

# In Nepal and Planting

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**Dear family & friends,**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Colleen and I enjoyed Christmas with my family this year. The Burkinshaws grew a fair bit with the addition of my wife Colleen and Abigail our little niece. It has made for a lot of fun and a different



Christmas and we are cherishing it as we recognize that this will likely be our last Christmas here in Canada for at least a few years. We are still hoping and praying that we will be able to get to Nepal this spring.

In late November, Colleen and I went to two churches in New England to share

our ministry. It was a great time to share about Nepal, our vision and reconnect with many of Colleen's family and friends. We were also able to spend American Thanksgiving with all of Colleen's family in

North Carolina. We drove and took the train for a total of about 2000 miles and saw 10 states. We arrived back in Canada exhausted with the goal of not traveling for at least a couple

of months. Since then we have achieved that goal, and have both been working. I am still doing construction and Colleen has started a job in Bellingham, Washington. It is a long drive for her, but we are thankful that something came

through. Canada could have had a great nurse but Ottawa is having trouble moving a piece of paper that states that Colleen is healthy.

Some exciting things have happened in Nepal since we last emailed. God has raised up two men from Jumla (the town where we plan on living). Both have finished Bible school training and are now ready for ministry in their home area. They have both chosen apple growing as the means to support their families while they do ministry in the Jumla area. Two other men from an almost completely unreached people group





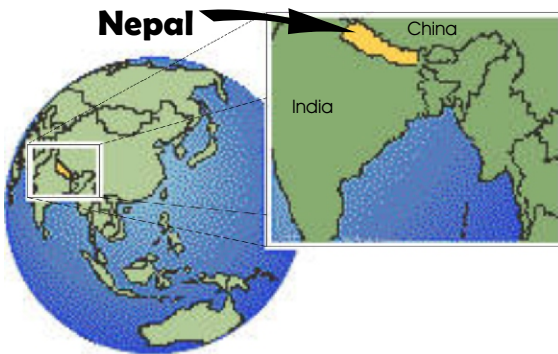
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related to the Tibetans have also expressed a desire to be trained in apple growing as a way to support themselves and be a credible member of their communities. My friend mentioned that all four are now ready for the “tall-white-guy-who-knows-something-about-apples” to show up and help start their orchards. Another development is that we have been asked to consider looking after two Nepali teenagers while their parents are involved in ministry outside of the Kathmandu area. We will be doing Nepali language study and living in Kathmandu for the first while and this could be a



need that we might be able to meet. It would be an interesting challenge to be the parents of two Nepali teenagers after about 7 months of marriage, but we think that we are up for it .



We thank you for praying for us as we prepare to leave. We are thankful to God for the time we had with the two churches in New England and were so blessed by friends' and family's enthusiasm and love.

We are beginning to look more seriously at the details for leaving and covet your prayers for a few specific things: wisdom for ongoing support raising and knowing when to fix our departure date; housing arrangements in Nepal and the opportunity to look after the two teenagers and lastly motivation and perseverance in language study as we start here and anticipate diving into full time study when we arrive in Nepal.

In Him,  
Andrew and Colleen Burkinshaw

**Now You Know...**

In Kathmandu there is a shrine to a toothache god, who can be appeased with a coin.



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