

# The Methodist Church

**Paul and Sarah Wright, Mission Partners, Nepal, December 2007**

## Looking Back at 2007.....

**January** – A big day for Asha as she started doing half days in the nursery at the school Jack goes to.

With a bit more time on my hands I started part-time work helping to orientate new foreigners arriving to work with United Mission to Nepal.



**February** – With a few wobbles but very few grazes Jack learned to ride a bike. Hard to get any practice on the busy streets of Kathmandu.

Paul took a trip to Rukum, Mid-West Nepal. Rukum saw late snows and Paul found himself stuck there for more days than he intended.

**March** – Asha turned 4.

**April** – Paul took a trip to work with UMN partners in the remote and poorly developed district of Mugu. Accessible only by plane. He loves to get out of the city.



**May** – Jack and Asha both had lots of fun at school. Swimming lessons, sports days and crazy hair day!



**June** – Jack learnt to swim. At home our landlord's building work in our garden entered it's 5<sup>th</sup> month and the building hit five storeys high. House-hunting began!

**July** – End of the school year always means saying goodbyes to friends as many expats move on at this time of year.

Family camping holiday. A wonderful rest for us all. Jack lost his first milk tooth and told everybody!

**August** – Back to school. Asha started full time in the Foundation class and Jack moved up to Year 2. Both have been very settled and happy in school this year.

Monsoon brought heavy floods across the south of the country, many homes destroyed and people displaced. On one of Paul's relief trips, this truck carrying food for distribution got bogged down on route.



**September** – Jack turned 7.

I enjoyed teaching a course on prayer at a small Bible School. Students graduated in Nov.

Petrol shortages caused widespread problems and lead to demonstrations within the city.

**October** – Paul was seconded by UMN to work full time with Nepal Christian Relief Services. NCRS works nationwide through local churches to offer relief. Another relief trip took Paul to East Nepal where a flooded river had swept away large sections of the bank taking homes with it.

Moved house just as Sarah's Mum arrived to spend three weeks with us.

**November** – Jack and Asha busy practising for school plays, Paul busy doing research and interviews for his Masters and I'm trying to get everything ready for leaving on home leave.

**December** – Paul will be in Bali at the Climate Change conference, school plays will run and the bags will get packed (I hope!). We'll spend Christmas with good friends in Thailand before we head to the UK.

### **Looking ahead to 2008....**

We'll be in the UK, staying at Sarah's Mum's from Jan 3rd until we return to Nepal in the middle of April. We hope we'll see as many of you as possible too. Why not come along to one of the churches where we'll be speaking:

- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Otley Methodists
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Glossop Methodists
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Jesmond Parish
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Cullercoats Methodists
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Menston Methodists
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March Starbeck Methodists



Have a lovely Christmas.  
Wishing you every blessing for  
2008  
Sarah, Paul, Jack and Asha