



Beyond Tears WORLDWIDE

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Quarterly Newsletter

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BTW

Beyond Tears Worldwide is looking forward to an exciting 2022. Not only is it our 20th anniversary year but also we are making plans for our first team to return to Northern India in more than two years.

One of the destinations planned is the village of Photoskar located a little over 100 miles from Leh at an altitude of 14,250 ft. We plan to work in a Government Middle School of about 29 students 20 of which live as full-time residents nine months of the academic year. The age range of students is 3 to 14 with 4 or 5 students in each class. The total staff of ad-



ministration and boarding school personnel is 12, plus 11 teachers.

Our project will consist of renovating the roof of the school building and several outdoor toilets. Increases in rainfall are rapidly causing the disintegration of mud roofs and walls designed for desert conditions at high altitudes.

We will also be supplying the boarding school dormitories with matting. An English language Values Program for the children has been approved, and we are hoping to include three English as a Second Language teachers on our team. We anticipate the need of seven participants who have

knowledge of general construction work.

Another destination planned is located in the village of Leh. Leh is host to a Hostel that has supported Nepali migrant workers' children for many years. If it were not for the care these children receive at this non-profit boarding school, they would be neglected at the road construction tents or forced to engage in child labor. There are presently about 90 children ranging in age from 4 to 17 living there.

A large concrete slab for year-round sports activities is the focus of this project. The team will need experienced workers in concrete to assist the local construction company hired to oversee the work. In addition, we will be replacing and painting the drywall in the dormitories. We anticipate the need for eight vol-



unteers who can hammer a nail or paint. As these construction and renovation projects are going on, we will teach English, help with homework, teach ukulele, Scottish dance, photography and other activities. To support this English Value Program and the other activities, we will need a minimum of five volunteers.

NEW ECHO PROJECT

ECHO engages in agricultural outreach in many areas around the world. They provide seeds, specialize agricultural knowledge and on the ground assistance to help the needy and poor learn

how to fill their own empty bellies with food grown by their own hands. If they help individuals, they help a family; if they help families, they help communities; if they help communities, they help the world as more resources can be directed toward others who need help. ECHO organization explains their outreach in these powerful words: *"Empty bellies and empty hearts lead to pain and suffering for individuals, families, and communities across the world. We believe that as active participants in the Great Commission and stewards of great agricultural knowledge, it is our duty to grow and make disciples."*

Please visit their website for more information. www.echonet.org.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE BTW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The BTW ExCom has tentatively agreed to host the project to Photoskar in Ladakh, India, from May 15th to June 3rd. Covid rules have been relaxed and we feel there is an open door. God is giving us an opportunity. Would you stand with us? If you are interested in joining this team, we have included an application with this Newsletter.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The May 15th Team as they prepare to return to Northern India.
2. That all the funds will come in for the team members and the projects scheduled to be done.
3. BTW Board member, Dale, is facing serious health issues.
4. Need for U.S Volunteers to knit BTW signature hats.
5. \$3,300 for one team member to be able to go on this trip.

MARY’S REFLECTIONS - Part 1

Altitude sickness medication? Ultraviolet water purifier? One pair of socks for a week? I’m not sure I knew what I was getting myself into when I agreed to accompany Lou Felo and his team



to Ladakh, India. Lou had asked for teachers to join the fact-finding team just on the border of Pakistan. He had discovered that there were many small villages spread out through the Himalayas that had never had a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus. Most of these villages had a school, and most of these schools were ill-equipped—broken roofs, broken windows, broken desks, and through no fault of their own, uncertified teachers. The goal was to find these villages, discover what needed fixing, buy the nec-



essary supplies, and do the fixing. Of course, our ultimate goal was to build some solid relationships with the people in these remote areas and let them know that they weren’t forgotten by the rest of the world, or by God.

Getting to Ladakh, India has its fair share of obstacles. There is one flight, on certain days, that flies out of Delhi at 6:00 a.m. We flew all night from our various home cities, met in Switzerland, and flew all night to Delhi. We had enough time to catch a few winks before heading to the airport to catch our early morning

flight to Leh. Because of the proximity to Pakistan, the airport in Leh is a military airport, complete with soldiers bearing arms. Absolutely no photographs are allowed, and the debarking and exiting the airport is completed swiftly. The barrenness of that land, high in the Himalayas, was breathtaking—literally. Without our altitude medication, much of the trip would have been impossible for our low-altitude habits.

When we arrived at our guest-house, the lovely Zarina greeted



us with smiles, tea, and eggs. I would learn to love Indian chai. The village of Leh is simply beautiful, surrounded by craggy rocks and snow-capped peaks. It made me want to run out and purchase spikes, chisels and rope! In fact, the village was teeming with mountain climbers, trekkers, and adventure seekers trying to take advantage of the few months of warmish weather. I was ready to begin exploring, meet people and see what God was going to do. It had already been three days since I left Toronto! Lou said we had to rest to let our bodies acclimate to the higher altitude. There would be no exploring for 24 hours!

The next day, after our ban was lifted, we made plans with a trekking company that would transport the team and all our supplies, along with provisions to sleep and eat for ten days, hence the one pair of socks rule—we had to pack light! We didn’t know where we would be bunking or camping after we left the village of Leh.

Stay tuned for Part 2

GIVING TO THE WORK OF BTW

We cannot accomplish all of the projects planned without your help. Here are some of the expenses we will incur:

- New Roof in Photoskar-\$3,500
- Window Replacement-\$250
- Shutters to insulate school windows against winter winds-\$500
- New Sports Equipment for a school-\$250
- Repair Walls at the Hostel-\$1,500
- New Mattresses for the Hostel-\$475
- 500 Kilos of rice-\$300
- Classroom Supplies-\$1,900 annually
- 100 Kilos of Dahl (split beans)-\$134
- Five Distance Learning Computers-\$700 each
- Five Microphones-\$100 each
- Five Internet Service annual subscriptions-\$156

We are looking for donors who will designate funds to a particular item. We will then take the funds with us to Leh, purchase your item there and our team will present your gift to the village in your name. Checks may be mailed to:

Beyond Tears Worldwide
 Bob Miles, Treasurer
 32 Shute Farms Lane
 Clarksboro, NJ 08020 USA

You can also give via Subsplash by going to our website and selecting “donate.” Follow the simple instructions; but if you need help, contact Bob Miles - rmiles559@comcast.net.

We are a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization so your gifts are tax-deductible.

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