

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

Hello to all who follow and pray for the work of Village Hope Partnership in Nepal. It has been a while since we last gave you an overview of what the VHP community has been able to accomplish. Shanti, our full-time Director in Nepal, has been very busy this past year visiting villages and organizing leadership committees, assuring fair distribution of needed supplies and training. Shanti also purchases and distributes project materials, animals, tools, construction supplies and all else that is needed. Below is a summary of the array of projects completed in villages since VHP started in the spring of 2014.



Animals for Sustenance & Support. Most animals are given to an individual family to raise, breed, and sell, providing food and income to help with family needs. In this category we have distributed 227 sets of 25 chicks or ducks, 173 pigs and 376 goats. Larger animals are normally given to 3 families and are used for milk and farm work. So far we have distributed a total of 78 cows and buffalo.

Community Health--Outhouses: It seems that almost every village requests some outhouses. So far we have provided the supplies (labor provided by villagers) for 197 outhouses, increasing health & sanitation village by village.

Job Creation: We are very interested in helping in job creation for individual families or small groups of families. One of the initiatives that has worked out the best so far is to teach sewing to small groups of 10 to 20 women. These training groups last for about 4 months then upon graduation, VHP

gives them a sewing machine (treadle) and some supplies to start a business individually or with several other villagers. 93 sewing machines have been distributed to graduates.

In other job areas, we have helped start two block construction crews, assisting five families each with work. Additionally, we find the Nepalese people to be ingenious and at their invitation, we have distributed 98 sets of tools which have resulted in a number of different businesses including woodworking, honey sales, and farm work. We also gave microloans to establish new businesses and through our collaborations, have linked 26 villages with reforestation jobs, work that immediately benefits



people with employment and income, but also improves the environment, producing a variety of long term positive impacts on each region.



Village Physical Infrastructure: Some projects help the whole village rather than a single family or a few families. One of our largest projects was to repair a large holding reservoir for irrigating crops, essentially allowing a longer growing season. The reservoir became worthless after the earthquake in 2014, and five small villages used these waters. We have also provided 4 irrigation pumps to villages for crops and 97 water pumps for fresh drinking water. In addition, 7 villages were supplied with a set of fruit trees (25 each).

Disaster Relief: While we have been in Nepal these last four years there has been a major earthquake and three serious floods. Thousands of homes were destroyed or severely damaged. We were able to help with supplies for 564 families to rebuild. Along with homes we were able to help with about \$30,000 in community construction projects.



Literacy & Education: Some villages have asked for adult literacy classes and we now offer this as a possibility in all new villages and have provided scholarship for some children to go to school. We are also in the process of providing a scholarship for a medical student to finish college to become a rural doctor. Looking ahead we hope to provide more medical help and agriculture training help in the years ahead.

Compassion & Medical Emergencies: Every trip has presented us with opportunities for acts of compassion for specific individuals and situations in extreme medical need circumstances. We have been able to help fund medical treatment and procedures for a number of individual situations where there seemed no other hope possible.

Putting this altogether we have provided \$285,000 in direct help to people in 92 villages in the form of 1,931 projects directly helping 2,000 families. We are looking at moving ahead at about 40 to 50 new villages a year depending upon funding. We expend about \$2,500 to \$3,000 per village.

THANK YOU. We realize and appreciate immensely that this ministry is only possible because of the prayer and support from friends like you.

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