Philipsburg, Penna.
March 1, 1957

This is a resume of "Almost a Year in Kathmandu - and Nepal," which Elizabeth Bucke Miller sent home to Dad Bucke (Dr. J. E. A. Bucke) in March, at his request, to add to "speech-making material." General mimeographed letters from 150 Fifth Avenue have also been excellent periodic assembling of information from Nepal.

Elizabeth and her husband Edgar, and Bethel and Bob Fleming - left New York on February 9th, 1956, on an Isthmian Line freighter for Calcutta. They arrived in India (Bombay) on Easter Sunday, but continued with the freighter down around India to Calcutta, where they were held up several weeks because of customs - though Bethel went ahead via plane and Bob stayed on even longer to take the jeep over the mountain. Betty and Edgar arrived in Kathmandu, Nepal, the beginning of April.

Now for the report —

April 1956 - 8 beds set up by the 3 girls already on location in one of the large reception halls of Shanta Bhawan.

Dispensary was already under way on 2 mornings a week.

Bhotgan was already under way, being the one Bethel Fleming started in 1955 before they came to U.S.A. on furlough. It is 7 miles from Kathmandu. Takes 50 minutes to drive there. 2 wonderful Lutheran girls live there in a Nepali house in the middle of a Nepali community. Edgar goes one day a week - and Bethel goes one day a week. The girls run it during the remaining time with girls' classes (sewing, etc.) and daily dispensary.

April 16, 1956 - first new patient we saw when we first arrived. Shanta Bhawan Hospital Dispensary - No. 206. December 31, 1956, last new patient we saw: 3

Total patients seen in dispensary from 1/1/56 to 4/16/56 —— 400
Total patients seen in dispensary up to Dec. 31, 1957 —— 7,557

July - August 1956 -- we saw 1271 and 1081 patients - but after that the number went down a bit because we registered no one after 100 patients had arrived for clinic because we just couldn't handle more.

As noted: 8 beds were available 4/16/56.
More baggage arrived - trunks, April 27; more trunks, May 4; more boxes, June 5; still more boxes (refrigerator, personal things, etc.) June 7.

July 5th ----Indian Embassy to insist on things coming from Calcutta: (12 weeks here!) 16 beds arrived July 8, 35 beds arrived by August 18th.

August 1st - 35 beds arrived.
August 18th - X-Ray and 3 boxes arrived.
August 25th - All stuff had arrived! - (about 10 months after being boxed, etc.)
August 2nd - King and Queen visited Hospital. Beds full and equipped at that time.
September 15th - Private rooms used for first time, but not finished (12 beds).
Children's Ward not finished - but will be shortly - in another week. Then there will be a total of 55 beds.

March 1st, 1957 - Hospital full most of the time with extra beds in hall - usually full, as today. Today's count in the hospital as patients:

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Total number of admissions to the Hospital in 1956 ------- 605
Total numbers of deaths --------------------------- 10
Total number of major surgical operations -------------- 14
Total number of minor surgical operations ------------- 118

Furniture:  
Bedside tables          Chair s              Have all been made now and painted
dressers                to the tune of about $3,000.00 -
Wash Basin Holders     (14,860 Nepali rupees), - all by
Chart Racks             our good Nepali carpenters.
Carrying chairs, etc.    

Paid by Methodists:  
Work of Nepali Carpenters  
Beds                   Electro-Cardiograph
Jeeps                  Lab.
X-Ray                   

Additional Set-up - now pretty well running - furnished and equipped - all furnishings and equipment "Methodist" -

(1) Nurses Home (reconditioned cow stable) - now called Bethlehem.
(2) Lab Boys - 4 - and 1 male nurse - have a home - reconditioned tenant house - called Judea.
(3) Guest House - reconditioned little garden - 4 rooms and bath and 5 beds.
(4) Prayer Room - with a nice little worship center Nepali made (our Hindu Carpenter - also made a beautiful cross and candle sticks.)
(5) Library
(6) Operating Room - 100% equipped and delivery room. (Not a very good operating table but as good as most any operating room.)
(7) Laboratory - beautifully equipped and well run.
(8) X-Ray will be finished this week.
(9) Children's Ward will be finished this week.
(10) A morgue (don't have to use it too often!)
(11) Cess Pools - 2 months work - will be finished this week.
(12) Cook House for patients - not too bad.

(13) Dispensary Building - 4 offices - well equipped now.

(14) Our electric work has all been overhauled and now power line in for X-Ray. (Took the auto accident that brought several patients here to have Government realize we needed power - six months getting it!)

(15) Telephone really coming in today. It took an acute appendix on General Surendra (what a name for a General!) to have them realize how much we needed the telephone. (Almost a year getting it.)

(16) A new pump - a new septic tank. Huge cess pool arrangement and 4 baths installed. (1 for each ward and private rooms).

You know by now we are quite a hospital. We seem to be meaning a lot to our western friends.

A. Dispensaries other than Shanta Bhawan

Bhotgvan -- Tuesdays: Edgar Miller -- Friday: Bethel Fleming

Bonepa ---- Thursday: Mine (Elizabeth) -- 86 patients yesterday

Bugmati --- Wednesday: Edgar Miller. Yesterday Edgar received his Government permit to build his Memorial Clinic out there

B. Shanta Bhawan Dispensary:

Monday and Saturday (Each 100 patients - all 3 of us in on this.)

Lab works full tilt on these days. We try to do a good job of these people, trying to work out a good diagnosis if possible, etc.

Tuesday - Bethel has dispensary.

Wednesday - Emergency Dispensary.

Thursday - Emergency Dispensary.

Friday - My Baby Clinic Dispensary (Elizabeth).

C. P. M's. - Private patients.

Monday, Tuesday, Friday -- E.R.M. & E.B.M.

Tuesday, Thursday ----- Bethel.

D. Outside calls - average:

1 or 3 a day in consultation with Nepali M.D's. in town. No longer make outside calls except with the local M.D's.
STAFF

3 M. D's. -- Edgar R. Miller - Elizabeth B. Miller - Bethel Fleming.


7 Graduate Nurses: Struthers
   Jill
   Helen
   Joyce
   Knight
   Hill
   Barkley
   (All of these people paid
   by their respective churches -
   Methodists underwrite a great
   budget.)

1 Laboratory Technician - Mrs. Stephens
   4 boys (Lab)

6 Nepali Nurses: Alice
   Rebecca
   Giani
   Chamsha
   Shanti
   Rutan

5 other nurses in training

3 Male Nurses (Nepali)

2 Lindells - going out to educational work (Lutheran)

33 Total

ALSO

3 Nepali boys - business helpers

Driver
Carpenter
Painter
Electrician

ALSO

Just to remind you that "over here" we are working together
and as you know it is "The United Medical Mission Hospital."
For your information, though, you should know that this is
possible because of the contributing denominations listed below:

LUTHERAN - METHODIST - REGIONS BEYOND MISSION - DISCIPLES (SCOTCH) PRESBYTERIAN
ENGLISH BAPTIST AND ENGLISH METHODIST

(Please note this: and friendly individual and group gifts - many denominations)

This added note from Amy Bucke (Mrs. Perry Bucke) -- This stencil is being cut
so that this "report from Nepal" via Betty Bucke Miller and her husband Edgar,
may be more widely shared with friends in our Methodist Church who have helped in
the work. We realize so many others have aided, too, and we want to share this
report with those folks, too. We just hope they'll understand when the word
"Methodist" is especially used. Thank you!