

# Village Hope Partnership Newsletter

To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership  
From: Don Gielow, President  
Date: May 2017, Our Third Anniversary  
Re: Newsletter 5, Update regarding work in Nepal



**Three Years:** Frank VanderZwan, Silas Khadka and Don Gielow recently returned from another visit to Nepal in early April, which just happens to be the three year anniversary of our work in Nepal. In March 2014, Don and Silas made their first visit with little knowledge of what we were really starting. At that time we thought we could maybe make a difference in a village in 5 years. It was a scary but interesting experience to go into a village and just start talking with some of the villagers about what might be of help to them. We had some ideas but no real expectation of how we



would be received or if there would be any interest at all. The result of that first visit in 2014 was that we able to start some projects in three different villages: a simple program of offering some pigs and goats and a fish pond to help some villagers be able to make a little money and have more protein in their diet. We hoped they would take our suggestion when the animals had babies, 1 or 2 of the births would be given to another needy family to raise and benefit.

After three years of further visits and development, these early beginnings have amazed and delighted us. As of our visit in April 2017, we find that Village Hope has a presence in over 50 villages and we are regularly getting proposals on how we can best meet village needs in sustainable ways. At this point, we are working in villages in the far west (14), south (6), far east (8), central mountain north of Kathmandu the capital (20), a slum area just outside of Kathmandu (1), and a mountain village north of Pokhara (1).

Currently, we have over 20 different projects that we can offer to the villages and have branched into new kinds projects in the following areas including:

- Literacy and education
- Health and hygiene



Shanti Giri, hearing from village leaders regarding ideas for community development projects.



- Water – drinking and irrigation
- Training for job opportunities including microloans
- Agriculture and crops
- Reforestation through Eden Reforestation
- Medical services being planned

Here are some specifics on completed projects to mark our 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. The following have been provided:

- 109 sets of chicks & ducks, 67 pigs, 158 goats, 32 cows & buffalo
- 58 sewing machines
- 54 drinking water pumps and 2 irrigation pumps
- 50 outhouses
- 13 microloans
- Assisted in helping rebuild 564 homes in supplying roofing material
- 2 block machines resulting in businesses
- \$3,450 in farming work tools
- \$1,500 in job training assistance
- \$8,090 in educational and health assistance
- \$22,750 in construction supplies-- the largest item was to repair a large community irrigation pond that no longer would hold water after the earthquake, helping 5 villages



The humanitarian needs in Nepal are monumental and seemingly impossible but our strategy is to give hope to people one village at a time through encouragement, partnerships, training, and support in a form that allows them to initiate and make the projects happen. What is accomplished they know is because of what they have done, not us.



**THANK YOU!** In the last three years, over \$140,000 has gone to people in Nepal through these efforts. More than mere funding, these projects have given hope and opportunity. Thank you to the friends and supporters of Village Hope Partnership who made this possible.

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