

# The Knickerbockers

## Missionaries to Nepal



Dear Praying Friends,

January, 2, 2018

It is hard to reduce so much news onto a single page of paper...but let us try! In November and December, we had several opportunities to minister to pastors, churches, and a Christian school. A few weeks ago, I (Luke) went to Nepal and was greatly encouraged to see how God is working in several ministries that we have had a part in during our first term. Some highlights are as follows:

- 1) **Boudha**— Preached at the Tibetan church where we helped the Levines for our first two years. There I got to meet a lady who was recently saved; she is related to a family we helped reach... Fruit bearing Fruit! Also, it was good to see our friend Gyatso again. Please pray as he has one semester of Bible College remaining.
- 2) **Bible College**—Preached in chapel. It was encouraging to see a pastor's son from Dhading: he is in his first year. We met his dad after the earthquake two years ago.
- 3) **Mangalhar**—Preached to this village assembly where evangelistic teams have been preaching the Gospel over the last year. Two people have recently been saved, and another man is asking lots of questions...First Fruits!

On this same trip, Luke also travelled to the western district of Dolpa with a couple we met while on deputation. This was their survey trip to visit the Kaike people who live in three remote villages. After two domestic flights from Kathmandu, we landed on an airstrip built onto the side of a mountain. While waiting to secure permits, we met a pastor from a nearby village and a Nepali missionary from Upper Dolpa.

In the late afternoon, we took a jeep to Dunai. We found out that a couple days later, the same jeep and driver crashed downhill! (see below) Thankfully no one died. We hiked about seven hours to get to Tarakot. We couldn't take a jeep there because a small landslide covered the road about an hour before we arrived! God surely protected us!

The Lord gave us favor with many people along the way. We even got to play volleyball with the police who are stationed at the base of the Kaike villages. On our return hike, we met the recently re-elected representative of Dolpa District in the Nepali parliament. He bought us coffee and provided helpful information. It is clear that there are open doors for future work there. Though we met a number of professing Nepali Christians on this trip, they are considered outsiders and there are still very few Dolpa Tibetan Christians and no known Kaike believers. Please consider having the Reynolds come and share more about their future work in this region! You may email them at [liam2414@protonmail.com](mailto:liam2414@protonmail.com).

As we move forward into 2018, it is my desire to "wholly follow the Lord" in every area of life. Please keep us in prayer as we have many details to finalize in preparation for our return to Nepal. Of course, pray for a healthy delivery of our baby boy in February. Also, we still have many miles ahead as we present our work in churches. Thank you so much for each of you who pray and give that the Gospel may go farther!

In Christ,

*Luke and Jamie Knickerbocker & Family*



The Parliament Rep from Dolpa

The jeep we took two days earlier!



The steep hike to Tarakot!

The Reynolds



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