



Beyond Tears WORLDWIDE

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**Report from our 2025 Team—
MARCH 15-29.**

The team of Rebecca, Mary and Jay arrived safely home with good reports of God's hand working in Ladakh.

One of the main objectives was to insure better sanitary conditions for food preparation and clean up at the Café au Leh.



The water tank was emptied, cleaned, disinfected and rinsed. We now need to have an electrician come to connect a heating element and the Café will have warm to hot water for washing dishes, etc.



The third flood lounge area was cleaned and prepared for the 2025 season. It can provide additional seating for between 10-14 people. The old cushions will be refabricated and new cushions will be made.



The kitchen floor was old dusty concrete which was painted over by the May 2024 project team.



We hired some local people to tile the floor but before that could be done almost 2.5 inches of extra concrete had to be added in some areas. The whole floor was leveled and slightly slanted toward the drain near the far wall. Ram and Bimal chose a dark brown tile with a tree cross section pattern. Just look at the improvement.

We want Café au Leh to succeed in becoming a self-sustaining business in 2025. It was opened for the tourist season in April. Keep Ram and Neha in your prayers.

**JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN
OF THE WORLD**



BTW is searching to find help for this little girl to correct her birth defect. Pray that help can be found.

A mural was instated on the main wall on the second floor. This will



be a picture area for customers. Normally, in Leh, businesses have such a wall to advertise their location and customers like to post where they are on their social media pages. It is free advertising.

**REFLECTIONS BY Mary
MARCH 15-29, 2025**

In my visit to the Ladakh district in Northern India, God opened my eyes to so much. Out of 42 people groups, 41 are considered unreached. There are an estimated 60 Christians in Ladakh. I met 6 of them! The Café has been started in hopes of gaining enough trust among the people there to share the Gospel. They attend an underground weekly fellowship where they have encountered Buddhists seeking help for demon possession. Please pray for these faithful servants in need of support.



These Hindu “Holy Men” have renounced all worldly concerns and are seeking to stifle all human desire. They are pursuing good Karma while hoping to escape the cycle of reincarnation and achieve Nirvana. They worship Krishna, one of the few men they believe who has achieved this state.

Stupas and prayer flags were ubiquitous. I asked our guide who the people pray to. He said he had no idea.



“For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.” Acts 17:23.

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DIGGAR

In the back of beyond, perched at 14,000 feet, lies a small village of about 190 people. This remote village exists mostly on barley, one of the few crops they can grow in the short season without snow. We spent four days with these lovely people, learning what their challenges and needs are. They feel isolated and forgotten by the rest of India. They need more of an economy to entice the young people to stay in their village. Could we help?



The women of the village still work on old-fashioned looms to create socks, scarves, sweaters...This business is oversaturated in the cities, and they need ideas for furthering their business. We were blessed with yak socks and scarves!



God has not revealed His plan for these beloved people, but we know He is not finished yet. I am thankful to be a small part in proclaiming His goodness to them, and thankful to you for your partnership. Please continue to pray that He will send more workers into the harvest.

LEH

While in Leh, I spent two days at the Moravian Mission School. There are four Christians at this school, and I had the opportunity to teach English to the children and classroom values, based on Proverbs, to the teachers. They invited



me to return. Please pray for the relationship to develop and continue.

GIVING TO THE WORK OF BTW

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Beyond Tears Worldwide
Bob Miles, Treasurer
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MESSAGE FROM JAY COMFORT, BTW PRESIDENT

DIGGAR VILLAGE “PROJECT RENEWAL” —MARCH 20-23, 2025

Diiggar is one of the most visited villages by our BTW teams. Over the years our teams have replaced the roof on the school building, replaced the roof on the administration building, replaced windows, renovated classrooms, donated school supplies and sports equipment and, of course, distributed our signature warm hats. The diggar village officials and school heads asked BTW to return to help revive the town economically and educationally. The reason is that the younger members of their society are moving to Leh where jobs are more plentiful and education is considered better.



On March 20th, Mary, Rebecca, Ram and I, along with our guide Gurmet, “took off” for the Nubra Vallely, destination Digger Village, to learn what BTW could do to help them. We met with about thirty villagers, and for two hours discussed their needs. Firstly, could we help them market their sweet pea and barley crop in Leh. At this point, they independently plant when they want and harvest when they have time. We said that we could try to find a wholesaler in Leh, but this would require a change in the way they presently grow crops. I asked whether they were open to new crop ideas, and they were interested in our ideas.

Presently the government provides each household with a small greenhouse for planting vegetables for the family. It could be possible to use these greenhouses to grow specialty crops for the growing upscale hotel industry in Leh. The price for these items would be significantly higher than sweet peas and barley. I suggested BTW could consider helping them transition to this new type of sustainable crop. Perhaps we would look for someone to come and work alongside them. We plan to meet with them again in June of this year to discuss more opportunities. Everyone left this meeting energized and happy. They felt there was a brighter horizon ahead for their village.

The government is building a new school building about 500 meters from the old building that will then be used for teachers’ offices. Also under construction is a new community center to be completed by late summer of this year. The team visited the school for about two hours where we distributed our BTW signature hats and discussed their educational needs. There are 17 children now attending the school ranging in age from 3 to 14. Economic growth could be a driver to improving their physical and educational development. We shared our love for them and told them that God had called us to help them. We encouraged them to study hard and everyone was working on their behalf to prepare them for a bright future.

During the school visit, several women who knit handmade products showed Mary and Rebecca their goods. They want us to help them find a way to sell these articles to a greater audience. I suggested they need to make things that women in other villages are not making. Yak wool shoes would be a better product. Yak wool shoes would be purchased for 1,000-1,500 INR (\$12-18) and resold for 4,300-6,500 INR (\$50-75) in Europe or the USA.

Digger Village representatives visited the Cafe au Leh several days after we returned to Leh. One man was the ceremonial head of the village, another was an EKG technician who worked at the local hospital but from Digger. Two other men were elders from Digger. They had visited the agricultural office in Leh where it was suggested that quinoa may be a profitable crop for them to produce. We relayed to these men that we had researched the possibility for chia or quinoa as both crops would do well if the transplant process is successful. Our conversation went well and I believe we have established the best working relationship we can.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. That BTW will be able to continue our discussions with the necessary agricultural agencies to help the village of Digger to improve their economic standards
2. Safety for the June team as they visit Digger and travel on to the small community of Dibling to distribute clothing, school supplies and hats. This is an extremely poor village and living conditions are rough.
3. BTW Board
4. The believers in Leh
5. Continued relationship with the Moravian School in Leh
6. That BTW can find the medical help for the little girl in Digger with a birth defect

