

HELP RURAL NEPAL

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In April 2016 Nepal remembered the two huge earthquakes that devastated many areas of Nepal one year before. In the affected areas many homes, schools and historic buildings still lie in ruins. Help Rural Nepal (HRN) together with Pathe Nepal, our Nepali NGO partner, supports a remote community in Dhading which was near the epicentre of the first earthquake.

Most houses and school buildings were badly damaged or completely destroyed and many people are still living in temporary buildings. In 2016 HRN has concentrated on helping the local communities recover.



HRN has funded the building of a classroom block at Sukaura School and provided new, locally made desks and benches for the classrooms.

Pam and Shital our partner from Pathe Nepal, were delighted to be at the opening during our visit in April and to see the children receive their awards at Prize Giving Day. It was wonderful to see how schools have continued to function under very difficult circumstances since the earthquake.



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Earlier this year Pam and Shital were able to award certificates to teachers at the end of a very successful College Teachers Update Course held at Khahare Secondary School.



HRN funded this course and a continuing Teachers Training Course which offers support and training to teachers in isolated schools, introducing new ideas and raising the standard of teaching. Many teachers from different schools made long journeys to attend this course at Khahare.

One year ago HRN donated money to local women's groups who were organising a micro financing system. The Group loans this donated money to families to replace animals lost in the earthquake and the money is returned after one year. We were pleased to hear that this has worked well and at the end of the first year all the money had been returned enabling the Groups to distribute the money to the next families on the waiting list.

Many schools in this area were almost completely destroyed by the earthquake and NGOs specialising in rebuilding have provided new classrooms.

Pam and Shital visited three of these remote schools and were able to deliver much needed books and computers and as always received a great welcome.



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Future projects

Chelwood Rotary Club in Somerset is generously supporting the building of a new toilet block at Sukaura school. The toilets were damaged in the earthquake and this new project will also provide a new water tank and running water.

HRN is now raising funds for new toilets at one of the very damaged schools we visited - currently they have only 2 derelict toilets for the whole school.



HRN continues to support the disadvantaged within the community and for more information on all our work please visit our website www.help ruralnepal.org.



Together with our friends in Nepal, we would like to thank all our regular donors, supporters and friends for all your wonderful support and help.

We would like to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Pam, Felicity and Catherine.

