Bhutan Trek 2012:
Part 1- Arrival and City Visits
From Himalyan Highlands to Tropical Rainforest
Our traveling group
Phulbul (driver), Anna Mazzaro, Dr. Helen Earles, Gregory Willis, Dr. Jacalyn Willis, Tshetshe (guide), Dr. Janet Powney
Landing in Paro International Airport
There is one building with a small waiting room and several offices.
Dr. Earles has landed with Flat Stanley. The Drukair plane is on the runway. We stepped out of the plane into the cool crisp air of the Himalayan mountains.
The snow-capped Himalayas are all around us.
Dr. Earles introduces Flat Stanley at the overlook above the Paro Airport
Paro is green with newly planted rice paddies
Plowing a rice paddy: very muddy!
We arrive in Thimphu, the capital city. There are no traffic lights in all of Bhutan. Instead, at this busy intersection a police officer directs traffic.
Anna and Tshetshe check out the view from another overlook above the meeting of two rivers. Tshetshe wears a gho.
In Thimphu, the capital city, we have lunch with friend Kay Dorji, who has lived here for 20 years.
Janet tries on some very valuable antique native jewelry in a shop in Thimphu
The central markey in the capital city, Thimphu
Jackie buying limes for a refreshing juice drink.
Phulbul and daughter at her mother’s fruit stand in the Thimphu central market.
Fresh veggies for our meals.
See Part 2 for more about the wildlife and schools.