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Nepal Update

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Uncertain times

Would Kathmandu airport re-open? Would the situation in Nepal get worse? Or the situation in the UK make travel impossible and our wedding nonviable?

Concerns for my family, four working front line for the NHS with Covid patients.

Concerns for my 95 year old mother being cared for away from her own home.

Should we stay, or should we go?

A time of trust ...and much prayer.

Stay or go?

Daily checking of news reports, both UK and Nepal and talking to airlines.

Praying, exploring options.

Lock down in Kathmandu from mid March, then April, May and then we are into June.

Trusting that in deciding to wait, we would still be able to get back in time.

Finally, the chance to get on an evacuation flight at the right time.

We are on the list for flying Wednesday 24th. At 8pm on Saturday 20th, I get a call to say we need to now leave on the Monday.

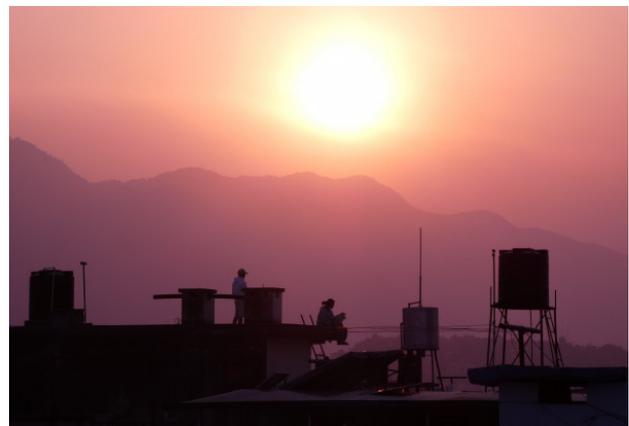
We quickly re-arrange our goodbyes, speed up packing and the dismantling of 20 years of stuff in Chas' flat.

By Monday 11am we are readying to leave for the airport.

We have our 2 week UK quarantine set up, have a car and food ready to be delivered. Special transport has been arranged to get us to Kathmandu airport. I decide to ring the flight people, just to check things are OK. Then we are told we are NOT now on that flight! We send the transport away and I sit down on the floor in a daze and cry!

We finally flew to the UK later that week on Thursday 25th. Completed our 2 week quarantine in time to set up new wedding arrangements. Our plan is still to be married in Scotland on 13th August.

During this time, I have been able to continue to connect and work with my EQUIP team online.



A pastor's story of helping Kathmandu families

"Ram Devi is 80 years old and a widow. We have visited before but this time we talked and shared the Gospel. What she knew about Jesus was wrong. She listened carefully and then we prayed for her.

She is the second wife. After her husband and his first wife died many years ago, her stepson and daughter threw her out.

She now lives in a small room where she cooks and sleeps.

Frequently she is afraid and worried, especially about becoming sick and unable to work.

She was crying as she told her story. We told her, 'God is there and will take care of you. Call us when you need help'.

When we gave her rice, oil and dal, she thanked God and said it will be sufficient for 2 months.

We are hopeful we will meet and help her again."



It's unprecedented times in which all the places and people we put our trust in.. governments, experts, scientists, have not been able to provide the answers .. but we know that God is unchanging; it is in Him that we trust.

An insight into impact

The story above is one of many that Chas & I have been sent from our Nepali pastors. Throughout lock down, we have helped both our Nepali churches to feed and support families who rely on a daily wage and who cannot feed themselves and their families.

It's also an insight to remember that in Nepal there is very limited support and no welfare system. Unless people have a family network, they have to keep working till they die.

Prayer needs

Like me, you may still be living with uncertainty and hard decisions.

Pray for...

Colleagues and friends back in Nepal.

Final arrangements for our downsized, socially distanced Scottish wedding, on 13th August.

God's unexpected blessings

I thank God for...

Quality time with my 95 year old mother. Talking and praying with her, as she won't make the wedding.

Time to get to know Chas' children and family better and for him to get to know my family.

Time with God before the wedding.

Your ongoing interest and prayer support for me.

With love and blessings

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