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We were hampered on this trip by the weather, which was often ferocious thunderstorms, with huge hailstones and flooding. Luckily the pattern was overcast and dry in the morning, then heavy raining for most afternoons and evenings. This precluded us from undertaking our planned trip to the Dhading District to visit the earthquake victims two years on. The road being too dangerous.



Instead we flew back to Kathmandu earlier than planned and visited the region of Sakwo again, which had been badly damaged by the earthquake. This time we went high up into the hills of Shankharapur to visit a school (still standing) and some of the people whose houses had been previously destroyed and who are living in tin huts.



The previous week we went back to the area of Kristie, where we supply the tiffin to the local school. The purpose of our visit was to discuss in more detail their proposal to pump water up the mountain side to the village. We also took a supply of toothbrushes for the school children.



We have been approached by a primary school in Chorepatan to assist with some supply of tiffin for the 74 children in the school. The school is well maintained by the municipality, but there is no budget for the children's food, which is currently paid for by the teachers, out of their salaries.

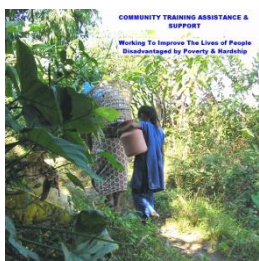


We also visited the water projects of Nagen Tole and Upalamilitara; both are running well. The villagers of Nagen Tole have brought a second pipeline to the plastic tank and now have a surplus of water. They have requested that we assist them in procuring and fitting a second tank to take the overflow and enable a greater volume of water to be given on a daily basis to each of the 42 families in the village.



Within the village of Upalamilitara the female community leader has started a handmade craft business, making sandals. Our NGO has taken some of her products to try and sell, which if successful will bring some income for her family and a contribution for CTAS Nepal.

As usual we visited the kindergarten and gave the children each their own toothbrush, which was kindly sent by a UK donor. There is a new group of toddlers in the kindergarten, who have been there 1 month and all of whom were surprisingly advanced with their "ABC and 123" for children so young. The impact of the teaching at the kindergarten has seen several of last year's toddlers progress directly to the next pre-school level, as they have demonstrated learning skills beyond their years.



Thank you for your generous support, which enables us to make such a difference to people's lives.

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