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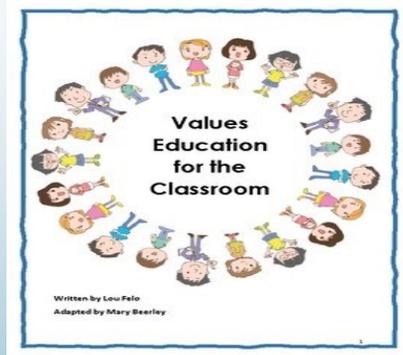
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REPORT FROM JAY

The July 2023 project will soon be upon us. Time flies like an arrow and we will find that our preparation for the Lingshed School visit will only hurl us toward our eventual arrival in Leh, Ladakh, India as a team raring to go to work. Connections are so important. God has directed us to a headmaster that welcomes our visit to his school.

Here is what Headmaster Norbu Tsewang said in his recent email about our English Values Course: "Your idea in this regard is superb and will benefit us considering the importance of language in today's world." Here is an educator who is interested in providing his students with the education they will need for the upcoming 21st century. In short, he gets it! Furthermore, he clarified the reality of the situation, "As you know these children (are the) future of our moth-



erland and you are showing a light in the darkness. Their parents are farmers having to depend on agriculture for their livelihood." The parents are honorable, humble farmers. A noble profession. Without farmers we would not eat. However, Headmaster Tsewang also realizes - that probably many of the skills needed in this century will involve

communication in the international language of English. Do you teach? Would you like to help us teach our Christian Values Course in English at the Lingshed school? We welcome you on our project. We want to be the lights that Headmaster Tsewang referred to in his email.

I was so encouraged by the huge welcome expressed in the headmaster's email, "All staff, students and (the) whole community wholeheartedly (give) thanks to (the) initiative (you have) taken to renovate our old kitchen room and other two rooms attached



that really (need) renovation urgently." We go to fill a need. We do not tell these remote peoples what they need. We go in love and give of ourselves as we can. We take our skills, our finances, our efforts and our message and we ask God to use us in whatever way He desires.

Romans 12:1 comes to mind. Paul writes, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship." Amazing to think about, not so difficult to do if we do as Paul suggests. We offer our bodies. Who we are and what we can do. The offer is to God. Paul's message is not so unlike what Jesus was saying in Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest." Jesus is saying we need to pray and ask God to provide real people to go to those to whom God is calling to be



in relationship with Him. It is not a miraculous impartation on God's part. He calls us to be in partnership with Him to go out into the harvest of the world in His name. The name of the Lord of the Harvest. Is God tugging ever so gently at your heart to go? When we ask God to send workers, we should think of Paul's words at the same time and make ourselves as a living sacrifice. We say to God, "I am available. What would you have me to do, Lord?"

Twenty years ago, Lou Felo, one of the Founders of Beyond Tears Worldwide, the inspiration of our organization to reach the unreachable people groups around the world with God's love, we started to reach out...it took time and patience, and we trusted God wanted to use us. So, we continued. Galatians 6:9 sums it up..."Let us not become weary in doing good, for the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." BTW is not giving up. We trust the Lord to work in and through us as we labor and present ourselves as a living sacrifice our proper worship attitude.

REFLECTIONS by Michal

I was asked quite a few times what was the highlight of my India trip and my answer was immediate: "Every breath I take is a gift from God." Have you ever thought about it? I was thinking about it every single minute for the first week of acclimatization in high elevation in Northern India.

I was the youngest member of the Beyond Tears Worldwide team and the new one too. I am so



thankful that I had more experienced brothers and sisters that shared the "secrets" of surviving in those kind of environments. We became close and united in everything we were doing. The nights were the most difficult and not because of the howling wolves around our campus but because of the fear of suffocating.

So what were we doing? We went to the nomadic school somewhere in the mountains and were divided into three teams.

The first team of Jay, Nazuna and Dona were teaching the kids and doing crafts with them. They also distributed very nice colorful handmade hats which immediately made the place brighter.



The second team was made up of construction workers. They built two walls separating boys' and girls' dorms, replaced some windows and many more little things that became big things because of the lack of proper tools.



I personally was in an "electric puzzle/problem-solving guess where is the electricity coming from project." Initially there was Ken, Gurmat and I involved in this effort but unfortunately Ken had to go home earlier due to altitude sickness. So there were two of us left with lots of fun work.

Wow! I have to say to what I saw. Bunch of kids running around hot wires, water heater pipes right next to electric outlet, everything that should have been covered was not covered and you could see, touch, play with and get electrocuted any time you were not careful. The first few days Gurmat and I were figuring out where the electricity was coming from to the main building and once we solved that problem we slowly started insulating, connecting and replacing what we could. Praise the Lord! All the kids in the school were very happy to see us and they were eager to help with anything we were doing.

I decided to stay longer in the mountains to do a three-day hike with Gurmat but plans changed and we took motorcycles to meet with the authorities and elders of one of the schools in another valley. My job was to measure and plan the roof for that school. What an experience it was to be

on a BTW team. It was definitely a trip of my life and I am looking forward to more if He opens the door.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the recruitment of enough teachers and construction crew for Project Team Welcome 2023.
2. Pray for the Lingshed School Administration, Teachers, Staff and Students.
3. Pray for traveling mercies for the team as they travel to and from India and while working in Ladakh.
4. Pray that the Christian Values English Program will have an impact on the students.
5. Pray for the health of the team.
6. Pray that the team will be able to obtain all the financial support needed.
7. As the team goes, pray that they show unconditional love as God has loved us and that they will have opportunities to speak.

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Matthew 24:14