

Help Rural Nepal



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Hello everyone- Namaste!

As you all know, our Nepali project is now just starting to get off the ground so we thought we would send you all an update as to how we're getting on for those of you that are interested.

The organisation now has a name – HELP RURAL NEPAL - and our aim is to help the remote village of Khaireni in Dhading district. It is the village where our friend Shital Chandra Dharel grew up and his dream is to improve the lives of the people living there.

We are well on the way to finding sponsors for some of the poorer children in the village so they can go to school.

We have also funded one child, Sunil to travel to Kathmandu for an assessment of his hand that was burnt when he was young. He will now be having an operation this summer which should give him much more use of his hand.

In June a team of volunteers worked with the villagers to build a new extension to the existing school. It was a wonderful achievement and there were great celebrations in the village.

Unfortunately, in early August the school was made unsafe by a huge landslide following

heavy monsoon rain. It was a devastating setback and everyone was desperately disappointed, but in true Nepali style the villagers have responded positively and have already found some land where a new school can be built. They have salvaged wood and other building materials from the old school in readiness for rebuilding.

We can only admire their resilience and support them as much as we can.

The land will cost about £450 and we are currently raising money for this and the building of the new school. The children's school term starts this week and they will be taught in village houses until the new school can be built.



We have our first volunteer, Jane going out to Nepal in October to help teach the children which will be welcome help and support for the two teachers working there under such difficulties. We will all be going to Nepal in the Autumn and staying in the village so we can bring back first hand news from this wonderful region.

A leaflet detailing exactly what our plans are and information on how to donate or sponsor a child is in the pipeline and will be coming to you soon. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute towards our projects then we have attached donation details. There's absolutely no pressure to contribute, but be warned, there might be more pressure in the future to attend one of the fundraising functions we are planning!!

Thank you for all your support and interest
Pam, Fliss and Kate

PS We are not able to register as a charity yet but will do so as soon as possible. We therefore cannot claim Gift Aid.

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