

# Village Hope Partnership

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To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership  
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Some VHP partners & friends, left to right: Don Gielow, Silas Khadka, Paul Lindquist, MD, Frank VanderZwan.

This is our third newsletter from Village Hope Partnership, updating you on the work that has taken place since our first visit to a village in western Nepal in the spring of 2014. The open reception and excitement from the people in villages has allowed us to develop an organized approach where communities are now proposing projects especially helpful and impactful to their communities. To respond and support these projects takes great teamwork between the villages and

our Village Hope (VHP) team and supporters. We thought in this newsletter, we would give you some recent perspectives of two key people in the VHP team who help make these projects a reality: Shanti Giri, who serves as a liaison for project proposals and facilitates and monitors projects once they have been approved and Silas Khadka, our Village Hope Partnership Vice President. Let's hear their thoughts:



Shanti, on a village visit.

**From Shanti Giri ...** *I am so happy to work at Village Hope. Day by day I am learning new things. While I go to a new village the people are very cooperative and helpful and they welcome us. When I see happiness in their faces I feel so happy to see them. They are very thankful for our help. I get chance to visit new places and meet new people. Our small help is changing villager lives. They are very excited to work with us. I am thankful the Village Hope team gives me this chance to work with new villagers. Thank you!!*

**More from Shanti regarding a specific village, Fulbari:**

*Fulbari is a small village. Fulbari is a beautiful place. There are almost 80 houses. The people were slaves, now are free. The Nepal Government gave them some land but they don't have enough land. They are very poor. It is very hard to have food three times a day. They don't have much land for agriculture and have to buy all their food. Most people are uneducated. They can't read and write. We got a chance to visit Fulbari. We sat with the villagers and talked about*

*how to generate their income. They are so happy to have us with them. They seem excited to talk with us. They created the committee. They said they need a toilet, water pump and sewing machines. They don't have public toilet so it is very hard for them, so we helped them to build a toilet. It helps a lot in their daily life. Their places are clean and their life is changed. They are very thankful.*



***We helped them get a water pump. Before they didn't have a drinking water pump so they had to wait for water a long time. But now they don't have to wait a long time.***

***The women were interested in sewing training, so we bought them ten sewing machines. Now 22 women are taking sewing training. It is very helpful in their daily life. Some women want to start a business in the future. If they start business they will make money easily. They are excitedly taking sewing training and they can sew their children's clothes easily. They are very thankful for our help. Our small help changed their daily life.***

***Thank you so much for your help and prayer!***

### **From Silas Khadka ...**

***Nepal is a beautiful country with beautiful people, but life is so hard for many people, because of many reasons. Nepal was never colonized by the British. Most of the country is remote villages with no proper roads, no adequate health services. People live in very poor conditions day after day. The political situation is still not stable. For many years there have been efforts to help to improve the economic conditions of people through INGO and NGOs, but that kind of help did not connect to the needy people and made them dependent rather than helping themselves. There is so much potential to improve the livelihood of people but, people are not able to come above their poverty and lack of day to day needs.***



***Village Hope partnership is trying to bring hope to these desperately needy people by partnering with them. We are working to bring awareness to the people in the villages and show them the ways they can improve their day to day living conditions by teaching them to stand on their own feet, by providing ideas, tools, and some resources and mostly help them to work this out themselves. As a result, many villages have made an amazing and lasting changes.***

***Right after Village Hope Partnership started the country faced a catastrophic earthquake which caused almost 9,000 deaths and about a million homes were destroyed. We were quickly involved in giving relief to hundreds of families providing emergency food and shelter. We are grateful for God's provision of the start-up of Village Hope Partnership and His timing. We give a big thanks to people who made this possible by opening their hands. Each time we step into a new village we help bring a new hope to the very needy people. It would not be possible without your help. Thank you!***

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