

# *FACE Nepal Newsletter*

*Winter 2015/2072*

*Hello Friends, Team members, Contributors and all Participants who have contributed funds, time and knowledge.*

*Namaste Friends!*

Nepal has had a difficult year with the earthquakes in April and now political conflict with India, which has resulted in a shortage of fuel for transport, cooking gas and oil. All products are more expensive and businesses are suffering. This on top of people struggling to rebuild homes and lives after their villages were ravaged by the earthquakes. Tourist numbers are down from previous years though Nepal – including Chitwan and the main trekking routes – remains open for business and is keen for visitors.

Despite their struggle the Nepali people remain cheerful and positive in continuing with their day-to-day lives. The countryside itself is particularly beautiful at this time of year and we have sunny days and cool nights. Rice harvesting is in progress and productive activity is evident all around.

In Chitwan, the earthquakes caused damage in the hillier regions but otherwise the effects have been minimal.



***Patalahara***



***Gaindakot-3***

## *Our Projects*

Help following the earthquakes was a priority for FACE Nepal this year with the local team and International Board making every effort to do all that we could.

**In total FACE Nepal raised US\$19,000 (NZ\$28,000; NPR 2m; UK £13,000). This includes funds raised by Unilever in New Zealand and donations from generous individuals and companies around the world.**

Details of how the donations were used:

- On 7<sup>th</sup> May, we delivered tents, mattresses, lentils, potatoes and cooking equipment to those made homeless in Kaule, a village in Chitwan. We were the first aid agency to reach the village. Women's groups in less affected parts of Chitwan donated 600kg of rice, which FACE Nepal distributed – a great example of partnership working.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> May, we provided 75 families made homeless in the villages of Nuwakot and Gool Dunga in Dhading (the district most affected by the earthquake) with tents, mattresses and food.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> May, we provided 250 families in Dharka and Marpak in Dhading district with basic supplies. This included rice, mats, buckets, soap, tents and blankets.
- In June and July we rebuilt roofs and buildings destroyed in the earthquake in three public schools.

Particular thanks go to our New Zealand Board Member, **Annabel**, for her tireless efforts in fundraising in New Zealand for the earthquake relief fund and to **Leyre**, our volunteer who was in Nepal at the time of the earthquakes. She was cheerfully available for all expeditions to deliver support materials and was a valuable member of the local team with their relief efforts. On her return to Spain, she raised a significant amount of money from family and friends to help with the relief.

Details of our help in these areas and more can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/volunteering.org/?fref=ts>





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*FACE* Nepal has also funded a number of projects outside of the Earthquake Relief efforts. These have been financed by fantastic fundraising efforts by the University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol, UK.

**Shree Bagdevi Lower Secondary School, Ratanagar, Chitwan**



*FACE* Nepal has provided funding to rebuild the roof on the second building at this school. This makes the building usable and therefore significantly improves the quality of the educational environment for both teachers and students. The School office and two classrooms are now enclosed and safe from the rain.



**Shree Sasakta Bal Bikash, Kendra**



Play equipment including a magnetic board were presented to the school by *FACE* Nepal. We will also be funding a new toilet for the school.



## Shree Lower Secondary School, Padampur, Kamalpur



FACE Nepal provided funding for 5 whiteboards to be made locally. We also provided a microscope and chemicals for the Science Laboratory. Previously there were no microscopes and old, tatty chalkboards were used.

The money raised by UWE will also be used to build a new Learning Centre for the Jana Srijana Women's Group and a toilet for each of three houses in Ganganagar. As a result, all families in Ganganagar will have a toilet.

Past projects are visited by a member of the International Board annually and the local team remains aware of how they are operating. If there are any problems with sustainability of any of our projects then we can be informed for future projects.

## *Fundraising and Marketing Activities*



Andrea volunteered with FACE Nepal in 2014 and has continued with her support from the UK. Her focus has been on contacting universities to promote our volunteering programmes. As a result we had a stall at the Reading University Volunteer Fayre where we made useful contacts and have a list of potential future volunteers we can keep in touch with.



In the UK members of FACE Nepal (UK) visited the Faculty of Business and Law Summer Fayre at the University of Western England (UWE). This fayre raised £854.30 for ongoing FACE Nepal projects. The Faculty raised £854.30. The fayre also led to a connection with the UWE Entrepreneurship Programme. As part of their course the students raised a further £950 for FACE Nepal.

## *Our Volunteers*

As mentioned earlier, **Leyre**, from Spain, was volunteering with us at the time of the earthquakes. She joined in with all the relief efforts, being willing and ready to travel anywhere and help in any way at all.



**George and Archie**, from the UK, were our first volunteers since the earthquakes. Their volunteer programme was at Shree National Primary School, Jutpani where they taught English. George and Archie also participated in the supply of breeze-blocks and cement to repair Ijara Lower Secondary School, Dhading. The school was destroyed in the earthquakes.





*Play* equipment presented to Shree National Primary School by FACE Nepal on behalf of George and Archie who provided the funding

*David* continues to support Shree National Primary School, Jutpani, with donations to cover teacher salaries. The Nepali Government is often slow in providing teacher posts and local communities have to fundraise to pay teacher salaries to ensure their children are educated.

***We continue to have more demand for volunteers from the communities than we can manage so please encourage anybody with ideas to increase our volunteer numbers to contact us.***

### *Child Sponsorships*

*Thirty-three* children are currently sponsored through FACE Nepal by sponsors from around the world. This is our greatest number of sponsored children yet!

*Two* of our children, who are now young adults, are ready for university as the next stage of their education. Some of our sponsored children are also the first of their family and community to reach the end of Secondary Level education and pass their SLC (School Leaver's Certificate). Achieving the SLC greatly increases prospects for employment, which further increase with college and university qualifications.

**On behalf of the sponsored students, their families and FACE Nepal we wholeheartedly thank the sponsors for affording the children the opportunity to improve their prospects and, through them, the future of Nepal.**

*We* have a list of fourteen more children waiting for sponsorship. The local Advisory Board has interviewed them, their teachers and their families. We know that these children are especially needy and are capable students with strong support from their families for their education.

*If* you are interested in sponsoring a child or would like to donate to provide educational materials please contact us using the details below or visit our website.

Our website address: <http://www.facenepal.org>



*Children, teachers and FACE Nepal team at the end of the 2015 annual picnic*

## *Advisory Board*

**We welcome our new member Mrs. Shovha Rijal as our  
Treasurer**

Shovha brings her accountancy skills to her voluntary post and also has the role of representing the parents of our sponsored children.

Mr. Chuderaj Timilsina continues as Chairman.

Mr. Jitu Mahato is now our Secretary.

Other members are Mr. Babanath Adikari and Mrs. Tara Bista.

*Thank you all from the FACE Nepal team for your  
support past and present.*

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