

# Village Hope Partnership Newsletter



To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership  
From: Don Gielow, President  
Date: September 2019  
Re: Special Report from Shanti Giri,  
Effects of Sewing Classes in Villages

I asked Shanti about the results of some new sewing classes going on in Eastern Nepal. I thought you would be interested in her reply. Please excuse the grammar and spelling at times but I did not want to change anything. Her response speaks to the heart of the Village Hope Partnership program. Enjoy.

## Sewing Training in East Nepal

Women in villages of Nepal are the most suppressed people with few opportunities to get a good education and gain employable skills. Village Hope Partnership is reaching out to village women by establishing sewing training and providing trainings that are in great demand at free of cost. These trainings at the beginning seem to be simple but there is great impact in the life of people to sustain their life.



Village Hope Partnership initiated sewing training in 3 villages where 40 women participated in sewing training. These sewing training serve as a platform to minister to the women in the village. Trainees not only gain the skill training, but also receive training in moral. There are changes in spiritual life of participant during this training. Participants come together at a place and learn together. This helps to enhance unity in the community. They are cooperative and helpful to each other. The women get opportunity to come out of their household work and get exposure to train themselves. Before this training they thought to be bound only in the house. After this training they gain confidence about themselves and feel they are part of society as well. They can earn their livelihood by themselves and support their family financially. Our training is impact positive. Before, the Non-christen people are not positive with Christen. When VHP start to work in their village they are very positive because VHP main target is non-christen and Christen women. We want to show our love to all the women. So our sewing training is changing people thinking. They are very very thankful and very happy. The goal is that after six months of training in sewing and hosiery goods, the women will be able to start their own tailoring business to earn for their families.

One of the sewing training is running in eastern part of Nepal Jhapa. There are 10 women are taking sewing training last three month. I visited last week.

The majority of the women taking the sewing classes knew nothing about sewing. About half of them are from 15 to 45 years of age. They are Hindu women taking sewing training. They tells how these classes helped change their life: with this training people over there got concept that our programs are not religion centric. Through this sewing training its helping them to gospel about jesus.



In the beginning, they had trouble in learning the skill. There came a time when some of them even felt like giving up. But trainers encouraged them to continue. Now they can make women's clothing, children clothing. They feel it's a good job and want to choose this as their career. They want to have 3 months more advance training which is helpful for them to learn more and open own tailoring in their village.

I am so happy see happiness and smile on their faces. Through the words VHP is doing there are many positive changes in the villages. I am very thankful for this program to strengthen people with smile of people faces. I am proud to be part of VHP and will give my best to continue in future. –Shanti

*Thank you to all who encourage, support and pray for the work of Village Hope Partnership in projects such as these and many more. What beautiful things can happen when we join together, across miles, borders and cultures. May God bless these people and lead them to hope in all ways.*

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