

**GOD IS AT WORK**

**BTW HAS AN IMPACT!**

The verb for impact means to come into hard contact with another object. A person could be an object. Is there any eternal worth in what Beyond Tears Worldwide (BTW) is engaged in? Is it impactful? I am convinced that people are impacted by what we do and what we do has a strong affect on others because we are not in this alone. I think powerful examples would be one way to reveal what strong affect we have on people in Ladakh. The impact we have is a synergistic impact. We do A, which leads to B, which leads to D,E,...and who knows maybe even to the ends of the earth.

Let's call our (A) Diggar. Our BTW teams have been to this area several times replacing almost the entire roof of the school. The people are very active in the process; and we have developed strong personal bonds with the villagers, the PTA, the Headmaster and the parents of the children (B). Because we require that 20% of the reconstruction is covered by the people, we were asked by them for some ideas on how they could acquire those funds. Ownership is an important aspect of what we do. A plan was devised



to have the PTA start collecting 100 rupees or so from each household each month beginning about ten months before we arrived (C). When it came time to pay for the reconstruction, the funds were available. In addition, we were told the villagers continued to save each month for school supplies, broken win-



dows, student scholarships, etc. (D). The education ministry officials were so surprised that they paid for some of their educational program! We have been trying to get them to financially support their school for 20 years (E).

Our relationship with this village became stronger each visit. On the third visit, we were having a tea break and I was suddenly told by the Headmaster, "You know I read the Bible," I asked him to tell me more. The next 40 -minute public conversation involved our team members, other teachers and a PTA member (F). As we were talking, we were interrupted by a group of 5 adults from a nearby village called, Tangyar. One of the former teachers at Diggar was transferred to Tangyar and brought a delegation to the Diggar school to ask us if we could bring a team to help them at their village and school (G). After some discussion, we decided to see if that could happen. In fact, the next

year we took a group to Tangyar.



At the end of the Tangyar program we sought out another school and Photoksar came up on our radar. We went there in 2022 (H). On the last day of our visit, the village and school hosted a beautiful ceremony and festival in our honor. Big surprise! When the new Headmaster and his daughter arrived, they were very grateful for all that we had done for the school. The festivities were delightful, and we



bonded with the people at Photoksar as well (I).

The Headmaster's daughter told us that she was being transferred to a nearby school in Lingshed about 3 hours away by car. She thought that the Headmaster there would be interested in our work. The team had some free time so off we went to visit Lingshed (J).

The Headmaster met with us,

served us tea and we were able to tell him about Beyond Tears Worldwide. He mentioned that their kitchen which served meals to all the students, staff and teachers had problems with sanitation and many people had become sick with food poisoning. After viewing the facility, we committed to returning with a team in 2023 to renovate the school kitchen and teach an English program for the students (K). We will create a new kitchen as unto the Lord. We never want to get great at humanitarian work though we will do our best as if it were for the Lord Jesus. Our goal is to



share Christ in us to a broken, hurting and needy world.

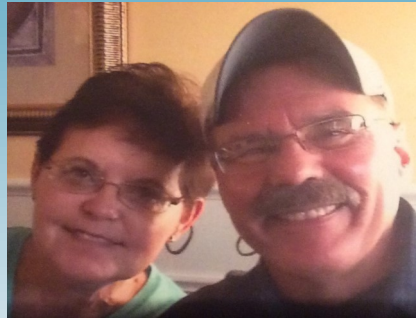
Also in 2023 we will be returning to one of our oldest projects in Leh, the Nepali Hostel, provide Photoskar with 20 kindles and only God knows what else (L).

In each village that we have served, we have always been hosted graciously; met by the Elders, the teachers; the PTA members and have been asked to return.

When Lou Felo died, we visited Digger, his favorite village, to tell the villagers about Lou's death. When they found out why we had come, they stopped everything, got on their best clothes, opened the village meeting house, prepared food and drink, and we gathered for a banquet and danced late into the night. It was an experience right out of the pages of the Bible—just like the wedding feast that Jesus went to (M).

I had a chance to share about Lou and poured my heart out to them telling them how much he was concerned about them and loved

as a Christian Lou was with his heavenly Father. He has a home



with God; and though we miss him, we know that he lives; and in his forgiven condition, through the work of Jesus Christ, we will see him again someday (N).

The impact and synergistic work continues, God works, we plant the seeds, God waters and more fruit comes forth in the form of more connections. Having an impact also means making a difference. God's perspective is different than men's, but we must be in the game to bear fruit.

If we are available, God will bring an increase, pressed down, shaken together and running over! God creates the synergy, the impact and moves in the hearts and minds of people. He chooses to use us in the process. We are being molded to be used by Him. We serve an amazing God who loves us and is intent on conforming us to the image of Jesus Christ. May we be able to say like Christ, we did not come to be served, but to serve. Powerful words!

God is impacting us! We thought the primary goal was that we are impacting others, but He makes us stoop down to the lowliest ones. Only as we can lay our lives down in His service and become available, do we impact others. To God be the glory as He works out His plan of salvation both in and through us. Great things God is doing!

These scriptures come to mind in

#### MATTHEW 25:40

"The King will answer and say to them, 'I assure you and most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it for me.'"

#### I CORINTHIANS 3:6-7

Paul is speaking, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planted any thing, neither he that watered; but God that gives the increase.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For a smooth transfer of hats to Leh.
2. We can get the Indian authorities to accept the transfer of 50 kindles to Leh without expensive duties and fees.
3. The health of one of our Board members.
4. The bonding of the July Project team.
5. That the communities who have invited us will totally support our efforts to complete the work that we have planned.

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