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DIGGER VILLAGE—A REVISIT

MARCH 20-23, 2025

The village of Diggar is located in the Nubra Valley of Leh, Ladakh, India. The travel distance requires a full day over often rough terrain. This village is comprised of about 50 households that are decreasing as people are moving to Leh to get better education for their children

The village is largely cut off by public transportation, although there is a periodic public bus service, some private bus services, and the railway station located about 10 kilometers away from the village.

The last time we visited to announce the death of Lou Felo, the whole village gathered in the evening for a welcoming banquet for us. We sang and danced into the evening. They were sad to hear of Lou's death, but were glad that we maintained a connection with them.

Over the years we have been to Diggar many times. Lou Felo took two teams and in 2015 the BTW Board Secretary, Dona Clair, led a Digger trip to put the roof on the administration building. As they were celebrating a job well done, a strong wind blew through the area and off went the roof.



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Fortunately the 2016 team was able to reconstruct the roof. In addition they replaced the roof on the primary school, renovated classrooms,



replaced broken windows, taught English classes and, of course distributed our signature warm hats.



Dale Dempsey, who has since passed on to be with the Lord, spent a lot of time in the direct sun on the roofs of the Diggar school.





The village elders and school administration have always warmly welcomed BTW, and we look forward to renewing our relationship in 2025 after several years of absence.



The biggest concern is that the village remain vibrant. The elders feel that improving the school and the education of students is the biggest factor to retaining villagers and remaining relevant for the younger generation. The next project is to find a product that they could grow and sell to improve their economic life. We are intent on seeing what we can do with both situations.

Please be in prayer for the BTW team as they revisit this beautiful village of Diggar

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PROJECT CAFÉ AU LEH MARCH 15-29, 2025



Plans are to renovate the Café au Leh kitchen and the third floor lounge area. Painting and other tasks to be included.





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OPERATION DIPLING JUNE 14-26, 2025

Our first BTW visit to this small community in the highlands will be with warm hats, pants, shoes and coats for the children. We will also be bringing much needed school supplies.



As you will recall, while our team was working in Lingshed in 2023, a group from Dipling came to meet the BTW group asking for our help. Their village is located about a thirty minute drive from Lingshed plus a six hour walk into the mountains. It is a very poor village with one teacher for the fifteen students, and they are desperate for teaching materials.

Plans were to take a team to Dipling last year, but the weather prevented our traveling into the mountains. We are excited for this opportunity to show God's love to these desperate and unreached people.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field"

Matthew 9:37

Would you like to join us on one of the 2025 trips? We welcome you. The Lord needs your hands and hearts as He does His work of love in and through us. For details on the 2025 trips, contact Jay Comfort ljcbtw@gmail.com. PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Safety as the teams travel
- 2. Renovations to the Cafe
- 3. Dipling Project
- 4. Diggar Visit
- 5. BTW Board
- 6. Reopening of the Café
- 7. BTW Funding

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