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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you;
Deuteronomy Deuteronomy 31:8



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This is the first newsletter I have written while being physically in Nepal for a long time. The Corona statistic in Nepal is not terrible. However, one might wonder how accurate this data is, compared to the rest of the world. It is nearly impossible to get tested and no one will seek medical help until they are seriously ill. Hospitals are too expensive and people cannot afford the treatment. At the same time, people here do not trust doctors very much.

I have been reluctant to travel this last year because of frequent lockdowns. Nepal had an 8-month long lockdown and during this time, the airport was also partially closed and I didn't know if I would be able to return

to my family. There have also been very strict travel requirements in Norway and only the most essential travels are allowed.

My mother is in her 80s and this time has been very hard on her. She has been struggling with depression and with various health issues and has been asking if I could come. Within a few months, two of my uncles and two of my aunts passed away and one of my cousins. One of them died of cancer, but the reason for the other deaths is unknown. My biggest regret would have been to not have seen my mother if something were to happen to her.

Another reason for me to travel is the ministry work. I have never been out of Nepal for this long! Our leaders and staff are doing an amazing job, but there are some issues that I need to address. For those of you who have seen the short video I shared on Facebook, you can see that the area around the children's home is developing quickly. Sadly, the neighbors have filled up the mud on their property and have built a very tall wall on the edge of it right next to our kids' playground. In the few days I have been here, there has already been a 5.1 earthquake and if a larger one hits again, that wall could collapse down onto our property. I will have to file a complaint against the property owner before they start building houses there, so the clock is ticking.

When I was traveling from Norway to Nepal the airport was almost empty, shops were closed and I saw very few international flights on the screens.

By the time I landed in Kathmandu, it was crazy! Everywhere was as crowded as it always is and the taxi driver told me that there is no Corona in Nepal. Some people were using masks, but that was mostly because of the extreme pollution levels in Kathmandu right now. When I got home, I watched the news and it said that people were dying and numbers were increasing. The country's health minister was talking about lockdown again. This is mostly due to the rapid increase in new cases in India. I felt the people have so little information about Corona and are completely oblivious about what is going on in the rest of the world. I have now just completed my home quarantine and I am ready to get to work. Schools are closing again in cities. Gatherings are not supposed to have more than 25 people at a time.



Flight from Oslo to Doha!



Doha airport! It was silent.

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Inside room of shutter



View from outside road



This little business will be called Issachar Market!



Mahima Asish Church Hall

My goal is to spend quality time with family, leadership meetings, children's home, staff, and encourage the local churches. I will be here for the next two weeks.

The second children's home church hall update: It is close to completion. We are almost there! This hall will be used for two functions; for church service and for devotional time for children and staff.

Two-room shutter final update: Two-room shops construction is completed. One room will be rented out and the income will help support the ministry. The other will be run by the children's home and we will start as soon as we have enough funds to start a business.

NGO Update: Run Nepal (Reach the Unreached Nepal) NGO continues to operate under Compassion for Asia. Children's homes, the elderly home, and projects are under the covering of the NGO. Last week we had a board meeting. Board members include local pastors, political leaders, and independent people.

Family update: Anne Lise and the kids are in quarantine. Some schools are closed in our city and even though the national level of cases is decreasing, it is rapidly increasing where we live in Norway. I plan to return in two weeks from now.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Please pray for Anne Lise and the kids. They have all been exposed to Corona. Pray for their supernatural protection.
2. Pray for the issues around the children's home. We really need some of you to help pray and fast for a solution. It has been a constant struggle in that area and we really need a breakthrough!
3. Pray for my safety as I work in Nepal. Also, pray for wisdom and God's guidance to make the right decisions.

A special thank you: We would like to thank you so much to each one of you for your contributions and prayer.

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