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Project Determination 2022  
"We Proceed In God's Strength!"

Beyond Tears Worldwide (BTW) has succeeded in fielding a small team for the first project to Ladakh since Covid. There has been an ongoing battle in heavenly places. Real spiritual warfare. This year, I have decided that the project name should be "Project Determination 2022."

We could not have achieved gathering a group this year without the help of several people God has used to bless us. Jodi Seidler of Elim Fellowship (EF) succeeded in helping us recruit several young people of whom two have committed to the trip. Thank you, Jodi for your generous support. God is using you to bless many others that you may only see in pictures.

Financially, as President of the Board and Project Director, I asked myself, and God, "What should I do when it seemed like a program was not coming together, but I strongly felt we should go this year." God caused me to consider what our Founder, Lou Felo, might do in such circumstances. Lou would stick his neck out. So, I did!

I asked EF for help by way of offering almost full stipends for the trip for young people interested and available to go. I then told the board about the three candidates we received applications from and they agreed within a short 7-hour period to fund these young people out of their own pockets. Such commitment! I felt blessed. In the end, only two were actually able to commit. But the whole series of events gave me the boldness to commit to a trip that I so strongly felt God wanted to take place.

However, the spiritual battle did not end. There were at least three situations on the day of the departure of the participants from Newark, NJ, that could have thwarted 75 % of the team not making it out of the USA.

God made it happen! There are four of us here in Delhi. We are excited and ready to board our flight in the morning. We will get up at 0400 am to go to the airport for a flight boarding time of 06:10 am for a departure at 07:10.

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Gurmat, our guide, has been working hard in Leh to collect information about the pricing of wood, metal roof material, transportation to ship supplies to Photoskar, etc. Project Determination 2022 is in full swing and we are excited about what God has for us.

Please pray that His will be done in and through us. We keep our eyes on Him. We wait to see what God's plan is for this village. He will let us know in due time.

God works to make His plans happen. Keep posted! We will let you know the exciting things that God has for us and the people of Photoskar, Ladakh, India.

Project Determination 2022 Follow-up

May 31, 2022

Jay Comfort

Photoksar or Fotoksar are the possible spellings of the village our Project was at for 2022. We have been spelling the name as Photoskar. So, please change with us despite the fact we have been using the wrong spelling for some time. Photoksar is a village just over 100 people at an elevation of 14,500 feet. 20 % of the inhabitants of the village are children or about 28 students who go to the local government middle school. Our teaching programs inculcate Christian values into the English education classes. Our two students this year Aaron and Kristen, focused on this aspect of the program: English Education through Christian Values. They also try to share their love for God with the children and the teachers.

The roof construction started on May 23rd, Monday. Michael and I along with Gurmet our guide and about 30 locals worked on the roof over a period of five days. The weather got progressively colder as the week went on. Weather we were very surprised to experience. At one point, we were all shivering in the cold rain and wind. However, we finished!

When we go into a village like this, we want to plant seeds of love. God's love. We come to serve as unto the Lord. We ask God to watch over the seeds we plant so that someday they will bear fruit in the lives of these people.

The lessons we taught were on forgiveness, helpfulness, and friendship. There was an opportunity to put the forgiveness lesson in practice. Two boys were running around the ground. One boy was angrily running after another. We found out that one boy being chased knocked out the tooth of the boy that was chasing him. I suddenly sensed an opportunity to use the lessons that Aaron and Kristen taught in the classrooms. I calmed the two boys down and I ask Gurmet our guide to help me to talk to the boys. I asked, "Did you learn about forgiveness this week?"

The boy who knocked out the tooth said, "Yes." So, I asked him if he is sorry for knocking out the tooth. He said he was. So, I said will you ask the other boy to forgive you. He did, "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?" I asked the boy who lost his tooth, "Will you forgive him?" He said, "Yes, I will." He said, "I forgive you." So, I then said, "Okay, let's shake hands." Off they went! The other students and the staff were there watching the 'forgiving' taking place. The other students seemed to mouth the words and sentences the boys needed to say to one another.

The Project Determination 2022 was a success in many ways. We thank you for supporting our efforts to share God's love to unreached people groups.