

Village Hope Partnership Newsletter



To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership
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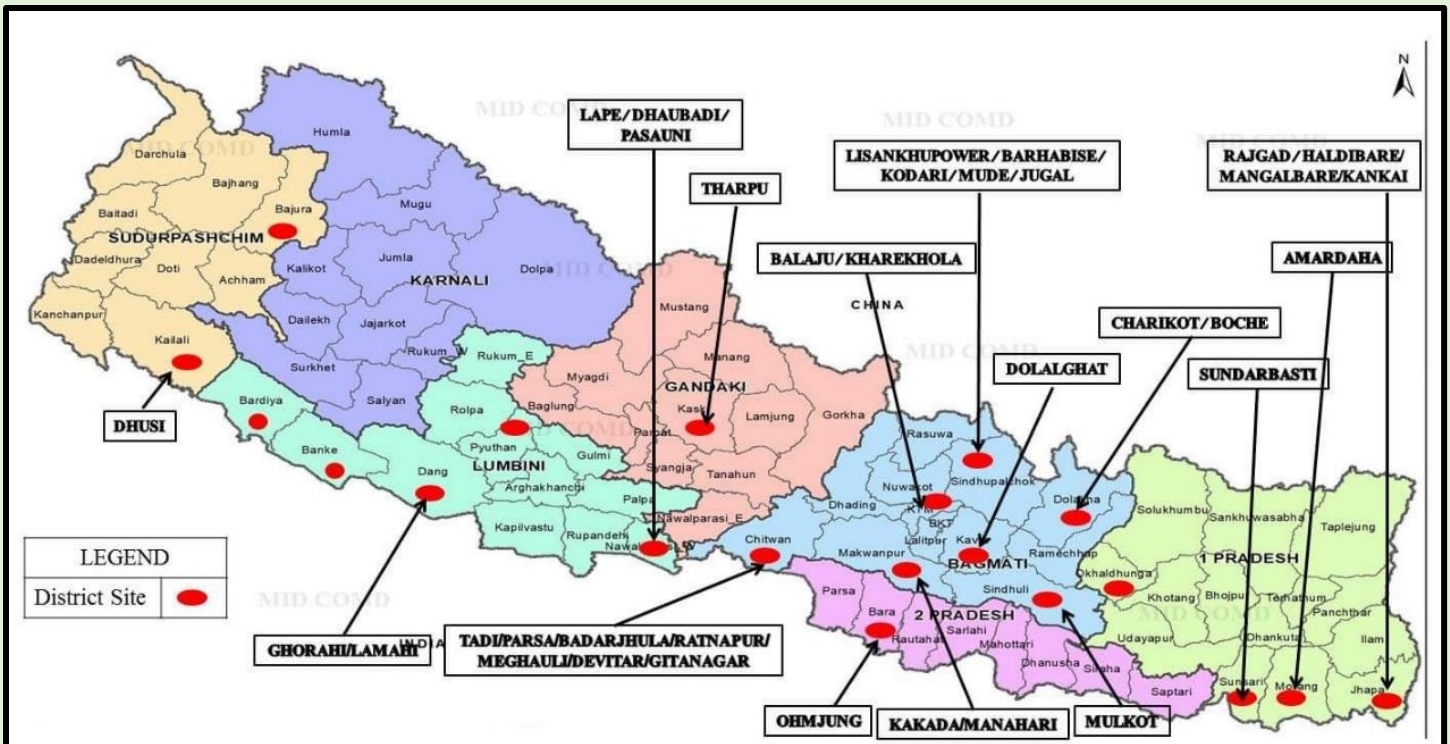
Dear Friends of Village Hope Partnership:

We are excited to update you on our current work in Nepal, our plans to visit in October, and especially we want to share with you a vision we feel God has given us for the future!



It's hard to believe that we have now worked with over 270 villages since our inception in 2014. We are currently initiating community development projects in 5 new villages each month (except for the 2 very wet months of the year). This includes meeting with village leadership, identifying and funding projects that will be the most effective for both immediate and ongoing community needs. Our Coordinator Shanti Giri reports that in village after village, these projects are transforming lives and providing practical, spiritual and community-building benefits far beyond what we could have hoped. Below is a map of the current 270 villages where we have worked so far. Each red dot is a district, reflecting 10-15 villages each. What a privilege to spread God's love far and wide in Nepal!

270 Nepalese Villages Impacted by VHP Projects, 2014 – 2022



Visit to Nepal: In October, Don Gielow and Frank VanderZwan are planning a trip to Nepal to visit some current and future village sites and projects. We greatly look forward to this trip, and to sharing our reflections and experience with you after our return!

Vision for the Future: In our Board Meeting in May, the Board looked at the approach and services of Village Hope Partnership. The reports from the villages and Shanti's assessment of the effectiveness of the VHP approach was very positive, reflecting that not only are initial projects in the villages very helpful, but there are many continuing and increasing benefits, such as:

- Improvement in health and well-being for individuals, villages and districts
- Continued development of projects by villagers once the initial investment is complete,
- A new mindset in communities to extend similar help to others after they benefit from the initial projects.
- Education projects (such as the sewing and literacy classes) which have resulted in many opportunities where these skills can be used to create new sources of business and income,
- Reforestation & jobs: Shanti connects interested villages with opportunities for meaningful employment with our partner, Eden Reforestation Projects. This collaboration has been an incredible win-win, including greatly needed reforestation progress in Nepal, thousands of jobs, and healthier ecosystems that better support human wellbeing. Last year, Eden's projects resulted in many, many jobs and over 5 million trees planted. Next year Eden anticipates planting 10 million trees, increasing employment and health throughout various regions.
- Finally, there continues to be great positive engagement from Christians with all the other religious groups in each village. Though we as VHP cannot directly share Christ, the love of God is being made known, and positive relationships are being developed between Christians and non-Christians that may bear fruit in years to come.



Given these wonderful outcomes, the Board wholeheartedly endorsed moving forward with the models we have been using. In fact, a focused goal has emerged from these discussions. There are



approximately 4,000 villages in Nepal, and we have impacted 270 already. Could we reach a full 10% (400 villages) in the next three years? If we did so, and Nepalese communities follow the model of extending help to other villages, the overall impact could literally change the country itself. With prayer, the Board believes we should aim for this 10% goal. We are excited, and we hope that you will catch this vision with us! We invite all who feel drawn to join this effort. Thank you as always, for the many ways you support, care and give toward the VHP work in Nepal.

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