



January 2012 Newsletter

The last six months have been a busy and exciting time for Help Rural Nepal with successful fundraising events in the UK making it possible for us to continue helping the community of Khahare.

PAM'S VISIT TO THE VILLAGE

I was in Nepal in the autumn to see the delivery of 16 solar panels and 10 computers to Shree Achane Higher Secondary school. After

another adventurous journey to the village, driving through deeply rutted and muddy roads, we arrived at school in the dark to be met by teachers and students who had been waiting for hours for us!



The technicians and Deepak took 2 days to assemble and install the panels onto the roof and computers in the new computer room.



The computer room was a complete surprise to us; the teachers had prepared it all with carpets and computer desks and had already employed a computer teacher. It was so wonderful to see how much they had done themselves.

The students and staff frequently called in to watch the progress and the excitement level was fantastic throughout the school.

On our last day we joined the school for a thank you programme where we were all presented with flower garlands and traditional gifts. It was a lovely occasion and we hope to give more computers to the school in the future.

While at the school I was able to visit the library that is now in full use with a librarian in charge.

I also returned to Shree Aanchu Primary school and was amazed to see the progress it has made. The new library installed in the school earlier in the year by Help Rural Nepal, is used constantly by the children and everyone is benefiting greatly from the computers.



There are now 55 pupils on the register, and improvements are taking place all the time. The school committee has built a new toilet block, fenced the playground and provided running water to the school.

LUNA'S STORY

Some visits to the village reveal families in need and this time we met the father of Luna, a young deaf and dumb girl. The family is struggling to pay her fees at a school for the deaf which is also a long way from her family where Luna feels very isolated.

With the help of Dutch organisation Stichting Kumari, we found a place for Luna at the Kavre Deaf School near Kathmandu where her brother lives and will visit her. This would be a wonderful opportunity for Luna to complete her schooling. We are looking for sponsors to help her family pay her fees. Please see the website for more information on Luna's story.

FUNDRAISING

Two very successful fundraising events raised over £8,000 for Help Rural Nepal in September 2011.



Firstly, a team of 12 bikers who work at ERM, took part in the 55 mile London-To-Brighton cycle race. All 12 completed the huge distance and raised £2313. This was then matched by ERM to whom we are very grateful. It was a fantastic achievement and thanks go to Beth Clark, Hilary Cartwright-Taylor, Adam Pierce, Rupert Brown, Shone King, Howard Risky, Gabriela Mora, Andy Chirr, Ross Primmer, Trent Smith, Natasha Ezekiel and Tamsin Low. We would also like to thank ERM for all their invaluable help both professionally and financially.

Secondly, Help Rural Nepal managed to persuade 13 brave souls to walk

barefoot across hot coals!! The Firewalk was held at Pensford, near Bristol and all walkers received motivational training before daring to ditch their shoes and walk over the 6 metres of burning embers. It was an exhilarating experience for all and having inspected feet for burns (none!) everyone enjoyed the richly deserved hog roast supper that followed. Thanks to Annie and Paul for the fantastic catering, our walkers Alan, Callum, Dan, Bryce, Catherine, Basma, Will, Fliss, Pam, Ellen, Steven, Tracy, Lambroulla and Julie, their sponsors and to everyone who helped make the evening so successful. See [Photos](#).

Looking to the future, we have plans for a medical and a dental camp in the village later this year and Pam and Fliss return to Nepal in February. Following last year's success, we are organising another walk in North Somerset in May – details to follow.

We would like to thank you all so much for supporting us - none of these achievements would have been possible without you.



Best wishes to you all for 2012, Pam, Fliss and Catherine

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