

May 2019—Whitsun



Nepali Family Inc

Thresh the Mountains (Isaiah 41:15)

STOP PRESS—SPECIAL GUEST IN JUNE

Ganesh Bashyal, our Manager in Nepal, is coming to Far North Queensland from the 7th to the 17th June to meet our local supporters and volunteers. We plan to introduce him to a number of the service clubs, churches and other groups who support the children in Nepal. We are also holding two public events, where you have the chance to meet Ganesh.

Saturday 15th June, 6:30pm—Curry and Information Night, Cominos House, 27 Greenslopes Street, North Cairns.

Wednesday 12th June, 6:30pm—Charity Dinner, Nicks Swiss-Italian Restaurant, Yungaburra

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LATEST NEWS FROM OUR LAST TRIP TO NEPAL IN APRIL

The **Skills Training Centre** is now officially underway. On the 10th April, with local officials and church leaders, the earth was officially turned and prayer offered for the new building, on the land where the skills training centre is to be located. Approvals and agreements have been finalised and construction work will begin in the next few months. Our local partner, Creative Disabled Self-Help Center, has been incredibly helpful in this lengthy and bureaucratic approvals process, and Sandip Battarai, their President will provide project management of the construction. Thanks to our generous donors this centre will host a wide range of skills training courses to help disadvantaged young people become more work-ready and employable, especially girls.

We are thrilled that eight of the children from Silom Children's Home have been accepted at **Saint Capitanio's Catholic school** in Tansen. This is the best school in the district and a fantastic opportunity for these children. We greatly appreciate the long term relationship we have with the school and the Principal Sister Anise. Sahil, 14, is a very smart and ambitious young man, and also a local football star! He is extremely pleased to have this opportunity. The other children are all much younger, many of whom have had limited formal education. Starting early at Saint Capitanios will help them catch up with their studies, and set them in good stead for the future.



Foundations of the Skills Training Centre are dug



Young Silom kids getting measured for Saint Capitanio's uniforms



Jen Redway inspecting the potential of Chhahara for new forms of agriculture.



Nepali Family's committee in Tansen, Manju, Arjun, Padam and Ganesh

Jen Redway, who visited Tansen with us in April, is making plans for a demonstration small crops agricultural site at the remote village of Chhahara. She also hopes to expand this training to other parts of the area, with the aim of increasing food production and food security to remote youth. We are looking for support for Jen to undertake this project. Please help.

Our local committee in Tansen has now enthusiastically taken up the reins with agreed roles and direction. This new structure will enable us to be a stronger, more valid and more influential organisation in Nepal. We shall need much help, prayer and continued financial support as we make our organisation more sustainable and mature.

OTHER NEWS

PASTORAL CARE - In 2001 in Tansen, Anne and I helped instigate the first Nepali Christian Hospital Pastoral Care course with the aim of providing academic, spiritual and holistic care in the Christian context. Last month we were thrilled to be invited to the graduation of the second round of graduates and witness the Social Welfare Department of the UMN Tansen Hospital progressing well.

GRADUATION - Laxmi Aryal, whose abandoned family live in a hovel near the Hospital, has graduated in Business Studies and already has a cadetship organised at a bank.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE—A sexual assault on a girl sick with TB while her mother had to be away at work, led to threats of severe violence if the parents made a police complaint (not uncommon when a privileged citizen abuses a poor family). We have been able to move the family to a safe home and helped them with food. We pray especially for them.

FAMILY REUNION—When Nirmala's mother died 17 years ago, the family was broken up. Her brother Suraj went on the streets. We used to feed him before he disappeared. Last week he contacted Nirmala and her brother Dipak from Kashmir in Northern India. He is cooking for the Indian Army, near Bijay in Kashmir.

On the 12th April we hosted a picnic (see right) for 50 in the hilltop park for all the blind students, families and helpers. After eating, singing and dancing to the music of blind musicians, most walked to the hilltop view point tower, and enjoyed the sensation of the breeze and the sounds of nature although they could not see the views. Luckily Anne took some money to pay for their tower entry fees! They were so happy.



Yours sincerely, Anne and Digby Hoyal

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