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Kathmandu - Headed Home Tomorrow



Jeff getting his haircut in Kathmandu after 21/2 months of travel – maybe they'll let him back into the USA!

We have now been traveling for over 2 months! It's been unbelievable being abroad for so long. A truly magnificent experience!

Since my last entry from Bangalore, India, after our fantastic and successful mahseer fishing experience from the the Cauvery River Region of Southern India, Granny and I were stranded in Bangalore. Basically, our Air-Nepal plane to return us to Kathmandu was considered unsafe to fly and remained grounded at the Bangalore airport. We waited for 4 days! Finally, we got somewhat hostile at the airline office along with some other irate passengers from Nepal and

muscled our way onto an Air India flight to Delhi then on to Kathmandu throughout the middle of the night. An adventure that I will tell many times over the campfire but fear this computer would not live long enough to type the story.

To make the 4 days of waiting worse, Granny and I both came down with a very serious illness that could have very well been Salmonella from some rotten chicken we ate in desperation for some meat in a meal. We have been on antibiotics since then and are finally getting a little better. Despite all that, after a short rest over in Kathmandu (our home-away-from home) we bused to Polkahra, Nepal and relaxed and fished the beautiful lake that borders the Himalayan town. On the lake we were able to rent a boat for \$3! It was very enjoyable as the lake was always calm and beautiful. To best describe it, imagine a lake in

the jungle, but in the distance, 25,000 ft snow covered peaks loomed over you. It was unreal! Unfortunately I did not catch a fish even though many giant grass carp looking fish splashed around. Perhaps I should not have been so stubborn with the fly.

After several days there, we returned to Kathmandu a final time where we have been for our last 3 days of the trip. Here we have been doing our Christmas shopping, catching some of the sights of the city we have not yet seen and I even got a haircut and shave. Had I not, I may not be let back in the USA. I was really looking rough!



Jeff making his final casts at the base of the Himalaya's in Polkhara, Nepal

This wraps up what will likely be the greatest trip of our lives. To take off over 2 months and travel to a remote corner of the globe like Nepal and India is a once in a life time event. Our highlights are definitely setting foot in Mt Everest Base camp and catching the spectacular mahseer, but realistically, every moment of this trip was a highlight. The experiences we have had, things we have seen and people we met will remain in our memories for ever.

That's it! Time for the 40 hour flight home. Be ready for many stories and photos!

Love Jeff and Granny!!!!!!!!!!!!!!