



THE EQUIP NEWSLETTER

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



CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Child Clubs are one way for students to take ownership of their community in rural Nepal. Similar to a school's Student Council, Child Clubs meet on a regular basis to discuss school and community related topics and take action. KISC EQUIP has facilitated the launch of these in all Rukum partner schools. On World Environment Day in June of 2023, the Child Clubs led groups of students to clean up the local area. One group focused their cleaning on local drinking water

locations (taps). This encouraged the residents to all do their part to clean up and the drinking water locations remain much cleaner today. Another group focused their cleaning on a government office. When the mayor heard what they were doing, he told the club he would make sure his staff kept the place clean from then on. The actions of students influenced not only the current situation, but the future of their communities as well.

STAR ACHIEVER

One of our scholarship students has scored the highest mark within Lamjung on his Secondary Education Exam (SEE). We are extremely honored that through your donations for books and uniform fees we were able to keep him in school so he could flourish! What a major accomplishment for him, his family, his community, and the KISC EQUIP world-wide network!

FAREWELL

Joy Ransom and Phillipa Munday wrapped up their time with EQUIP this summer. Living in Besisahar, Lamjung, they were able to visit schools regularly and mentor, train, and build relationships with many of the fifteen partner school teachers in the area.

Joy will be remembered as the Phonics Ama of Nepal as she championed the use of Phonics in Primary and early year classrooms throughout the country, exemplified by her phonics textbooks she wrote. To her colleagues, she will be remembered as encouraging and spirited in her support and praise.

Phillipa was an advocate for students with special needs and helped organize and lead workshops on Dyslexia with other leading Nepali advocates. She recently provided professional development for the whole of KISC school on how to support and adapt teaching for students who function in more diverse ways. Phillipa has contributed so much to our team.



Phillipa Munday deep in discussion with an eager young social studies teacher.



Joy Ransom fully engaging an Early Childhood Development class.

EDUCATION CHAMPIONS

Our partner school teachers are asked to do quite a lot from our training. Some teachers show exceptional interest and passion to take on the researched-based techniques we teach that are often quite foreign to their pedagogy. EQUIP has named specific Education Champions who show that passion and willingness to learn in hopes that they can be a light to their peers.

This is especially important as we wrap up our five-year project in Lamjung. Our goal is to remain in communication to allow Educational Champions to continue the passionate practice and willingness to learn that are key ingredients not just student achievement but where each child is seen for their special talents and gifts.

Psalm 139: 14

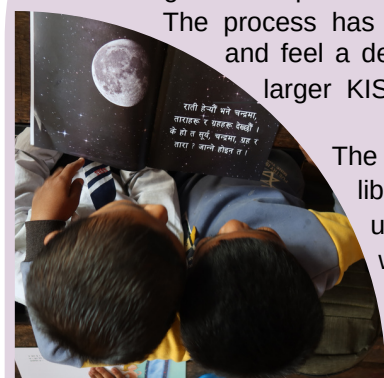
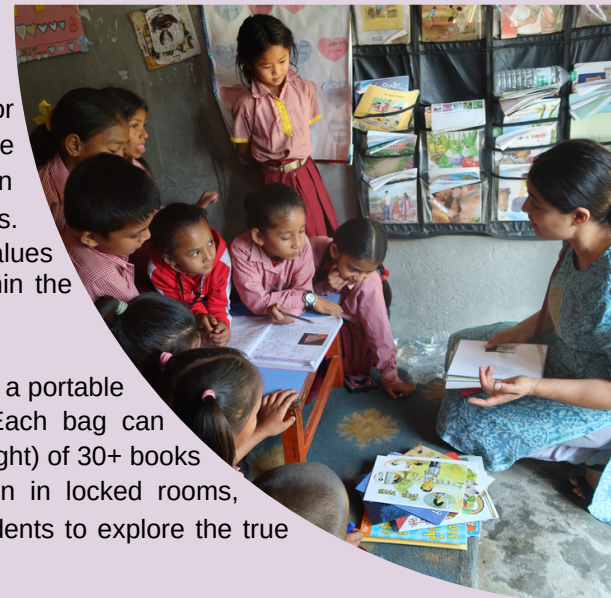
*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made,
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*

LIFE WITHOUT LIBRARIES

The KISC Primary and Secondary have learned to not take reading for granted as many fellow students in Nepal do not have books to engage their imagination and curiosity for learning. KISC students have begun raising funds to provide classroom libraries for EQUIP partner schools.

The process has allowed KISC students to embody the school values and feel a deeper connection to the work that goes on within the larger KISC and HDCS umbrella.

The goal is for each EQUIP partner school to receive a portable library bag for each grade (ECD - Grade 8). Each bag can unfold into a hanging display (as seen on the right) of 30+ books written in mostly Nepali. When libraries are often in locked rooms, these bags provides immediate access for students to explore the true wonder of books.



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Happenings

APRIL

SIRAHA

The focus on this first phase was to educate parents on how to support their children's studies as well as provide beginning training in ECD, Science, and the Integrated Curriculum. Meeting with the Education Head the Municipality to discuss program lunch and The Partnership Agreement Meeting with Principals, SMC members and Ward Chairs.

JUNE

RUKUM

World Environment Day was celebrated in each school through trash collection and awareness led by Child Clubs. Trainers were busy with Maths, Science, Phonics, English, ECD, and Classroom Management sessions conducted. PE kits were also distributed and the school lunch program began.



Environment Day Celebration

SEPTEMBER

RUKUM

Barsha continued to encourage Child Clubs toward climate change activities that including planting trees at schools and a few other community areas. Follow ups and Refresher training in different subject areas took place at each school. Classroom libraries were set up within each classroom. Parent seminars were conducted and scholarships were distributed to another successful visit.

MAY

LAMJUNG

Classroom library books were topped off with almost 3,000 students able to access the new books. Refresher training took place across a variety of subjects including



Classroom Library

Phonics, and Differentiation. A new partnership agreement was signed with all school leaders for the final project year and there was a parent seminar on child-safeguarding.

AUGUST

LAMJUNG

The focus was to review many concepts that had been taught over the years through refresher trainings that were both school and center based. Additionally, there

was orientation for the Literature Festival and Maths Exhibition that will take place at the end of the Nepali academic year. There were parent seminars and scholarships were distributed to all partner schools.



Maths Follow Up

PRAY

Your prayers can make a difference in the lives of Nepali children. Please pray for our work educating and empowering teachers across Nepal.

SERVE

Be an invaluable piece of the puzzle and share your expertise in teaching to transform lives and communities. Go to: kisc.edu.np/vacancies

GIVE

Your gift will improve education for students and teachers across Nepal!
1. ONLINE - Go to the kisc.edu.np/givekisc and find more information
2. MAIL - Send checks payable to "KISC":
KISC PO Box 2714
Kathmandu, Nepal

ICT LABS

Within the past year there have been four partner school computer labs that have been built in collaboration with EduTech Nepal. We are continuing to look to expand access to computers throughout our partner schools. We appreciate your continued support to providing future skills to students.



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