Peter & Marianne

Australia

27th October 2010

Simon Brand Trek Climb Ski

Dear Simon,

Marianne and I would like to express our gratitude for the support and leadership you exhibited throughout our wonderful (and very challenging) trek to the Everest Base camp over the last few weeks.

We would also like to express our thanks to the prompt action from you and Tika when Marianne took ill in Dingboche and had to be medivac'd to Kathmandu. Your calm and assured manner really helped both of us.

Please send our thanks to all the Sherpas involved especially for the mighty Lakpa who single handedly carried Marion to the helicopter, he deserves a medal, for Santa whose food on the trek was quite incredible, never forgetting the amazing cake he conjured up for our anniversary. For both Dor and Lama BaBu for their smiling friendly never say never attitude, they are all wonderful people with whom it is our privilege to have had them as part of our lives.

Final thanks goes to the mighty Gyan, who has been at our side since we returned to Kathmandu organizing everything for us and ensuring we had everything we needed as we moved from hospital to medical centre to MRI.

Can you please pass on the rest of the team who achieved their goal of scaling Island peak and our condolences to Bree who tried valiantly to get there (at least according to the blog). If true, tell her to take heart for what she achieved was mighty in itself. We both wish we were there with you all when you celebrated the end of this journey.

On final note on a reunion we will organise a dinner late November, early December for the whole team. If you can send me everybody's email address and mobile phone to my email:

or my mobile.

All the very best from both of us and enjoy the last few days in relative luxury in downtown Kathmandu,

Kind regards,

eter and Marianne