



## EquipNepal e-Newsletter Looking Ahead

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Welcome to the first issue of EquipNepal's ministry e-newsletter!

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This first issue is just to introduce you to our new format and let you know that we are still alive and well and working in Nepal! EquipNepal just celebrated our 4th official year as a non-profit ministry under [Mission LINK International](#), and our 6th year (working with children's homes) in ministry. It has been a joy to serve the Lord and His people in Nepal, and I never cease to be amazed at how He brings us into relationships with people who love Nepal as we do. Just this past month, I was able to connect with a friend of our pastor who is going to Nepal (Jenny), a young woman who is working with children in Nepal and brought back some handcraft for us (Tammy), and a Laotian woman at the restaurant in Billings who employs a Nepali student. I love my work because it is different every day!

After the past year, one of the most incredible in our lives, I am getting my footing back and am attempting to get back on the road toward being the good communicator that I used to be (please read the accompanying article in **Simply Personal** below). I want you to know the good things the Lord is doing in Nepal - and here in the U.S. - as He knits hearts together to work for His kingdom in Nepal. I want to keep you updated on our past projects, inform you of how you can help with current projects, and let you know how to pray. Please look forward to some updates on all the ministries we work with in the next issue.

Thank you for hanging in there with us!

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27*

In Christ,

Jan

**Simply Personal**

## 2006

**January** - Bud starts work in Billings, MT, building the first underground coal mine in Montana (4 hours from Carlile).

**February** - We prepare to put our house up for sale.

**May** - My sister, Karin, marries Moshe in Israel. Almost the entire family travels to her most amazing wedding, which took place in a replica of the tabernacle tent in a Biblical garden, set up by Moshe. We tour Israel with the most knowledgeable, passionate, and unique Israeli, my new brother-in-law.

**July** - More than 16,000 beautiful acres of the Black Hills in Wyoming burned from a lightning strike and subsequent wild fire, including our entire five acres of Ponderosa pine - not NOT our house (it was water-bombed by a helicopter).

**October** - By God's grace, we are able to sell our house AFTER the fire, and move to Billings. Bud and I get to live together again after 10 months apart! Boxes are stacked to the "rafters" in our new house. I love living in a city again!

## 2007

**January** - My kidney disease progresses from 13% function to 6% very rapidly. I am very seriously ill with kidney failure.

**February** - My sister, Christy, and I meet at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, for our final tests before my kidney transplant. I have a catheter surgically placed in my chest and start hemodialysis (lasting only 3 weeks).

**March 5** - I receive a kidney from my sister and it works fabulously! She is a perfect match - all 6 antigens and all chromosomes! I am so thankful for this amazing gift of life. Bud cares for me for 3 weeks in Rochester while I learn to take care of my new kidney.

**July** - I am four months post-transplant and am doing great! I have had kidney disease for 34 years and it is wonderful to have so many good changes in my life due to my kidney transplant.

**August** - I am currently at the Mayo Clinic, undergoing plasma exchanges (through a new catheter placed in my chest) to try to arrest or put into remission the autoimmune disease that

damaged my native kidneys and is threatening my new transplanted kidney. If you want to stay updated on our kidney adventure: <http://groups.yahoo.com/kidneysisters>.

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip; He who watches over you will not slumber" (Psalm 121:1-3).*

## And the journey continues on...

Your interest in and support of our ministry is so appreciated!

**Sincerely,**

Jan

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