

October 2009

Dear Friends: Happy Diwali!



Greetings from all of us in Kurseong!

October started with two days non-stop rain & then cold weather. One morning all children woke up around 3 am because of the thunderous sound. We thought the bridge on the stream near our house was gone. But it was a landslide at the backside of our house. A new house was recently built just above the backside of our house. There are a common path and a drain in between our house and the wall. The drains as well as the path were blocked.



**SAJAN SIMON
AND DAVA ARE
CHECKING THE
LANDSLIDE AT
THE BACKSIDE
OF OUR HOUSE.**



THANK GOODNESS OUR ALL-ROUNDER CHILDREN HELPED CLEAR THE DRAIN AND THE COMMON PATH LATER ON.



October is a time of festivals. One of our beautiful Nepali festival s is Bhai Tika (brother’s celebration). Brothers get tikas on their foreheads, garlands, sweets and blessings from their sisters on this day. And sisters get in return gifts and assurance of their protection.



PRABIN JUSTIN IS GETTING TIKA FROM PRABINA MONICA ➡



SISTERS & BROTHERS: WE WORK, PLAY, PRAY, EAT AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

Another important festival is Diwali (festival of lights). And we Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the light! After a long time of three years, Diwali was very special for us this year . Because we were in our own home! Just after family prayer, we lighted small oil lamps and put around the house. And it looked beautiful and we felt wonderful.



(ABOVE: L-R): ADEN AND NEHA ARE LIGHTING UP OIL LAMPS AROUND THE HOUSE.



(L-R): CHOGEL, JAMES, BERNADETTE, JUSTIN & ELIZABETH ARE MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ON OUR ROOF WITH LIGHTED LAMPS.



Because of the prolonged rain and changing weather we had a bad strain of flu around. Prabina Monica was hospitalized first. Then followed Dava and Sajan Simon. Little Neha had measles and cold. Her mother, Anita was in bed for six days. Now Choden has this flu. Others also had this flu but not severe. Thank God all are getting better!



SACHIN JAMES, CHOGEL AND PRABIN JUSTIN : ON THEIR SPORTS DAY!

Nita finished her computer course finally! Now she is helping Fr Abraham to organize slide photos of SAS school building, people etc. in the computer. She is scanning slide pictures and putting them in the computer. (There are lots of histories of SAS and SASAC in those slide pictures!) She is happy to work outside the house also.

Shanti Lucy is doing well in nursing school. And she is happy and very grateful to get this opportunity to go to nursing school. And I am very grateful to our dear friends who have made it possible for us to give shelter, food, education, medical care and love to our children. And thank you very much for supporting us to organize our lives too!



Cecilia, Nita and all the children!



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