



Our Kids are back in School.



After nearly a year away from classes our kids are happy to be back at school.

The Coronavirus situation in Nepal is still very unstable, but we're taking every precaution to keep the kids safe as they return to classes.

In meeting the challenges of 'lock-down' our team in Nepal, supported by our older students have maintained a home-schooling schedule throughout the time the kids have been at home, and we feel they have had an amazing experience that has perhaps put them on the front foot as they return to the school routine.

And the support that we have received from sponsors, supporters, friends and those contributing via GlobalGiving has been amazing. We appreciate that many of our supporters are also facing difficult times, and yet the generosity continues to flow and give these kids a chance.



Over the last twelve months we have not been able to visit our team in Nepal, however, we've maintained regular 'ZOOM Meetings' to ensure we have a clear picture of how things are progressing and the changing needs, and demands, that come with looking after some 60+ children.



The New Year was welcomed with a time of sharing and a meal on the roof of 'IGWR House One'; and like the rest of the world, we too are hopeful that this new year will be one that opens up some refreshing post-Covid opportunities. We must however also be prepared to re-enter lock-down as Nepal is still recording cases in the thousands.

Maybe 2021 is a time for us all to more fully appreciate the gift of life, the fragility of life and the dependence we all have with each other.

"When it is your turn and someone, a health worker, gives you a little jab so you have the protection you need... Then think about giving a little to those who might receive life from you, a little vaccination to those who are suffering from the pandemic caused by greed."



If you visit our website, you will see we have plans to hold a fundraising event on March 13th; it is our 2020 event re-scheduled and hopefully this time we might just make it happen. Although as I write Western Australia has just started a five-day lock-down, so "the best laid plans" are open to change at anytime in the world of today.

"Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind."



Looking Ahead with Hope

So much has already been achieved with your support and as we glimpse the light of vaccinations, so too we look ahead to bringing more life to those who continue to suffer the pandemic of poverty.

With your support we've given kids a chance
we've graduated doctors, nurses and physiotherapists,
we've put teachers in schools
and have graduated students in the fields of hospitality, business management and banking..
But we also have 60+ kids still in school and college
kids full of hope
full of wonder, potential and eager to learn
eager to become
and these kids give thanks that YOU care.....
For it is your generosity that makes the difference.



We are looking forward to more celebrations, and more milestones in 2021
And some of our kids will move from school to college, some will go home
to their remote villages and some will start work.

In the midst of our everyday cares and worries we have managed to spare a little for others and
that is life giving to all.

May the year ahead also be a time for you to celebrate, a time for re-creation and so too a new
beginning.

We all have so much to learn from the energy of Children, they have not yet been dampened
down by the responsibilities of adulthood; However when we sit lightly with possessions, and stay
open to the abundance around us, then we can playfully join in life-giving games again.

So perhaps as we move into a post-Covid possibility, we should all be more open to sharing of
ourselves, like kids in the playground of life.



If you can share your story of giving with friends and encourage them to also be a part of this
valuable community that would be awesome.

With Covid-19 restrictions we're behind with fundraising events, but perhaps we are heading
toward a more compassionate world; perhaps the era of "giving" is becoming infectious.

Peace & Love, Peter H

More information about School+Plus is available on our website:

<https://www.igwr-nepal.com/>

And there are regular pictures on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/IGWRNepal>


