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Dear Friends: Greetings from Kurseong!

Lots of things happened since I last wrote you. New addition in our family, children's school sports, lots of rains due to the storm "Aila" from the Bay of Bengal followed by sickness in the family.

First of all new addition in our family. Little Neha (5) and her mother, Anita came looking for shelter and work. Its 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years that Anita has been to Sikkim and Delhi looking for work. But it is very hard for a mother with a young child to get jobs. Neha's father left when she was just three months old. Anita is also ex-SASAC worker – with a young girl-child. So I had to welcome them. Now we are a family of 18! Three adults and fifteen children. I wish our house is made up of rubber so we could expand it more. But we cannot do.



**Neha (5) and her mother, Anita came to us looking for work and shelter.**



**Neha likes school very much. We put her in Kinder Garden in St. Josephs with our girls.**

May is supposed to be the hottest month of the year. But here in Kurseong monsoon started in May. Aila, storm from Bay of Bengal caused more rains, landslides and destructions of houses and lives in the hills also.

Just at the bottom of our village, two young children and their mother got crushed inside their house by landslide. Their next door neighbour, a couple also were killed at the same time. The two young children used to go to school with Prabina Monica and Prabin Justin. It was a real shock and sorrow. That day children got holiday because of the heavy rain. Everybody thought children would be safer at home. But as soon as those children got home they got killed. This incident again reminded us that we have no control over deaths and births but only God has.

Post storm, most of the children have cold/cough/fever. Prabina Monica had to be hospitalized but others are taking medicine and resting at home. Chogel just started going to school from today after a week. Three weeks ago, Shanti fainted in the washroom and had to be hospitalized for two days. Now she is well. She finished her exams and waiting for the results. She has applied for nursing also and is waiting for the reply.

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But we have been very blessed in our family. We have a very good house to live in and have enough to eat and getting education. All this is from your love and generosity. God has been very good to us because of the friends like you, who love us and care for us. Thank you very much, we are very grateful for your love and kindness. With much love and regards from all of us.

Cecilia, Nita, Anita and all the children.

**P.S.** If you would like to make donation to support us and live in Canada or the United States, please contact :Kit Doan at [kit@kitandjane.ca](mailto:kit@kitandjane.ca), Dr Laura Louie at [drlauralouie@yahoo.ca](mailto:drlauralouie@yahoo.ca). and Debra cummings at [cummings.debs@gmail.com](mailto:cummings.debs@gmail.com) THANK YOU!!!



**PRABIN JUSTIN**



**MAY HARVEST**



**PRABINA MONICA**



**ST. JOSEPH'S SPORTS DAY**

**POOJA ELIZABETH: RED HOUSE CAPTAIN**



**PRABINA MONICA: BLUE HOUSE CAPTAIN**

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**JUNIORS' CAPTAIN: ALINA**



**CHODEN CAME 1<sup>ST</sup>: COIN-FINDING RACE**



**SCHOOL MARATHON: SAJAN SIMON CAME 11<sup>TH</sup> OUT OF 80!**



**ADEN ON POTATO COLLECTING RACE**



**MAY BABIES (L-R): ANITA, ALINA, SIMON, NIGMA**



**JUNE TWINS : MONICA AND JAMES**



Top L-R: Prabina Monica, Choden, Alina, Elizabeth  
Front: Aden ON THEIR SPORTS DAY

SAJAN  
SIMON  
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SACHIN  
JAMES  
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ADEN



VEGETABLE SEEDS FROM CANADA!



Monsoon in May! St Joseph's Primary girls



St Alphonsus' primary boys



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