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... inspiring hope*

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☞ **Thank You** ☞

Inspiring Hope in Nepal

Dear HADA People,

Greetings from Nepal.

The Euroguard water purification system is now installed together with tank, piping etc and both staff and patients are benefiting from it. Current inpatients posed for a photo with the clinical staff of the inpatient section to be sent to you to say **thank you** for your generosity in providing this. We are expecting a big reduction in diarrhoea problems now, and it has come just in time as the monsoon rains have started.

Thanks again and warm wishes

Julie

(Dr Julie Lincoln)



Inspire Why the new name?

Encouraging development, inspiring hope expresses the desire of the HADA board in regard to every project adopted. No one denies that hope is a missing ingredient in many situations today, and we are ever so grateful for the opportunity to make a difference and to inspire hope in an increasing number of families.

We've chosen the name *Inspire* for our newsletter because that's what we long to do: inspire hope in people facing hardship, and inspire compassion and a desire to help in those who are better off and able to share resources. Where do you fit?

A Key
Development:

Training Literacy Supervisors

COTE D'IVOIRE,
WEST AFRICA

The subjects covered in this training seminar gave me more information about the role of a literacy supervisor”.

“The training helped me to know more about the educational needs of adults and how to help them in literacy”.

“I learnt many things about how to train literacy teachers and how to teach adults”.

These were some of the appreciative comments received from participants in an intensive five-day supervisors’ training workshop. The workshop was held to train the National Coordinator and seven supervisors from the Ivory Coast literacy project. It was run by an Ivorian literacy specialist and topics covered included the difference between pedagogy (instructor-led) and andragogy (learner is self-directed), the role of a supervisor, how to train literacy teachers and how to evaluate their work.

Literacy supervisors play a key role, as it is they who are responsible for motivating, training and supervising teachers and visiting classes. The workshop was a significant step in the project’s development as it means that all the languages targeted by the project now have trained supervisors.

The supervisors weren’t slow in putting their new knowledge into practise. In the weeks following the workshop, each one planned and ran at least one teacher training workshop. The more inexperienced supervisors were helped initially by expatriate worker Denise Rhodes, but then went on the run successful workshops on their own. The result was over 30 new teachers trained and new classes beginning in four regions.

It is always a challenge to keep classes going, so follow-up is very



Supervisors at their training workshop with Denise Rhodes, literacy worker.



Sokuya new readers and teachers with certificates.

important. The supervisors have been visiting classes to encourage the teachers and students and to help the teachers improve their skills where necessary. The teachers appreciate the visits as it helps motivate them to keep going and shows them the importance of what they are doing.

A further project highlight was a ceremony held to present certificates to new readers and new teachers of the Sokuya language. Eight new readers and eight new teachers received certificates. The new readers had attended classes for over a year and had finished all 51 lessons in the reading primer. Each demonstrated their new skill by reading aloud a passage in Sokuya. A delicious traditional meal followed the ceremony. In a typical Ivorian way of showing their appreciation for the classes, the people presented the Alfred the National Coordinator, and Denise the expatriate worker, with yams, bananas and a live chicken!

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NEPAL **Buddhi Can Work Again!**

Buddhi, 44 years old, was in despair. A father of five daughters, no land of his own and the only wage-earner in the family, he had been unable to work for months and prospects for their family were bleak.

A large rock had fallen onto his left leg causing a compound fracture. The Indian hospital x-rayed his leg, but the bones were not straightened and no operation was performed — they simply put his leg in plaster and sent him back to Nepal. Three months later a private medical hall removed the plaster and applied a new one for five months. This was then removed at the government hospital in Dang, and, unable to do any more for him, they referred him to our centre. At

this point, his lower left leg was visibly deformed, he was in great pain, unable to walk or work to feed his family. X-rays confirmed malunion of his fracture — he needed an operation to re-break the bones, set them in a straight position and metal fixation to keep them in place. This operation is not available in Dang and he was too poor to pay any travel or medical costs.

Living with his wife and daughters in a small house on unregistered land with only a couple of chickens to call their own, his labouring was their main source of income and they had already taken out loans to cover the cost of previous treatments. We arranged his transfer to the nearest Medical College five hours drive away where the operation was successfully carried out free of charge. He returned to our centre for post-operative care and rehabilitation. His leg is now straight, free of pain; he can walk unassisted and work again to support his family.



Completed: Kurdish Widows' Project

IRAQ

Ten years ago I arrived in the northern region of Iraq to work amongst a special community of widows, survivors of genocide against the Kurds, orchestrated by Saddam Hussein in 1988.

Meeting felt needs

I was aware that a work amongst the poor must be holistic. I needed to meet a felt need of poor families. Then I had an idea! The simple rotating savings and loans project that is now operating is perfectly suited to the ladies' circumstances, cultural boundaries and capacity. Basic personal financial intermediation is a real need of the poor. The opportunity to turn small savings into a lump sum for priority purchases for the family is essential to living. I do not insist that the loan be used for income-generating purposes. Some ladies have bought animals or sewing machines and do produce a little income, but many simply save to purchase important household items. The discipline of saving, however, elevates the project from simply being a handout. The ladies must be dutiful and conscientious in their commitment to the group and loan repayments.

The joy of helping others

One of the most important features of the project is that I work directly with the group and one of the widows is my facilitating partner, whom I will call Deborah. Without her advice, counsel and hard work, I could not select, organise or supervise the loan groups. She is largely a volunteer, as I give her a monetary gift from time to time, in appreciation of her contribution. I know, however, that she is not working for money,

but the joy of helping her community. I believe this is an empowering experience for her and affords her the dignity and respect she deserves. Though poor and not well educated, she is gifted and extremely astute. I make my home amongst her family when I visit and am accepted as the eldest 'daughter', which is a wonderful relationship for me.

Three loan groups have been funded by HADA. Group accountability and ownership within the groups has resulted in there being no loan defaults. All participants understand that it is their own funds that are recycling and that saving for a lump sum helps manage the needs of family. Deborah and I receive many expressions of thanks from project participants, for the very real help the project affords. All the ladies express their desire to continue within the project and be faithful in their loan repayments.

Widows and children

Deborah and I have been surprised to see just how many poor families still exist in the community. In the new loan groups we have a number of widows with small children. They have no support but the equivalent of AU\$20 a month from the government. These families are totally dependent on the charity of relatives in order to survive. A number have confessed that their families neglect them. It brings Deborah and I great satisfaction to be able to assist families that are struggling and barely surviving. Our little project is tapping into a profound need. Though a small intervention, it is of great significance for all the participating families.

Warm regards

Emma

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Current HADA Projects

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Registered HADA offices

HADA, Yunnan, China

Managers: Gary and Ailin Leong

- Ninglang: Micro Enterprise Development; sponsoring school children, training English teachers, large clean water projects, medical surgeries and medications, and school projects like clothing for school children, new dorms, beds, desks and cooking facilities.
- Yuxi: food and supplies for sponsored school children.

HADA, Astana, Kazakstan

Manager: Hubrecht (Hubert) de Vos

- Step: training to achieve skills to ensure that people can find gainful employment or go into business themselves.
- Source of Hope: counselling centre for women with past abortions and other issues and helping people to make sensible family planning decisions.
- Open Doors Community Centre: a place to gain employable skills and life skills for young adults, couples and parents.
- Valueology teaching: assisting schools by providing teaching materials, and teaching values to teenagers and students.

Associate organisations' projects

Kham Health Associates, Sichuan Province, China

- Screen and treat people with Hydatids; educate the whole community in Hydatids prevention.
- Disaster Relief: help in the form of food, blankets, shoes and shelter, and provision of yaks in the summer.

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Manager: Martin Aerne

- Vocational Training Program: Tailoring workshop, Metal Workshop and I.T. Support / Customer Service.

Manager: Valeria Pires

- Bridge of Hope: assisting street children to a better life.

Entreaide Globale, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China

Manager: Philip Lam

- A Cup of Water Community Centre Project: provide finances for poor children to attend school; teach English, and English teacher training.
- Community Centre

Good Neighbor Society, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Manager: Albrecht Seibold

- Feeding poor children; Mobile Library; Hearing Aid Projects; Reading Glasses Project; Kindergarten Project; Character Training; Micro Loans

Bridgewater Care, Guiyang, China

Manager: Karen Kirkland

- Community based home rehabilitation and physiotherapy for recently disabled and trauma patients.

Literacy Project, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

Manager: Denise Rhodes

- Literacy for adults.

Consulting Training and Support, Oujda, Morocco

Manager: Daniel Boegli

- Care of Cerebral Palsy children in their homes.

International Nepal Fellowship, Dang Province, Nepal

Manager: Dr Julie Lincoln

- Leprosy and Tuberculosis program.
- CATS Youth assistance program in Ghorahi.

Maxton Strong School, Banbassa, India

Manager: Rick Shipway

- School buildings for orphans and local children

Mercy Welfare Society, New Delhi, India

Project Consultant: John King

- Education and vocational training to urban disadvantaged.

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