

Newsletter 2014 - 4th quarter



Namaste dear sponsors and supporters,

First of all, we would like to give you our best wishes for 2015. We hope it will be a very successful year.

2014 is now behind us and it turned out to be very prosperous. We were able to take up on many projects. We took part in many school fundraisers and have some more to come. We also welcomed some new long-term sponsors. With an easy mind we will take up the 2015 challenges. Already certain for 2015 :

- Official opening of the extended and rebuilt Chinnebas secondary school.
- Finishing of our Syangja boarding school for the deaf.
- A Belgian doctor/dentist will return to Chitre.
- Some teachers have already enlisted to volunteer.
- Near Beni in the Myagdi district a new project will look into the implantation of a full-scale secondary school.
- Then there is of course our Chitre school and medical aid station.
- In Belgium we will be visiting some schools, and use our info stand to raise awareness and attract new sponsors.

New uniforms and a doctor for Chitre.

Adjusted to mountain life and the same for boys and girls, our brand new school uniform! Every year, all school children will be given two sets, so they can always dress neatly yet comfortably. **Doctor Jan Dryhoul has already introduced himself to the Chitre population.**

Jan's stay turned out to be an enormous success. He saw over 400 patients in 2 1/2 week time. Our recently retired doctor had to work overtime and regularly skipped lunch for us. With the help of tea and soup he managed to treat everyone and he will definitely be coming back again. Super!



Our secretary Nita Buduja had not visited us in two years, and was given a warm welcome when she briefly came to see us during the wet season.



Financial news

Around March/April you will be receiving our comprehensive annual overview, with detailed reports and many personal stories. It will also contain your certificate for tax relief. Out of a 40 euro donation, 18 euro will be refunded through your taxes. For the 2015 income tax, donations could be made until 31/12.

How can you support us?

If you wish to make a donation, go to:

himalayanprojects.org/Steunons

Sometimes we are asked how our school children and projects can be remembered in someone's **will**. That is in fact very simple. All you need to do is include the following sentence in your **will**: **"I bequeath to Himalayan Projects vzw, Leiselestraat 138, B-8200 Sint-Michiels, the sum ofeuro."**

This way the further support of our orphans, school children and sick people is guaranteed.



Syangja boarding school for the deaf.

Thanks to an allowance by the Province of West-Flanders we already managed to build a school for about 25 deaf children and their teachers. However, since most of these children come from far, and require specific guidance, it is better for them to be boarders. This implies them having to take classes in one room, and sleep in the other. An unbearable situation.



We have now gathered enough money to build a new infrastructure, but there are not enough funds to pay for the operating costs, to ensure quality education and support. Only 1 out of 5 teachers is paid by the government. The other 4 need to live off small contributions that do not even make minimum wage.

Therefore we are urgently looking for sponsors that are willing to contribute monthly or annually, so this neglected group of children can be given the kind of care they deserve.

The Chinnebas school in full expansion.

The site is progressing gradually. We were able to finish a second building, which will contain 4 classrooms. Thanks to various allowances and donations we can continue the expansion of a full-scale secondary school for 500 children, and also equip a computer class.



Other needs nearby:

The women of Aggridanda, a village located near Chinnebas, have to walk 100m downhill every day to get water, and then drag it back up again. Also, they do not have a place where they can get together or organize an event. The home committee asked us to give them a little push, and we are more than happy to do so. Only with a minimum of educational, medical and cultural means these villages can remain liveable. Now let that be our core business.



We would like to thank:

All new and returning sponsors. The **Rotary clubs from Ghent and Grimbergen**, and **HeSpace from the Netherlands** provided financial support, as well as friends of volunteer doctor **Jan**. We received allowances from the **Province of West-Flanders** and the **Brugs Fonds voor Ontwikkeling en Samenwerking**. Additionally we received support from various schools such as **Sint-Rembert from Torhout**, **SBS Sint-Michiels**, **Sint-Andreas from Sint-Truiden** and **De Leeuw from Zedelgem**. We work very well together with the **Kerun society from Grimbergen** and their supporters. Recently we were very grateful to receive a donation from **NRN Leuven** (local Nepalese community).

Why not visit one of our projects?

In September 2015 we invite you to accompany us to Nepal. An unforgettable three-week journey with a magnificent hiking tour throughout the Tibetan landscape and into Mustang's culture. Contact us and we will send you a detailed travel proposal.



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