

Village Hope Partnership

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To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership
From: Don Gielow, President
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Re: Update regarding work in Nepal



Village Hope Partnership has been in existence for about 1 ½ years since our first visit to a village in western Nepal in the spring of 2014. We first envisioned helping a village or two over a five year period. What we found as we developed our approach, however, was an open reception and opportunities everywhere. To date, we have been able to help over 15 villages in four areas of the country in this short time. The recent devastating earthquake last spring also opened many opportunities that we never thought we would be involved in. Given the situation, however, we felt called to assist with these critical needs, including providing immediate emergency supplies (food and water), housing assistance and support for children orphaned by the earthquake.

As you are aware, our goal is to help people in this impoverished area of the world improve their living situation so they can provide for their children's needs including a more nourishing diet, adequate shelter, access to medical care and education. We want to help by opening opportunities for employment and collaboration within communities that will address these needs in sustainable ways. At this point in our organization's story, we want to share with you a summary of the last year and a half of projects that have been completed:



- Provided 45 families with a set of chicks, piglets, or goats for food and a source of income.
- Provided 3 fish ponds that will provide 9 families a source of protein and a source of income.
- Provided a sewing machine for several women in a slum area.
- Provided a block making machine for construction and a business for a few families.
- Provided a town in east Nepal the supplies to build a gas generating outhouse, improving the village sanitation and cooking.
 - After the earthquake we purchased and distributed about \$10,000 in emergency supplies.
 - We helped in the rebuilding of 360 homes by providing roofing material to individual families.
 - We distributed several micro-loans to families wanting to start a business.
 - After a flood in western Nepal we gave \$100 to 18 families which enabled them to rebuild their homes.



As we look to next year, we anticipate continuing these efforts with the following new projects, plus other opportunities as they arise:



- Help rebuild another 600 village homes.
 - Set up a consortium of bee keepers selling honey for added income.
 - Deliver several pumps for irrigation and drinking water.
 - Build several more fish ponds.
 - Supply 2 more block making machines.
 - Supply at least one outhouse for villages without any sanitation.
- Deliver 25 sets of chickens, 20 piglets, and 20 goats to individual families waiting for them.
 - Supply funds for 20 additional homes in the flood area in west Nepal.
 - Supply trees for reforestation in villages that need them.
 - Look into obtaining some land for villages without land for a community garden.
 - Provide teachers to help with literacy in several villages.
 - Repair an elementary school so it can be used again.
 - Give scholarships so poor families can send their children to public school.



What we do varies with each village but we always work with community leaders to identify what can help most to improve their situation. Our goal is that the people of the village envision the possibilities and make it happen. We simply give encouragement and hope, and supply a few supplies and a few dollars to make dreams a reality.

Our budget for the year is about \$100,000. We only promise what we know we will have the funds to cover and all donations go 100% to programs for the poor. All

administrative costs are paid from a special donation for that purpose. Donations can be sent to our office in San Mateo at 700 South Claremont Suite #223, San Mateo, CA 94402.



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