

# Children of Nepal

## “Namaste”

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### Welcome and Introduction

Namaste and welcome to our April 2020 newsletter. We sincerely hope that you are all safe and well in the current global situation arising from coronavirus. In Nepal, current projects are paused as there is a limit on non-essential travel and activity. However with this newsletter we can update you on the various school visits we made whilst in Nepal in December as well as on our plans for future projects.

At every school we received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the whole school community, including students, teachers and parents too. It was our pleasure to be able to visit these schools - to review current and ongoing work and to assess potential projects. You can see additional photos and videos by viewing Maya's video montage here: <https://youtu.be/8Xh9MKaVFp8>.

### Saraswati Primary, Tadi Mutikuri

Last time, we updated you about progress with helping this small primary school in the hilly region north west of our base. The classroom has been completed and is in use, although at the time of our visit, the kids were enjoying a break outside in the winter sunshine. They were delighted to receive donated items we brought with us - stationery from Cononly Primary School, Yorkshire, and woolly hats knitted by Jenny, Cambridgeshire.

The school provides education to the children aged 3-7 from the 42 families in this rural area. Prior to this, local children had to wait until they were aged 8 to go to their nearest school. Now they can learn all the basics at this small school close to home before transferring to Deurali School when they reach 8 years old. The families are spread around the area with some having to walk up to an hour to school. They are accompanied by parents who use the time to graze their animals or collect fodder to take back home. The school compound includes a playing area which has stunning views over the region.



### Nepal Dharti School, Bandipur



#### Old dilapidated classroom building at Nepal Dharti

We were approached by this primary school to help complete a new classroom block, required to replace their original classrooms, which are now very old and dilapidated. The local community and the local government both contributed funds to build four new classrooms (2 on each floor - see below). The school is based in Bandipur and is perched on the hillside an hour's jeep ride from the main road on a rough track. The school are extremely grateful for the funding we are providing for roofing, doors and windows. We look forward to seeing the new building in use next time.



#### New classroom block under construction at Nepal Dharti



#### Kids and teachers at Nepal Dharti

## A special thank you!

We would like to record our special thanks to Peter Cowburn (Sue's dad), who sadly passed away recently. Peter was one of our founding trustees, and continued as a trustee for 23 years, supporting all our activities, both at fund raising events and behind the scenes on administration, finance and gift aid. He welcomed everyone to the annual Bike Ride and will be missed by all who knew him. Margaret suggested donations to Children of Nepal in lieu of flowers at his funeral and a massive £660 was raised in Peter's memory - thank you very much indeed to all of you that donated.



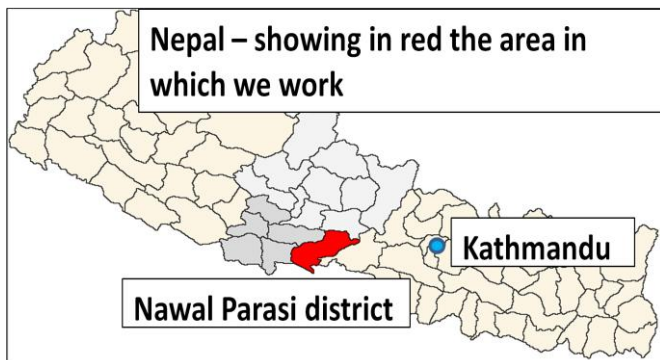
## Recent school projects

Since our last newsletter, we have supported Chattisa Devi School in Kotthar to buy tin for roofing a classroom building; Setinag School in Arkhala to buy 40 sets of benches and desks and helped complete classroom building projects at Janta School, Nandabhauju and Surja Jhoti School, Jugepani.

New requests have come in from the following schools:

- Narayani Adhabhut, Sikrauli
- Kumarwanti, Koluwa
- Janak Primary, Gaidakot
- Sakala Devi, Devchuli-5
- Jana Utthan, Bulingtar

To date, with fantastic support from all of you, we have now carried out 97 projects at 75 different schools in the Nawal Parasi district in central Nepal - some of these are in the lowland area, either side of the main east-west road through Nepal and are fairly accessible; others in the hilly areas north of this main road are much more remote and harder to travel to. In these remote areas, settlements are more spread out and kids have further to walk to school - making it even more important to help these schools. We really value your support with this.



Our ambition is to ensure that education becomes an achievable goal of all children where ever they may live.

## Narayani Adhabhut School, Sikrauli



Pupils line up at the welcome ceremony in Dec 2019

This school have embarked on a phased project to rebuild some old and some earthquake damaged classrooms. They held a special fund raising 'puja' (ceremony) within their community and sought funds from the local government. We are very grateful to the donations raised in memory of Man Chung Li (1965-2016) which have contributed to this project. At our visit, it was great to see good progress being made with construction of the ground floor classrooms.



Building work in progress at Narayani Adhabhut School

## Janak Primary School, Gaidakot

We returned to Janak Primary School to help with the building of four new classrooms onto the first floor of an existing classroom block. This project is also part supported by funds raised in memory of Man Chung Li (1965-2016).

## Gift Aid and Online Giving

Please note that from 2019 we changed our online giving site from MyDonate to Golden Giving: <https://www.goldengiving.com/wall/children-of-nepal> .

## Thank you to all our supporters

Finally, thank you very much for all your donations and support for our fund raising events - we really appreciate every single contribution. Since we started this charity, you have helped us raise more than £206,000, which is a great achievement! With your support, we can continue to provide funding to schools in Nepal to build classrooms and other facilities to ensure that the children at all these schools get the education they deserve. Thank you very much.