



Nepal Jesuit Society

G P O Box 50

Kathmandu, Nepal

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Dear Mission Possible Friends,

Many thanks for the \$650 donation you sent to Canadian Jesuits International in December. I'll see that the funds are well used for the poor. I've already sent you my Christmas news, so add a little update below.

I had a quiet Christmas break at Khrist Raja High School in Bettiah, Bihar, just south of the Nepal border. I had not gotten around to making my annual eight day retreat, and had to be out of Nepal for a few days in order to renew my visa, so off I went December 22nd. I enjoyed the Jesuit community's hospitality and chance to pray quietly. Afternoon walks in farmland, lush with winter wheat and vegetables, were enjoyable. The young men at home had their own excellent Christmas celebrations, taking every opportunity to perform their village line dances.

In January, our young men and some of the staff went to Jhapa District, in Nepal's south-east corner. In October I took them to Tipling, at a height of 2,200 m, where they could stay with our Tamang parishioners and experience life in the high hills. Now they have stayed in villages on the plains, with very different tribal people. Some of our young men are from these tribes so communication was not a problem. On January 21st Bishop Paul Simick blessed the new parish church there, at Maheshpur. Then our men returned to Kamal Niwas to get back to their studies.

Life in Nepal continues well. Our government is not up to much but the government offices run well enough. Lots of road construction makes travel temporarily difficult but will help in the long run. We now have almost enough electric power so do not have to put up with "load shedding." I'm slowing down, but still jog VERY slowly and cycle a lot!

Thanks again for your support and prayers for all in the family, that you will have a blessed year.

Yours,

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