

# Village Hope Partnership Newsletter



To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership  
From: Don Gielow, President  
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Re: VHP Update 16

Greetings from Village Hope Partnership! In this newsletter, we want to share with you a great update from Shanti Giri, reflecting on the positive impact VHP is having in Nepal:

**Update from Shanti Giri, 9/20/21:** *Village Hope Partnership started in Nepal in 2014. In eight years, we have helped 228 villages, impacting approximately fifty-seven thousand families overall. What started small has impacted so many poor and needy people. And villagers are always helpful, cooperative and thankful. VHP is doing different kinds of work, like giving an initial gift of pigs, goats, cows, buffalos, providing drinking water pumps, outhouses, block machines, tools, chickens, ducks, etc. We are providing education to illiterate people. In this way, we are uplifting the life experience of the villagers. We are giving job opportunities. Many illiterate women and men became literate from VHP programs. Through different VHP programs, many people's day to day life has gotten better. For example:*



**--Sewing Classes:** *From sewing training many women are supporting their families and their children's education. It used to be very difficult for them to get a job but now after they have been trained for sewing clothes, they have become capable of earning money. They are creating new jobs for their neighbors, and they have been providing trainings to other women as well. Now they don't need to depend on anybody for making good money.*

**--Literacy Work:** *From the literacy program, many uneducated people have become educated. They can read the Bible by themselves. They are capable of helping their children with homework.*

**--Clean Water:** *We provided water filters. Many people had to suffer from kidney diseases because of lack of pure drinking water. But now, VHP has provided villages with water filters so they are healthy and strong.*

**--Outhouses:** *Many villages didn't have an outhouse, and VHP is the first organization to build outhouses in those villages. Now the villages are clean and beautiful.*

**--Natural Disaster Assistance:** *We helped a lot of people during natural disasters. Many villages were able to build houses by the help of VHP. Those who didn't have shelter for their family got a nice and safe shelter to live in.*

**--School Supplies:** Many poor children got school dress and stationary items. They were very happy. We could bring smiles on the face of those kids because of VHP.

**--Community Meeting Houses:** VHP has helped in building community houses. People are conducting different social gatherings in those community houses. They are able to sit together and worship the Lord.



**--Reforestation Work & Jobs:** At the starting years of VHP working in Nepal, VHP partnered with Eden Reforestation to help Nepal in its plan to reforest the country. VHP and Eden Reforestation had started reforestation projects in 15 villages, and have now planted over 5 million trees in just this past year. This has given short-term and long-term job opportunities to thousands of villagers in Nepal. With more tree coverage, villagers can now cut the harvested grass for the livestock which results in more milk, healthier animals and more food. In addition, once barren ground is now lush and is undergrowth for the watershed, increasing water retention of the ground. Planting trees also has given jobs to people. People didn't have jobs before but now they have jobs and are supporting their family with their income. The villagers are able to take care of their children while focusing on their job as they are employed in their own village.

Nepalese people get a better life through the help of VHP. We have received many requests for help from many other villages. Each support seems to be a small thing but it has changed the family life and community life of many people. VHP has brought light in the life of those who had been in the dark for many years.

All these works wouldn't have been possible without VHP. In the near future, we look forward to helping many other poor people. Each time we step into a new village, we help bring new hope to the people in Nepal. We Nepalese people are very thankful for the help of all who made all these works possible by your hands and prayer. We look forward to working with you for many more years. Thank you. Warm regards, **Shanti Giri**

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The VHP mission and work continues in this critical time in Nepal, and we thank you for your prayers and support as we anticipate reaching many more communities and individuals in 2021 with practical help and with God's love.



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