

All Nations Students

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Many of our longer serving parishioners will remember the students of All Nations who used to assist at our Junior Church.

I have corresponded over the years with three of them and thought you may wish to know how they are getting on.

The first couple were **Samuel and Teresa Sham** who both came from Hong Kong and started at the college, I believe in 1986; Sam was a Doctor in Chemistry before studying at All Nations. Their son Ether was born in 1987 and they eventually moved to Leicester in 1989. I think they stayed there until 1992/3. Their daughter E-Yan was born in 1991. Sam travelled around the country quite a lot, doing pastoral work with the Chinese communities. In 1993 he went to Belfast and the family moved there where they worked in the Belfast Chinese Christian Church until 1999. Teresa was also busy in the work of the church.

Sam returned to All Nations in 1999 to study for an MA in Missiology whilst Teresa took a counselling course in Belfast. They moved to Reading in 2000 where they linked to the Reading Chinese Christian Fellowship and have set up a church for the Cantonese and Mandarin communities. Sam also involved himself with the Chinese Overseas Christian Mission at Milton Keynes. Both of them have worked tirelessly for those communities whilst Ether and E-Yan are still doing well with their schooling and also involved with their church.

Teresa is now suffering with Lupus, but despite the pain continues to do a lot for her church, so she does need our prayers.

The second couple is **Steve and Stella Banks** together with their children, James and Helen.

They studied at All Nations in preparation for Steve joining the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) In 1990 they went to Chad

where Steve was a pilot and programme manager until 2000 when they returned to England and left the MAF. After that they lived in France and worked with Child Evangelisation Fellowship and other organisations involved with children in Africa.

Last year they moved to Lisieux in Normandy where they became part of a new church-planting scheme. They have now sold their house in Deal and will be purchasing the house in Lisieux. James is at University whilst Helen is also doing well at school. Both Steve and Stella have used their talents to help spread the teachings of Christ so trust they will settle in France.

The third couple is **Nick and Rosalind Henwood** who, after studying at All Nations, commenced their Christian work with Interserve in Kathmandu, Nepal at Amp Pipal hospital in 1995; daughter Lydia was then two years old, Nick, being a doctor, was able to help those who needed medical attention as well as showing Christian values. Their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1996. They returned to Highbury in 1999 and came to our October activity day. Rosalind continued with an open Theological course study. In 2000 they returned to Nepal to start a new assignment in Tansen working with *Medicins du Monde* in Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS prevention.

They returned to England in 2005, leaving Interserve, and eventually moved to Leicester. Nick works as a locum GP and hopes to find a partner position with a Practice. They are both fully involved with the Hope Hamilton church, and Rosalind does a lot with the church Kidzone. They live in an area with many Asian people so hope to involve them with the church. Lydia and Elizabeth are now both attending Hope Hamilton secondary school and doing well.