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“TO BE LIVING WITNESSES OF CHRIST’S LOVE THROUGH EXCELLENT EDUCATION.”



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

Greetings from KISC EQUIP.

I am very pleased to present to you our newsletter. I hope you will find it encouraging and inspiring.

We have been making many visits back and forth to the projects. It is not easy for our EQUIP team members, being frequently away from their families. However, we consider this as our joy – not a job.

As we come to the end of this academic year, we have been encouraged to see some improvements in our partner schools. In my recent visit to one of our schools, a student in grade five was so proud to show me that she has read 27 books from a classroom library we set up.

The smile on her face was so inspiring. As I returned from the school I thought back to when I was in grade five in a school in rural Nepal and I didn't see any colour books or story books.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation for your faithful friendship and partnership in our journey to make a difference in rural school communities across Nepal.



Khim Kandel
EQUIP Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khim'.

EQUIP TEAM 2020



LEFT TO RIGHT: Simon Hall, Dil Bahadur Chhetri, Phurba Tamang, Khim Kandel, Santona Neupane, Joy Ransom, Annie Brown, Nirajan Thapa, Madhav Neupane, Krishna Bahadur Bohora **MISSING:** Ross Williamson

We are equipping and empowering teachers, students and communities through our education training in rural and urban areas across Nepal.

TEAM NEWS

Congratulations and blessings:

- Phurba and his wife Binita welcomed their first child in November. They named their son Mehir.
- Annie on her engagement to Chas Tanner. Chas works for the same organisation, Human Development and Community Services (HDSCS) that oversees EQUIP. He is from the UK and has lived and worked for mission organisations

in Nepal for more than 20 years. They will get married in Scotland in May and return to work in Nepal.

- Ross and his wife Abby welcomed their second child in January, a boy named Esko. They are both currently in the USA, but will return to Nepal.

EQUIP HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 2019 - FEBRUARY 2020

Most of our team are based in Kathmandu at the KISC school site. Our weekly programme includes supporting our closest partner school, Somang Academy. At Somang we have been observing lessons and encouraging teachers to implement knowledge and skills from earlier trainings. Four members of the team have been providing 1-2-1 mentoring support for teachers in Social Studies, English, Maths and Science. Two members of our team, Simon and Joy are based in Besisahar in Lamjung District. Read more about their work on page 8 in this newsletter. Here's a summary of some of the key happenings over the last six months:

SEPTEMBER



Annie and Santona with other teachers at a training at Machhapuchhre School.

- Made a visit to Takshashila Education Foundation, in Jhapa District in Eastern Nepal, to provide training and support for the teachers. This link with EQUIP was set up with one of the Nepali parents of the KISC school.
- Conducted leadership training for 16 school leaders from Nepal and India in partnership with ECEC (Early Childhood Education Centre).
- Gave a one-day training on Philosophy for Children (P4C) with Creative and Critical Thinking to eight teachers from Machhapuchhre School in Kathmandu.

OCTOBER

- In partnership with other international trainers, facilitated a Leadership and Management Course for 24 participants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, USA, UK and Romania.

NOVEMBER



Krishna and Nirajan with students in Nuwakot District.



Santona speaks with Primary teachers during her training at Machhapuchhre School.

- Spent a week in Nuwakot District. Training was given on 'read aloud' and 'thinking skills'. Also set up science equipment and distributed 148 school bags of equipment.
- Provided further training in Jhapa for the teachers of the Takshashila Education Foundation.
- Attended Samaritan's Purse Canada's (SP Canada) Learning Exchange in India. Gave a presentation and led group discussions on 'Creativity in Learning' for 30 NGO's that SP Canada supports.
- An extensive evaluation of the EQUIP programme was undertaken. The report has now been published and a summary is given later in this newsletter.
- Conducted a one-day training on 'read aloud' for 15 primary teachers at Machhapuchhre School in Kathmandu.

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DECEMBER



Santona leads a workshop at ECBEC.



Nirajan observes students using their classroom library in Nuwakot.

JANUARY



Annie with teachers she trained in Lamjung.

- Worked for a week with our six partner schools in Nuwakot District. Conducted 'thinking skills' training and follow up, science lab and classroom library follow up and 'read aloud' training. Met with each school principal for an annual review meeting and handed over mathematics teaching resources.
- Attended the HDCS project coordination team and presented EQUIP's semi-annual update.



Phurba meets with scholarship students in Lamjung.

FEBRUARY



Student winners of the EQUIP Inter-school Spelling Contest in Lamjung.

- Led practical education workshops on ICT, 'read aloud', 'creativity through art' and 'thinking skills' at the Early Childhood and Basic Education Conference (ECBEC) in Kathmandu.
- Worked with our 15 partner schools in Lamjung. Former KISC Library Teacher Helen Brown also joined us. The programme included ICT training, thinking skills for social studies teachers, maths training follow-up, meeting scholarship students, setting up new classroom libraries, reproductive health training and general training follow-up.

- Spent two weeks with our 15 partner schools in Lamjung. Visits included support for school leaders, classroom library set-up and reproductive health and 'creative and critical thinking skills' training. EQUIP also hosted an inter-school spelling contest for our 15 partner schools.
- Conducted our annual development days to reflect and plan for the next year.
- Presented workshops at Bal Sahitya Mahotsav (Children's Literacy Festival) at Rato Bangala School in Kathmandu.

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