

Village Hope Partnership Newsletter

To: Friends of Village Hope Partnership

From: Don Gielow, President

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Re: Newsletter 8, Update regarding work in Nepal



Greetings to you from Village Hope Partnership! This past April, VHP sent our newest partner, Reverend Lisa Mays, to visit some of our development projects in rural Nepal. Our spring newsletter shared an article written by Lisa regarding her experiences there. As we head into the summer, we wanted to share another piece from Lisa—a meditation on the impact of love in Nepal. Enjoy!

With Love from Kusamdada

The village of Kusamdada lies in the plains region in Western Nepal. Kusamdada was an established village that was completely wiped out by a monsoon-related flood in 2015. VHP is helping them rebuild their lives as well as their village. We met with a small group of women and community leaders on a very warm afternoon and were treated to some welcome refreshment.



After the flood, VHP gave the villagers carpentry tools to rebuild their homes and other significant buildings.

In this village 50 men and women have received literacy training provided by VHP. We take the ability to read and write for granted, but for the villagers of Kusamdada it has opened up great possibilities.

Literacy is life-changing in Nepal.



The tutor was in Kusamdada for 9 months. Now the people are able to read; they read from the Bible, they help their children with their homework, they read directions, for example, to sew items properly. The ones who have learned to read are teaching the elders and the children to read now. They can use the phone; they feel connected to the larger world. Their world has been enlarged through learning to read.

The women were also received training on how to use sewing machines and have been provided with sewing machines. This initial small investment in their community enables them now to earn money and save money, because they can clothe their family themselves. The earnings also help to send children to school and to purchase grocery items for the family.



I noticed as I sat in the community building that there was a large cloth item folded up in a corner. I asked what it was, and when I heard about it, I (of course) wanted to see it for myself! They graciously unfolded a handmade 'covering' as large as the room we were in. It is used for outdoor gatherings, like an "event tent." Everyone there helped to unfurl this colorful and cheerful canopy that is hoisted up on poles for shelter from rain and sun. This canopy has become a rental item. People that want to use it for their outdoor gatherings and are

renting the handmade covering, thereby helping the economy of the village.

Most importantly however, the people made the tent with love. VHP had helped them to learn how to sew. VHP had given them the machines they needed to earn an income that immeasurably brings quality to family and village life. They sewed this special canopy especially with gratitude and love for the people from VHP. The labor is meant to send their thanks and their love, as you can see by the photo.

THANK YOU so much to all who are encouraging Village Hope to share this kind of tangible love to the people of Nepal. They are also sharing love back to us through the hope, enthusiasm and creativity we see in them. So we wanted to share these pictures and stories to encourage you also. Your interest, prayers and support are making a significant difference people's lives. Thank you!

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