

From Kate and Bijaya at SMBC

With Apechhya



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Almost Finished

Today was Bijaya's final day of class for his Bachelor of Theology. He is just two essays and an exam away from completing his course. His final exam will be Wednesday the 22nd of November.

Please pray he can focus on these final assessments.

Thank you once again for all of you who have prayed for him and contributed financially! We are thankful for all these years we have been part of the CMS family and their partnership in the gospel. If you have partnering with us financially via credit card or direct debit, you must notify CMS to bring this to an end. However, we commend CMS to you and ask that you consider continuing in prayer and financial support for other gospel workers around the world. The CMS vision to see "a world that knows Jesus" is ongoing and we'd love you to keep being a part of that.



Appu recently received her Australian citizenship, we celebrated at one of many local Nepali restaurants!

Next Year

As we have talk and prayed about next year, we have been convinced that its good to pursue opportunities for ministry amongst Nepali here in Sydney. A few interesting facts:

- According to the 2021 there were 123,000 Nepalese in Australia, with the largest population in Sydney
- Migrants coming into Australia in 2022-2023, saw Nepalese as the 4th largest group (after Indian, China and the Philippines)
- In the Sydney area the vast majority of Nepalese are in the 20-29 age group (29083 people, compared to only 4549 people in the 40-49 age group)

We have been having conversations about what this could look like, and in particular how it might be possible for Bijaya to do this either part time or full time. But right now its not at all clear.

Give thanks that many churches in Sydney are aware of the need for Nepali ministry, and that outreach that is already happening through ESL classes etc. **Give thanks** also for the small number of Nepali churches who are already doing ministry here.

Please pray that God would grow gospel ministry amongst Nepalese in Sydney. **Please pray** that God would show us the next step!

We will only send one more prayer update through CMS, however **if you would like to continue to partner with us in prayer, please let us know** and we can add you to our list for ongoing prayer letters.

In Him

Bijaya, Kate and Apechhya



This is a photo taken on an early morning bike ride in Nepal 5 or so years ago. A rope bridge over a gorge going off into the mist. It's a bit how life feels at the moment. Kind of exciting but no idea what's on the other side!