

15th JULY 09

Dear Friends:

Namasthay and Greetings from soaking Kurseong!



This year the weather here has been very funny. Last two days were bright and very hot like summer, very unusual in July. Today it's typical monsoon day with fog everywhere and nonstop rain. It's cold also.

Today we're all locked inside our home. First reason, because of the nonstop rain and second the political indefinite strike. It is the 4th day of the strike. Everything is closed, children's schools, businesses, vehicles, post office and banks. We're not sure when the strikes will be over. When it is raining, the children do revisions of their school text books (while we elders help them) and play Chinese checkers & scrabble. When it is not raining we take care of our 8-square meter gardens – take out weeds, sow or harvest when needed. It is a very soothing therapy for all. And it is very nice to have fresh vegetables like lettuce, beans, carrots and spinach from our garden sometimes.



We have 8-square meter beds. We buy most of our vegetables which is very expensive but it is very good to have now and then fresh veggies from our own garden.



Star Farmers: L-R: ALINA, NEHA AND ADEN

Shanti, our eldest passed her grade XII exams and wants to become a nurse. Shanti, Nita and I had gone to Patna for Shanti's nursing board entrance test. (I asked my mother to baby sit the children while we're gone. I wanted to take Nita along too so if there is a need we can take turns going to Patna.) Patna is in another State. We boarded the train around 2.30pm from Jalpiguri (Siliguri) and reached Patna around 6.30am the next morning. It was very hot there. Inside the hospital, it was alright but outside it was like an oven. Coming back was like heaven.

Shanti wrote her test in the Holy Family hospital is being run by the medical sisters and sisters of Nazareth.

But recently this hospital is run in collaboration with the government. Shanti says she did the test alright. The results will come out after two weeks. If she passes, she will have to go for more tests, interview & medical tests. So we're crossing our fingers and waiting for the results to come out I hope by the time results come out there will be no strikes!



SHANTI LAKPA DOMA LUCY ON HER BAPTISM DAY 21ST JUNE

After so many years, she decided to become a Christian. So she was baptised as Lakpa Doma Lucy on the 21st June 09. She wanted to keep her Buddhist name, Lakpa Doma also. To celebrate this special occasion Fr Abe sent a special cake for her from Ben.



Leaking roof causes the water to slide on the walls causing damp & wet.



Talking about the monsoon, I'll have to fix the leaking roof of our new house as soon as the monsoon stops. I think I've said enough. Now I will quit.

Thank you so much dear friends for your kindness, love and generosity. You are in our prayers, thoughts and hearts. With love and best regards from all of us,



Cecilia, Nita, Shanti and family

P.S. If you would like to make a donation to support us, please contact: Kit Doan at kit@kitandjane.ca, or Dr Laura Louie at drlauralouie@yahoo.ca. Or Debra Cummings at cummings.debs@gmail.com> THANK YOU!!!



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OF OUR HOUSE
WHICH
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LETTUCE,
CARROT,
SPINACH, BEANS
AND TABLE
RADISH ETC.**

