff spread throughout the country have been attending these meetings for support and to share stories of how they are coping. It is such a privilege to be a listening ear and pray for staff who are struggling with isolation. Currently Peter is also busy helping write project reports to update funding partners on progress.

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While Jayne continues to enjoy being with family, she does look forward to returning to Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) in God's timing. KISC has finished for the summer holidays and returns for the new academic year on 22 July. Whether that will be back on site will depend on the levels of Covid-19 in the country and how many have been vaccinated.



Photo: Dhana Lama (the next Executive Director of UMN, fourth from left) with signed agreement between UMN and government of Nepal. In the background looking over their shoulders are pictures of the Prime Minister and President!

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the signing of the General Agreement and pray for the Project Agreements now to be signed.
- Pray for families who are still suffering the effects of Covid-19 and for those who have lost loved ones. Pray for the government of Nepal to make wise decisions in regard to Covid-19 and for the country's healthcare system.
- Pray for those who are now homeless because of the monsoon flooding.