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This has been a good trip even though the planned visit for the opening ceremony to the water project we have just completed in the Dhading earthquake district had to be postponed. It turned out that the school had made an educational trip to Pokhara that week, so would not have been there to welcome us. We are now scheduled to return in a couple of weeks to visit the village. Our Nepalese project manager is also getting married, and we have been invited to the ceremony.



So, the time was spent visiting all our ongoing school and water projects in the Pokhara valley; starting with the village school at Kriste, where we continue to provide daily tiffin to the children. The numbers of school children attending the school the week we visited were much lower than usual, as it is rice cutting season: and many were helping their parents in the fields.



From there we went to the much larger school of Youwabarsha in Chorrepatan, where we received a huge welcome and watched the children being served and eating their daily tiffin. This consisted of rice, vegetables, lentils, some meat and chura (flattened rice).



The following day we trekked up to the mountain school of Damsaede, where we supply a teacher in addition to the daily tiffin. The water supply we put in is still running in abundance to the tank we installed: and is in fact overflowing. This excess water is sent down the hill to the village below.

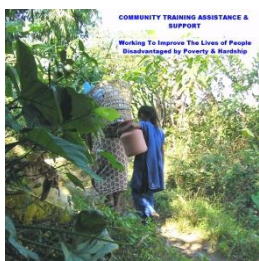


We also visited our water projects at Rato Paiera and Nagen Tole. Here the local community has been active in approaching the municipality to obtain a grant to help towards building a wall to channel and divert the torrents of monsoon water away from the road and tank: and take it down the mountain side to the river below.

Unfortunately the budget ran slightly short: and the wall does not go quite far enough to fully complete their project. We are waiting for a proposal, to see whether or not this we can assist them with this.



We are pleased to report that the former water supply problem at the kindergarten school we run has been resolved. We are currently looking at carrying out some further necessary repair work in conjunction with the building community committee. All the new infants are making good progress and we received an enthusiastic welcome from them on our visit.



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

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