



Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy a few photos of our family. We created some good memories with all our girls at home for Christmas, in spite of the fact that all 5 of us ended up on antibiotics. Jenny had a severe sinus infection for 10 days, Sandy had bronchitis, and the rest of us all had respiratory infections. Nevertheless, we all made it to the Christmas Eve service and were able to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We enjoyed time together as a family from Christmas until New Year's Day, when Kristen had to fly back to the States to return to her teaching job.

Lauren returned to the States Jan. 12, wondering if she could find a job, with the economy as it is. God not only provided her with a wonderful place to live, with coworkers of ours in Lookout Mountain, Ga., but within 10 days she had her first full-time job at VW in nearby Chattanooga.

In January we went to Germany with Jenny to pick several boxes she had stored there and to see some of her friends one last time before leaving for Nepal. We had an opportunity to meet her team leader for Nepal, and got a chance to ask him all our questions about living there, which was a help to us. We also visited a friend who used to live here in Vienna, so that was an enjoyable weekend for us.

We had a tearful goodbye at the airport on Jan. 28 when Jenny flew to Nepal. Since then we've gotten several emails and been able to talk with her by phone several times. She describes Kathmandu as a city where poverty is obvious and rubbish is everywhere. Jenny is living in an apartment with 5 girls. There is no electricity for 12 hours every day, so those activities that require electricity have to be left until it comes on. Of course, there's no heat either, so it gets quite chilly in the apartment, which has concrete walls. She will be studying the language and working in communications, and beginning to check out other ministry opportunities.

Sandy is busy with planning a spring retreat for women in April, as well as teaching and mentoring in Vienna and Slovakia. She will be going for her yearly cancer check-up in March. Rob continues with his teaching and mentoring cycle with Baptist pastors in Slovakia. The men also have a special retreat planned for the beginning of March.

After our Entrust all staff conference this April, we plan to come to the States for a 3 month home leave, and will be visiting many of our supporting churches and individuals. We are planning the itinerary now and will post it in our next newsletter. Please keep us in your prayers, as spring is a very busy season of ministry, that we might "give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord," knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). We thank God for each one of you, and for serving with us in Europe.

In His service, Rob, Sandy, Kristen, Jenny & Lauren