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REPORT FROM JAY

God's plans are not always our plans. For two years we had tried to get to a small school called Photoskar. Covid seemed to thwart our plans. In fact, God's plan was different. Upon arrival at the school, we found the headmaster had been transferred. The new one had not arrived yet. In addition, two teachers were transferred and so our young interns had many classes waiting for their English lessons on Christian values of forgiveness, kindness, gentleness, etc. A captive audience.

The weather was not usual. It got colder and colder each day and more and more snowflakes filled the air and when it got warmer, it rained. The villagers were very enthusiastic and worked hard. They inspired us to brave the weather. The roof installation was for the smaller of the children at the school, the kindergarteners. These beautiful children were the direct beneficiaries of our gifts.

Our signature knitted hats proved a great hit, as usual, and the



weather helped a lot. We saw many children running around the school wearing their new, colorful and warm hand-knitted hats

The day after we finished the roof, the villagers planned a village-

wide festival to thank us for our work. The dancing in the high altitude local was exotic! It



warmed our hearts. We also heard that the new headmaster was coming. He appeared with a young woman who happened to be his daughter. She was recently transferred to a school in Linqshed some three hours away by overland.

She introduced us to her new headmaster there. He enthusiastically welcomed us and lo-and-behold, the 2023 project is instantly established. Linqshed is a boarding school of over 835 students. **We need lots of hats!!! Knitters, please keep knitting and recruit some helpers. We have included the hat pattern for any new knitters. We promised each student a hat. We need over 860 hats by April, 2023.** Also we plan to take 30 kindles with us when we go in 2023. The dates are yet to be announced.



God could not have planned better. There has been a seamless transition to the next school project. We have been asked to rebuild the kitchen as the present one is very unsanitary, and the headmaster is worried about food poisoning of the students and staff.

Do you have building and tile laying skills? Would you make yourself available to God to travel to this school and help rebuild the kitchen? If you can't go, would you



help us help them by giving a generous donation to the build? The estimated cost is \$2,500-3,500. We do not have these funds currently. Please stand with us in prayer as God assembles all the resources needed for this project?

**“Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning
new mercies I see,
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me!”**

**“Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”
Lamentations 3:22-23**

While searching the internet for any information on Linqshed, I found very little. It is one of the most remote regions in the world located about 46 miles from Leh. Linqshed or Linqshet is in the heart of the Trans-Sengge-La Region between Ladakh and Zaskar inhabited for nearly 1,000 years. It was originally reputed to be a local hunting area, which is the source of its name. According to the 2011 census the population was 913 plus 106 children under six years of age with a total of 116 households.

When we went to Linqshed, the government was in the process



of installing electrical poles and lines. It is very possible that as of this Newsletter Linqshed has electricity. If they have electricity, they will soon have WiFi. This is a golden opportunity to be a part of this village's connection to the rest of the modern world. Our connection with them will have a positive impact upon their growth and development. When God opens the door, we seek to enter it boldly to share His love.

REFLECTIONS ON PROJECT DETERMINATION By Kristen

The drive to the village of Photoskar was a long and bumpy one, but it was well worth it. Before we came, we knew we would be able to help out with construction of the roof on the school. We also hoped that we would be able to go into the classroom to teach the students, but we did not know how much the teachers would allow us to get involved. We were given a great opportunity to teach



them. We found that two teachers were transferred from the school and we were given permission to teach their classes.



While Mike and Jay helped with the roof construction, Aaron, Angmo (the female guide with us) and I led an English class teaching



things such as Helpfulness and Forgiveness. It was our hope, of course, that they would take these lessons outside the classroom and apply them. We did see that happen. There were many times when I was carrying supplies from room to room that students offered to help me. Another time when two boys were fighting, Jay led them through forgiving each other.

All the people I met in Photoskar touched my heart, but I cherish the friendship I developed with Angmo and hope that it will continue far into the future.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We can recruit enough people to supply the 860+ hats needed for the 2023 team project.
2. Hearts of the community of Linqshed will be open to our message.
3. Preparations for the 2023 team

To view our 20th Anniversary video, visit our website at www.BeyondTearsWorldwide.com