Village Hope Partnership Newsletter

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Greetings from Village Hope Partnership!



Ten Wonderful Years So Far: This is a special newsletter. Why? As we enter Spring 2024 we realize that it was *10 years ago* (Spring 2014), when we visited our first a village in western Nepal and envisioned helping "a village or two" over a 5 year period. Village Hope Partnership began and now, ten years later, we celebrate—*over 370 villages* impacted so far. That is nearly 10% of all the villages in rural Nepal. God's amazing provision and all the wonderful friends and partnerships have made this possible. We thank you for your care and support, and we celebrate with you all the wonderful people and communities in Nepal whose lives have been changed.

Website News! We are excited to let you know that we have re-established our website at last. We warmly invite you to visit! It is found at **www.villagehopepartnership.org** We will be updating the "Current Projects" section regularly, and have also included the following:

- Our current and archived newsletters
- A Contact/Message function, for ease of communication.
- The ability to donate online through the website.
- A VHP email for regular newsletter distribution and communication: info@villagehopepartnership.org

Please let us know if you have updated contact information, preferences on how you'd like to receive our newsletters, or if you would rather not receive them at this time. We are glad to make those changes.



Celebrating Together: Rather than many more words, we want to share images over the years, and a sampling of the numbers and projects which reflect what has been accomplished over a decade.



THANK YOU for being a part of this journey looking back, and looking ahead:

<u>Village Projects</u> with over 370 villages choosing a blend of projects funded toward present and future community development and wellbeing. We hope to reach 400 villages by the fall of 2024, a full 10% of villages in Nepal.

Sanitation Improvements: 723 village outhouses funded, replacing use of open fields.

Food Security & New Income: Animals (mainly chickens, goats or pigs) provided to 4,261 families, to raise and breed for ongoing food and income.

<u>Medical Camps</u>: Medical clinics and hygiene education seminars held in 19 villages.

Sewing Classes: Sewing classes held in many communities, 217 students completing the instructional series and receiving a free sewing machine for home and community use and to establish a business if desired.







<u>Literacy Education</u>: 165 adults from 20 villages have taken our literacy classes, resulting in their new ability to read and write and access to the many practical and emotional/social benefits that come from literacy.



<u>Other Projects</u>: So many other types of needs have been addressed: fishing ponds, irrigation repairs, emergency medical help, relief housing in the aftermath of natural disasters, tools provided for startup businesses, and through our reforestation partnership, 30 villages have been connected to reforestation nurseries, providing jobs, and impacting the environment with millions of trees planted. *As we look back, and look forward, we THANK YOU for your care and support in making a real difference in so many lives.*

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