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Becky's Update

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Moving On Soon

The past few weeks have been full of sorting, packing, and working through getting rid of a large household worth of goods. I certainly wasn't looking forward to this job, but in many ways it has gone better than I had hoped.

Pretty much everything is now spoken for, and gradually making its way to new homes. I have just a week before I leave this home in the Far West. Mixed emotions, for sure. I will definitely miss the people and some of the benefits, including the nicer scenery. Right now that isn't the case though, as the last month the skies have been blotted out with the haze (and pollution) of forest fires. It has been very bad this year, and I'm sure part of the reason there is so much respiratory stuff passing all over the place and continuing to nag me as well.

I'm thankful that the biggest part of the job is done now, so I can concentrate on visiting and having times to say the goodbyes. Hopefully my stomach will hold up to all the 'special' meals that are so much a part of things here. I have already been treated quite a bit, and enjoying some things that I won't get in other areas in the future.



Rising Opposition Again

The big country to our south is going into controversial elections and has been seeing more and more opposition to anything other than Hindu religion. These kind of attitudes, in turn, get pushed here as well. Some of it seems to be directly supported by the leaders there. Here, we are also seeing some signs of possible increased opposition again. The central government has recently sent official instructions for district level leaders to be carefully checking out and watching foreigners, specifically regarding religious activities and to act on this. Certainly not good news if this is carried out.

You can read an more extensive article about this rising attitude here:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2024/april/nepal-christians-hindutva-hindu-nationalism-india-rss-hss.html>

or <https://kathmandupost.com/national/2024/04/13/home-ministry-instructs-district-authorities-to-closely-monitor-religious-conversions>



Heading Your Way?

I will be finishing off reporting, etc. on my research when I reach the city. Then it will again be sorting and packing and getting ready to head to the US for my home assignment. I'm scheduled to fly on May 22. It will be good to get a break away, but even better hopefully to be able to touch base with as many as possible. I don't yet know how much traveling I'll be doing, but please do be in touch if we can possibly work out a way to visit.

My current schedule is:

- * based in Grand Rapids, Michigan - June- mid-Sept
- * Debrief Retreat - June 4-13
- * based in Roseville, Michigan (Detroit area) - mid-Sept- mid-Nov.
- * November 20 - return to South Asia

Hoping there might be opportunity to see many of you.



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