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Quarterly Newsletter

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WELCOME PROJECT 2023

This team was divided into 2 projects. The first team was to work at the Hostel in Leh and the second to continue on to Lingshed to do renovation work at the school there.

The Leh Nepali Hostel team was able to bless the hostel with a new washing machine, two new gas grills to replace the 10-year old stove. Old and battered sports



equipment was replaced by new balls, bats and other sports "tools" necessary for the recreation program. We anticipate paying for a new sewing machine that has both automatic and manual features. We left them with a portable USB rechargeable piano keyboard.

The Leh team was able to spend 6 days with the children. The response of the children and the new headmaster was overwhelmingly positive. Many children asked Nazuna to give them Japanese names. Joey, Heather, Mary



and Nazuna shared hours of personal craft time with them. They attended their devotional times and coached them in English skills. Playtime was a special



bonding time. The team transitioned out as a summer camp team from Chitwan, Nepal, came in to run a week long camp that invited Nepali students from the surrounding area to a Christian camp of songs, sports and devotional worship. Many of the Leh boarding students attended the camp as well.



Our BTW Signature hats were distributed and the team left to prepare to depart for Delhi and home.

BTW Team 2 arrived in Leh after a torturous start to the trip. (See President's letter for details). Upon arrival in Leh, they were greeted by the headmaster of the Lingshed school. The school was destined in God's plan to have the boarding school kitchen facilities renovated to stem the tide of food poisoning as a result

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of the unsanitary food preparation areas. The greeting by the project host was a first and the first small beam of light in a dark situation.

Unbeknown to us, the local authorities were not fully supportive of the project. The agreed upon terms had not been successfully received by the local authorities. We were forced to omit the planned concrete slab designed as a year-round play area. The payment for project materials at the



school were "renegotiated" on terms that were more favorable to the local community. Because money is never a focus of our outreach and because we go and show unconditional love, we left the village of 3,800+ meters without the agreed upon 20% "payment" for materials. It did not reduce our sense of achievement.

We did what we set out to do. Our English language program using Christian values was substantially reduced, but the time spent with students was precious and will reap its own rewards. Our 5-to-6-day project time in



Lingshed was reduced to 3 days. However, with the help of the students, the guides and the special ability of our team of carpenters, the project was 98% completed. Only one shelf was left to be in-



stalled by the locals. The locals will use their people and resources to complete the concrete floor and white-wash the kitchen



walls. Although the headmaster was taught at Jesuit Catholic university in the Indian subcontinent, he seemed to fear being too warm and receptive to us, especially at those moments when we shared from our hearts the differences between Buddhism and Christianity. He was a bit gunshy

about listening to our Christian sharing.

On the last day in Lingshed, Jay was called over to meet 3 adults and 3 children who had come to the school to meet him. The Lingshed headmaster said they have a request and Jay asked how he might help them. They had trekked out of their mountain village to specifically come to the school to ask for help. To be fair, there was a Buddhist religious celebration in which they were also participating.

Their village is a 30 minute drive from Lingshed plus a 6 hour walk into the mountains. They have 15 children in this very poor village with no teaching materials and only 1 teacher to teach all ages. They are a needy and struggling community. These 3 adults included the teacher, a woman who spoke for the village and a man. The spokesperson was kind but desperate to secure teaching materials for their village.

Jay told her that BTW would possibly consider a visit in 2024, and we will be communicating through the Lingshed headmaster. Is God calling you to participate in a BTW Outreach Project? Are you willing to use your feet for the Gospel by trekking 6 hours (10 hours for us) into the Himalayan forest and rocky landscape of the Himalayas? BTW will consider going because when the people come to visit us, we trust they are being drawn by the Holy Spirit to us. How can we not go? It will depend on a team being available. Do we want to do what God has for us? Unequivocally YES! It will cost something. These projects are not easy and the opportunities to share the Good News are limited. God...The Sacrificial Lamb does not dictate the terms of sacrifice. We lay our lives down as a living sacrifice for the Good News of the Gospel and to show God's love to unreached people groups who have yet to hear about Jesus. It is what we

do. Are you a piece of the puzzle in the BTW Outreach in 2024? Ask God. Lay your life before Him and ask Him to use your life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Team plans for 2024
2. In the past quarter, we have lost two very active Board members. Please pray for wisdom in finding new proactive and properly connected Board members.
3. That we can find an individual willing to take up our Kindle Program.

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