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This trip has been hampered by continuous heavy rain and occasional storms. Nonetheless between the downpours we have managed to get out and visit many of our ongoing projects.

The tank we installed several years ago, for the village community of Lahachok, has now been repaired and repainted by members of our local Nepali committee. It not only provides water for the local school and community, but is now also bright and interesting for people to look at. We are continuing to try and raise funds for the Mahendra Secondary School, which has some 315 students. The municipality helped to bring water to a couple of dhara (stand-pipes); but still there is no running water or proper sanitation to the toilets or kitchen areas. The cost of this project is around £3,500.



While in Lahachok we visited the junior school; they have around 40 children attending regularly. They have recently built a large room on the roof, which they plan to use for computer studies, but due to insufficient budget from the municipality they have not been able to install the railings to keep the children safe: and so the room remains empty. We hope to receive a proposal from them, to see if we can assist in bringing the classroom into use.



We recently started an adult education class (by popular demand) at Rato Paiera, utilising the upstairs area of the kindergarden building, which we maintain. The class is generally well attended (between 12 – 20 adult students - mainly women) by those who have not had the benefit of much or any education as children. In addition to learning to read and write in Nepali, the people are keen to learn some basic English, as this can help them to get a job.



When the weather was slightly brighter we visited the Damsaede mountain school, where we supply water and a teacher (currently off expecting a baby). We continue to provide the daily tiffin: and want to get the last few metres of the netting fencing finished as soon as possible, so the children can safely play their ball games. We are looking for a donor who will help us to complete the last stage of this project.

We also went to visit Kristie school, where we supply the daily tiffin: and some educational materials. We were able to mend the broken printer for the principal, who was delighted he could then do his photocopying of work sheets for the children to use. The number of children attending the school (was 30 +) has dropped slightly over the past few months, in part due to families moving down to the town of Pokhara.

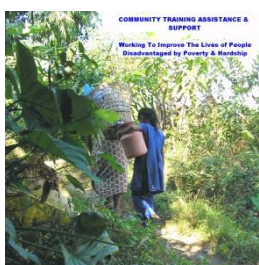


At Youwabarsha School we have managed to arrange, through our colleagues at EHN, sight & hearing testing for the children. This has identified 3 pupils who need to visit a hearing specialist and/or the eye hospital for further diagnosis and treatment. If you can help either Krishna, Sandip or Binod this would enable them to get so much more from their education: and realise their potential.



We have bought a motor for the kindergarten to pump the water up to a new plastic tank on the roof. We are currently looking at how best to deal with the damp issue, which has returned in the kitchen area, of this single skin (breeze block) building.

When we made our first visit it was the children's rest period: and they were sound asleep!



Thank you as always for your continued support; it makes a huge difference to people's lives.

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