



THE EQUIP NEWSLETTER

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To be living witnesses of Christ's love through excellent education



The first-ever Science Exhibition in Lamjung

SANJU IN SIRAHA



We have hired a new educational facilitator, Sanju Yonjan, in Siraha. He and his wife have been teaching after-school programs and will provide key assistance with developing the program in this new area of the country. There are no mountains in Siraha, but plenty of challenges to traverse as we build relationships with teachers, students, and parents within a Muslim population. We are thrilled to be the first educational NGO in this locality.

RETURNING TO RUKUM

Barsha's reflections



As a child born in a rural area of Rukum but growing up in the city, I always dreamed that one day I would go back to the countryside to serve people there. Working with KISC EQUIP, God not only allowed me to be in a rural location but also the same area I grew up in! To be honest, going back to a rural place and leaving behind my loved ones and my life in the city was not an easy process in the beginning.

As time passed, I started finding myself in love with students and the community here. I love the feeling when students get excited to see me. This gives me encouragement to give more of myself for them. Also, God has given me an opportunity to use my potential in the local church through my music and volunteering to teach the children. I look forward to serving here all for the glory of God for my own people.

CELEBRATE LEARNING

Our partner schools in Lamjung have had unique opportunities to celebrate sports and science with different inter-school activities that bring the community together. In November, KISC EQUIP held an Ultimate Frisbee tournament that first taught teachers the sport, who in turn taught their students. The ensuing tournament gave each school a chance to competitively celebrate the new skills they learned.

In February, a Science Exhibition was held that showcased their student's minds and abilities practically demonstrate their understanding. Some students' projects even solved problems their communities faced using local resources. The first Science Exhibition in Lamjung was a great success!



HIDDEN TREASURE

Phillipa's reflections

As we go about our activities with KISC EQUIP, we encounter many challenging and sometimes distressing situations about which we can do nothing. We feel helpless. But as I hold on to this promise from God, I begin to see some of the treasures, the dark corners where He is at work.

One such treasure was discovered when chatting with a teenaged girl as part of our adolescent health programme. Considering the impact of some potentially harmful, and definitely not life-affirming, traditional practices around menstruation, she declared, "this training cleared all my doubts regarding this misconception. It teaches us not to be fearful or worried about this." We hope and pray that this girl will not be the only one to experience freedom from fear, as we seek to bring fullness of life through our work.

**I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden riches of secret places,
That you may know that I, the LORD,
Who call you by your name,
Am the God of Israel.**

[Isaiah 45:3]

"DON'T WORRY, THEY ARE LIKE US" *Krishna's reflections*

A teacher in one of our partner schools suggested this to his colleagues. What a shock to hear! Initially, teachers had been reluctant to share their needs and classroom issues with the trainers. They appeared timid, apprehensive, and doubtful when their lessons were observed. After a few years, some teachers were so close to our team that they started sharing their struggles and their passions openly. They would not mind asking questions to the trainers in the middle of the lesson they were teaching. This is due to the approach KISC EQUIP uses in the field, to be living witnesses of Christ's love to others. By simply loving others as ourselves and seeing no boundary between the trainer and teacher, we were able to present a different culture for education that sees no hierarchy. Mistakes are no longer seen as threats or weaknesses but simply part of the learning process we accomplish together.



SOME EQUIP HAPPENINGS

September

Kathmandu

KISC hosted a Christian Educators Conference with the theme of "Walking with Jesus in the Classroom." Three EQUIP trainers provided workshops for local Christian teachers on Caring Classrooms, Jesus as Learner-centered, and Illuminating the Bible within the Curriculum. This first event has to hopes to continue annually.



December

Kathmandu

EQUIP provided training for ECEC, another teacher training organization, in English, Maths, and Science for grades 4-8. There was also a large Dyslexia Awareness Event that took place in the valley in which Phillipa helped plan and provided training.

February

Lamjung

The big event was the Science Exhibition in which all partner schools and local government officials attended. Additionally, a Critical and Creative Thinking Skills training and an ICT Refresher Training was conducted. An ongoing school-based Phonics Training was conducted and is nearing completion. The Differentiation Follow-Up provided a chance to observe the teachers practicing inclusive skills.



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September

Rukum

Instructional coaching was completed in Science, Maths, and English. EQUIP also offered a training on an integrated approach of the new curriculum. ECD training was provided with additional toys and resources provided to each school. What a joy to see more play-based learning!



November

Lamjung

A Differentiation Training was conducted in which teachers were provided the tools to in turn teach their own fellow teachers. Subjects each held refresher training. An ICT Training was conducted for Computer Teachers. The PE Training and Camp in frisbee was the main highlight from the visit with both students and teachers learning the new sport. ECD resources were also presented to each school.

March

Rukum

Barsha continued to push the environmental awareness child-club forward. A Phonics Training was delivered to all schools along with an ECD Training. Scholarships were handed out and Reflections and sharing opportunities occurred as we develop a way forward in this newer location.



Kathmandu

A Science Exhibition was held in which Somang Academy and KISC combined to provide different stations, where both schools learned some fascinating information. Follow up in Differentiation was also achieved.



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