

## Peter and Jayne Fleming

Location: **Kathmandu, NEPAL**

Mission: **Integral development and teaching**



The Flemings continue living at home in Coleraine and doing what we can to support United Mission to Nepal (UMN), Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC), and also Kathmandu International Christian Congregation (KICC) as it seeks for a new pastor. Currently it is actually possible to travel to Nepal, so once fully vaccinated there is probably no reason to delay.

However, what we will be returning to remains unclear. The inordinate time taken for negotiations to secure agreements for UMN to do its work is still stretching on. There is significant pressure from government departments to reduce the number of ex-pat workers, and this could have an impact upon us and many others from around the world who have been working in UMN. Right now we simply do not know, but it is clear that we must go back for some time at least.

The work of UMN is continuing and a range of project responses to the needs caused by the pandemic are being implemented. It has been particularly encouraging that Peter's colleague, Jiwan Rai, has recently been travelling extensively and developing new contacts with church leaders in isolated areas. Jiwan is particularly gifted at relating to these leaders and sharing vision of how they can involve themselves in meeting community needs.

On Wednesday, 17 February KISC took part in their annual day of prayer where supporters all over the world joined together to uphold the staff and pupils. The school is now open to pupils and staff five days a week and children operate like the UK in class bubbles both inside and outside the classroom. Teachers are preparing online and in class lessons for students as some pupils have elected

to continue online both in Nepal, and others remain in their home countries. As always at this time of year much prayer is needed for next year's staffing needs. The school is in need of a secondary school principal, secondary teachers are needed for History, English, Languages, P.E., Geography and Music. A primary teacher and a primary special education teacher are also needed. If you would be interested in joining a wonderful school, please visit <https://www.kisc.edu.np/vacancies> for more details. KISC EQUIP who travel to the villages to train teachers, have been supporting these teachers through Zoom training. They continue to pray for financial support to expand their ability to educate children.

We remain here at home conducting meetings on Zoom just like almost everyone everywhere. The time difference continues to be a challenge as does intermittent internet service. However we are managing. In Hebrews (4:16) we are urged to pray confidently that we may "find grace to help us in our time of need". This we are seeking to do and we invite you to join us by praying that the right path will open as we look ahead.



### Prayer points

- Pray that it will be possible for us to return safely and soon to Nepal.
- Pray for the educational work of KISC and for the development work of UMN.
- Pray that the long delays over agreements and UMN's work will soon be resolved.