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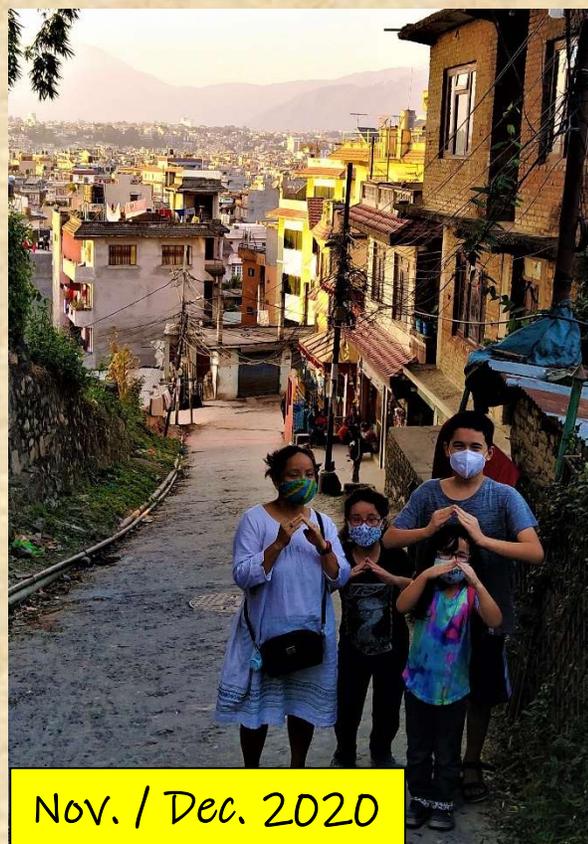
Trekkin' Times

'Work to see that the city where I sent you as exiles enjoys peace and prosperity. Pray to the LORD for it. For as it prospers you will prosper.' Jeremiah 29:7 (NET)

'I will make myself available to you,' says the LORD. 'Then I will reverse your plight and will regather you from all the nations and all the places where I have exiled you,' says the LORD. 'I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.' Jeremiah 29:14 (NET)

Dear Friends, we always have much to be thankful for, but this time it's really obvious! Work is going well, and God is clearly directing us where we have wanted to go for long time.

If you read Jeremiah 29, you see God comforting the Jewish nation after sending them into exile. We can relate, both to praying for the city where God sent us, and also to seeing God's faithfulness in bringing us back from exile. Read on to hear the exciting events happening in our already adventurous lives!



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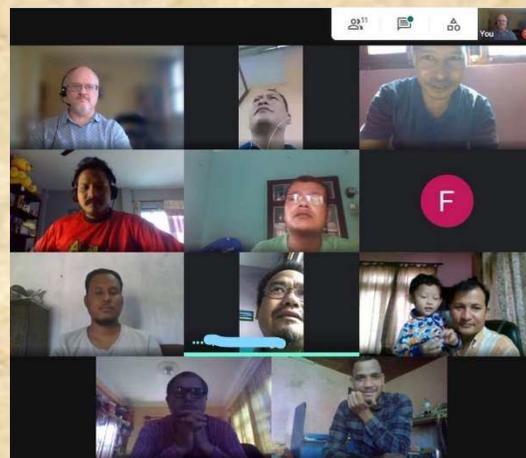
One of our village story teams, meeting to craft new Bible stories

Praying for peace and prosperity – We are on track to finish our Bible storying workshops before May next year, right on schedule. In addition, we've learned that, even under lockdown conditions, people are listening to the Bible stories and following Jesus. We know of at least 10 new believers!

Our Trauma Healing workshops are not happening so far, because we feel they are best done face-to-face. At the same time, there is no better time to help people learn to deal with trauma! We are working out ways to train a few local people to lead smaller-sized groups, so that they can lead the Trauma Healing trainings, and do it many times, and in their own languages. That is our goal anyway, and this strange season may actually help us to be more effective than we might have been. Pray to God with us that it may happen that way.

Certified! – In the last 6 months,

I (S) have been a Consultant-in-Training for some Bible storying projects in Elina's home country. I've helped those projects to move forward, and they helped me get more practice checking Bible stories that I'm less familiar with. As a result, *I have become a certified Advanced Storying Consultant* for projects in E's home country! This is something I have been working towards for the last 2 years. I thank God for preparing me for the next stage in our journey.



Please do not share our newsletter without asking us first – thanks!

No longer an Exile – Since our last newsletter, we had another court appearance regarding my ban to E’s home country. We found out that I am no longer banned! I would be allowed to immediately apply for a lifetime visa, and I did. Within a month, I learned that my application was accepted, and a week later, I went in and picked up **my brand-new lifetime visa!** As a bonus, we applied for L2’s lifetime visa as well, and she also got hers. Now our whole family have lifetime visas, and can travel to and live in E’s home country whenever we want, for however long.

It’s a miracle! Thank you so much for praying for so many years, and especially in this last year since we hired a lawyer to help us.



Travel Trials – There’s just one, little thing potentially stopping us from visiting E’s family for Christmas – *the pandemic*. We are hoping and praying for open borders and safe flights. Please pray that we may be able to visit Elina’s family within the next few months – thanks.

We’d like to visit E’s home country and family soon because we plan to start furlough in the USA next May. We had tickets booked, but...the airline went bankrupt. Our travel agent is looking at other options. Please pray that we will find good tickets that do not cost much more, and that the flights will not get cancelled.

Our whole family is looking forward to our furlough in the USA. We have not seen most of you for five years or more! Let us know if you want us to visit you. We sincerely hope that it will be safe to visit you in person! Also, would you please pray that we would find new financial partners even before we start our furlough? That would be a great help to us in this challenging time.

That’s all the exciting news from our side of the world. Let us know how you’re doing and how we can pray for you. Thank you for your prayers, your gifts and your notes. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

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