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As we reflect on the Christmas season I have been pondering Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths. As I continue to reflect on our life's journey I am amazed at how these verses learned in childhood hold true. Trusting God as we moved cross country twice; he has provided jobs for income and friends for support when times have been tough. God continues to guide our paths and give us what we need at just the right time. As you travel through this Christmas season we pray you have time to reflect on God's goodness in your own life and give him the glory!

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Nepal Update:

Our latest opportunity to trust God is in pursuing our missions trip to Nepal. The trip is coming quickly and we were wondering if we could gather the finances and prayer support required to go. To God be the glory; over the past few days we reached the full financial support required (\$3,600 total) to go on the trip. We also have 24 prayer supporters. We are still looking for a few more people who would be willing to pray for us daily while we are on our trip. This process continues to remind us how much we value the friends and family that surround us and continue to partner with us as we pursue God's calling on our lives. This trip would not be possible without faithful partners like all of you!! Thanks! There is one additional opportunity for those who would like to be a part of this project. Additional funds are needed for two purposes. First as we launch the micro-economic development (MED) program funds are required to use as seed capital for the first loans. Second we are partnering with an education training program in Kathmandu, Nepal to provide ongoing mentoring and training for the Trisuli teachers and additional funds are still needed to cover those costs. If anyone is interested in financially supporting either program checks can be made out to Foresight Development International a non-profit set up by the leader of our trip to develop and fund these specific programs, and sent to us! Just ask if you have any questions!

Candy Update:

It is Christmas Eve and I sit in the living room listening to Christmas music. Although this year has challenged me with work and school, there is an overwhelming feeling of thankfulness for God's gifts. The first is Dorian and Ditte (classmates) who are pillars of strength when the reading load, problem sets, response papers, studying, mid-terms, and writing long papers get overwhelming. Another is Maura and the Ceppi family, who graciously let me "scratch my horse itch" (as Tim puts it); and my job at MIT's Cohen Lab with an awesome boss, students and researchers. And God's greatest gift this year is the loving support, collaboration, and guidance of my husband as I attempt to peer into life after Harvard. The journey is difficult at times, but God is so faithful in using the people in our lives to hold us up and bring us the sweetest joys. Thanks to all our friends and family for the gift of love you bring to our lives! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

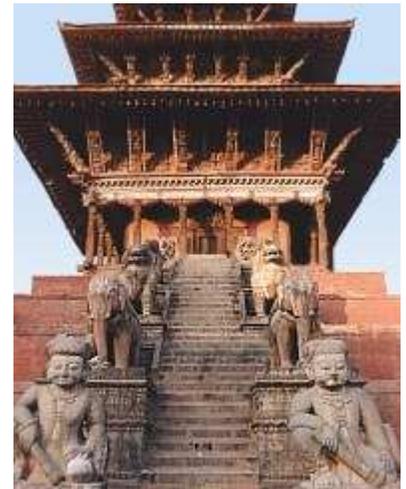
Tim Update:

Life has been busy getting things in order to go to Nepal. I am putting together part of the MED training program focusing on the program design helping the board and program managers decide how they want to set up and operate their program. I have also been invited to be a part of the International Missions Advisory Committee (IMAC) at Grace Chapel. This is their missions committee that oversees the missions budget, interview potential missionary candidates and layout the overall missions program. I am very excited to be a part of this committee of approximately seven people plus the global outreach pastor Jeanette Yep.

Prayer & Praise Requests!

- Praise we have raised all our financial support for Nepal!
- Prayer – we are looking for a few more prayer partners.
- Prayer – for additional funds for teacher mentoring and micro-economic development funding.
- Prayer – for Candy as she has finals and final papers due soon.

Pictures:



Temple in Kathmandu Valley



Local Nepali farmer

Calendar of Events:

- Dec 29 – Game Night, Bedford, MA
- Dec 31 – New Years Eve, N.H.
- Jan 1 – New Years at home
- Jan 7 – Nepal Meeting, Bedford, MA
- Jan 8 – CMW's final paper in Comparative Religious Ethics Class
- Jan 15 – CMW's Final Exam in Abnormal Psychology
- Jan 17 – CMW's Final Exam in Linguistics