

Hi from sunny Kathmandu!

Well, it's sunny mixed with rain and thunderstorms, but it's not quite monsoon yet, so it's nice to have sunshine for most of the day!

Things are going really well here. We're now 3 weeks into the final term.

It's hard to believe in some ways, but at other times it feels like I've been here forever! I'm REALLY looking forward to coming home in July. I'll be home 1st – 20th July.

School is busy as usual. The everyday preparation and teaching, mixed with various issues and meetings where we're still trying to find our feet in 'new-school' issues. Overall, the first year of KISC Primary has gone really well. We have a long waiting list for next year, which I guess is a good sign, but also frustrating because we just can't accommodate everyone!

We're presently restricted by staffing needs and classroom sizes. We have lots of fun too though! Last term, we had a school picnic and fun day, and this month is May Madness, which means there is something crazy happening every Friday, such as crazy hair day, clash day, pyjamas day, etc!

At Easter, 4 people came from my church to visit. We went to Pokhara to visit Rosie (another girl from my church). It was a fantastic holiday, great fun and fellowship. It was good to go on a little 2-day trek too, and see the Himalayas a little closer!

I'm still enjoying International church here and have also joined a new Bible study group on Thursday nights. We're still going to the orphanage every Saturday afternoon, which is really good fun... it's nice to spend some time with Nepali kids too!

Well, I also have a little challenge for you all, if anyone is interested in doing some fund-raising in school, CU, youth group...

The future of KISC... To enable KISC to keep transforming communities here in Nepal, we are aiming to purchase the current site to have a permanent place for its 3 projects.

1. The Secondary school was started 20 years ago, with just 7 students. It has now 80 students, most of who are from missionary families. KISC therefore enables these families to stay in Nepal and transform communities in Nepal through various organisations and projects. Without KISC, many doctors, engineers, development workers and Bible teachers would not be able to work in Nepal.

2. KISC's most recent project is the Primary school, which was started August 2006. This year, we have 50 students, but there is a high demand for more places. Next year, we will have around 70 students, but we still have a long waiting list! We are currently restricted by staffing needs and classroom sizes. As in the secondary school, most of the families are involved in transforming communities in Nepal.

3. A Teacher Training programme was started 2 years ago. Last year, over 2000 Nepali teachers were trained across Nepal, transforming education.

This is just an overview of what happens at KISC right now. KISC has been at this site for the past 18 months. Buying the site would give more stability for the future of what KISC does, and also give us more flexibility in terms of building extra classrooms, etc. If you're interested in helping out, or know of any other family, friends, businesses, who might be, please let me know and I can send you more details! Also check out www.kisc.edu.np for the ultimate A-Z of fundraising ideas!

Thanks for all your continued interest and support! Looking forward to seeing you all in July!!!

Lots of love,
Joy

Praise God for...

- Good health.
- A refreshing break during the Easter holidays.

Pray for...

- Staffing needs in both primary and secondary for the year 2007-8.
- Funds to be provided so we can buy a permanent site for the school and Teacher Training programme.
- The kids at the orphanage – that we would continue to build good relationships & be a blessing to them.
- New friendships here, as 2 of my best friends have just left.
- Continued safety and protection here.