

# Thresh the Mountains (Isaiah 41:15)

## NEPALI FAMILY PROJECT TANSEN UPDATE FROM ANNE & DIGBY HOYAL

### A FEW SUCCESS STORIES



Bal Gaha's wife died and her last wish was for the care and education of their three children, Dhani, Maala and Rupesh. As a low paid casual worker Bal had to go away and left three small children uncared for. We supported Bijayata Darnal, the first fully qualified teacher at the Bhushaldanda School, to teach and look after them. As they grew older we were able to send them to school. Then Bal met his new wife who is able to care for his children and they have a new toddler and a new place to live.



Indu was once our eight year old milk delivery girl. We supported her to train as an Assistant Nurse Midwife. She is now married and works in a government Health Centre. She dropped in to tell us how happy she is.

It can be hard from Australia to understand how difficult life is in Nepal. To help broaden your knowledge of the lives others face we thought you might be interested in the range of problems our children have just in accessing basic education and training.

### CHECK LIST OF PROBLEMS FACING SCHOOLCHILDREN IN NEPAL

√ Untrained teachers	√ Very little equipment	√ Many mistakes in textbooks	√ Huge classes over 100
√ White sports uniform required for poor children who own little other clothing	√ Long delays for exam results while the corrupt education officials reap bribes to give passes	√ Have to pay for extra external tuition by their own teachers who do not teach properly in class	√ Exams for everything including the right to take application exams
√ Frequent and severe corporal punishment	√ Long walks to school	√ Bribery to pass exams	√ Bullying of poor and low caste children
√ Absenteeism of teachers	√ Exams in kindergarten	√ No visual aids or library books	√ Lots of homework
√ Government "Free" schools charge huge fees for everything	√ Private schools are very expensive	√ Failures in exams regularly result in suicide attempts	

After all this, a school pass at Year 10 or 12 is needed for any work, apart from labouring, but there are few jobs and they go to the high caste and rich. We are working where we can to mitigate these problems but there is always more to do, especially in the education of girls.

So, as part of our long term vision for this project, when we go back to Nepal in November we will again take some young people with us – Emma and Summer. Emma is a student teacher- she will be able to help teach English to the Silom children and help at the Bhusaldanda school with supervision from Bijayata. Emma's sister, Summer, is a student nurse and can support Karen, a senior nurse educator who will be with us to test her calling to teach at Tansen Nursing School. Both can help with sport and English conversation. As well as asking our young colleagues to use all the skills God gave them when they accompany us on this visit we also want them to take back what they see and learn to their communities. We hope that this will help grow and nurture the work we have started in Nepal.

### HELP IS STILL NEEDED



Khushal's father disappeared in India ten years ago. This impoverished family has been successfully treated for leprosy and Khushal has been supported to qualify as an electrician. He is now starting to help us support his mother, two brothers and sister. Pray that he may continue to grow his business.



Maala Neupane (15) wants to be a travel agent but just needs some support. Her family, all of whom have HIV have been ostracised by their neighbours and prevented from working as vegetable growers. We have accepted the request of the AIDS charity Sakriy Samaj to support the education of the three bright children. Please will you help.

*Whatever has been done is entirely due to the prayers and support of you, our friends and supporters. We thank you all and hope you will help us to continue this important work.*

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