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



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

Greetings from Education Quality Improvement Programme (EQUIP). I am very pleased to share our latest news with you. Since our last newsletter in February, many exciting things have happened. I hope you will find the work inspiring.

First of all, we are thrilled that a new EQUIP office could be built on site at Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC). As a result, we have gained community and connectedness with the rest of the school staff. We are especially thankful to our generous supporters who made it possible.

We continue to invest holistically and build positive relationships in Lamjung and Nuwakot Districts and with our neighbour, Somang Academy. We've conducted training, followed-up individually with teachers, offered resources and given scholarships to students. We've also extended our services to the eastern part of Nepal in Jhapa District. We are currently prayerfully seeking a funding partner for our future work in East Rukum District.

It's exciting to announce that we have a new partnership with EduTech Nepal to set up ICT labs in Lamjung. The project is now fully

underway. We've already set up one lab and another is being built. We are thankful that students in these remote schools have access to an education that better prepares them with skills for the future.

I am pleased to introduce a new member, Joy Ransom, from the UK. She has a long-standing association with EQUIP, through her many years of service as a tutorial teacher at mission hospitals in Nepal. She will be based in Lamjung and work with our partner schools there. We're happy that she'll be working alongside EQUIP's trainer Simon Hall who also lives in Lamjung with his family.



Khim Kandel
EQUIP Director

Thank you to each of you for your faithful support and partnership over the years. Your prayers and support are vital as we carry out our vision to be living witnesses of Christ's love through excellent education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khim', with a stylized flourish underneath.

EQUIP TEAM 2019



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

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

EQUIP HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY-AUGUST 2019

FEBRUARY

- Held a joint leadership training for 17 diverse participants with Early Childhood Education Centre (ECEC) focused on human resource management.
- Signed an agreement with EduTech to set up ICT labs in some of our partner schools in Lamjung.
- Ran two teacher learning community sessions in Lamjung.



Students at their assembly at an EQUIP partner school in Nuwakot.

MARCH

- Launched a new teacher mentoring programme with Somang Academy.
- EQUIP was there to support an early grade reading project in partnership with the Open Learning Exchange.
- Produced the 'EQUIP Postcard Pack' resource of 50 photos taken in Nepal to help teachers engage students in creative and critical thinking.
- Hosted the Nepal Director from EduTech in Besisahar, Lamjung, who visited, confirmed schools and signed agreements with school leadership for computer lab installation.
- Ran four teacher learning community sessions in Lamjung.
- Visited three areas in Nuwakot and met with their respective mayors and ward chairs.



Girls who attended the reproductive health and menstruation management training in Lamjung.

APRIL

- Ran a one-day training on creative and critical thinking skills for 14 Schools in Kathmandu valley.
- Completed the first phase of training for this academic year in Lamjung, including three days of science and english training and one day of leadership training for school leaders. In addition we offered parent workshops, reproductive health and menstruation management training and classroom management training. All 15 partner schools were visited for follow ups, along with data collection and analysis of impact.
- Ran two days of ICT training for all 15 partner schools in Lamjung.



Teacher trainers Krishna and Phurba pictured with teachers at a training in Jhapa.

MAY

- Delivered training for the teachers of Takshashila Foundation School in Jhapa. The training included the use of postcards in creative teaching and learning, read alouds and collaborative learning for 15 teachers.
- Visited Nuwakot to launch our training for this academic year in our six partner schools, which included maths and english training, a parent workshop and general training. 60 scholarships were also given out to students.

EQUIP HAPPENINGS



Participants at a leadership and management training organised by EQUIP and ECEC.



EQUIP staff enjoying their new office at KISC.

JULY

- Moved into our new offices located directly on the KISC campus.
- Formed a new partnership with Machhapuchhre School and observed classrooms. Offered a classroom management training where 34 teachers took part in the training.



10 EQUIP scholarship students from Somang Academy.



EQUIP teacher trainer Santona pictured with teachers at a training at Machhapuchhre School.

AUGUST

- Facilitated the training with 25 teachers on affirmation at Shristi Academy in Baneshwar.
- Organised a one-day training with 27 primary teachers on creative and critical thinking at Machhapuchhre School.
- Completed our second phase in Lamjung, including three days of maths and one day of PE training. Additionally, conducted parent workshops in five schools, classroom management training in seven schools and reproductive health training in four schools. Visited all 15 partner schools to follow up on the previous trainings in english, science and leadership. 15 teachers were selected for thinking skills training.
- Gave a presentation about EQUIP work on creative and critical thinking skills at the International Conference on Quality Education (ICQE 2019) in Kathmandu.



Students test out computers in their new lab which was set up by EQUIP and EduTech.

JUNE

- Jointly organised a leadership and management training with ECEC. 27 school leaders participated.
- Sponsored 10 Somang Academy students and science equipment was gifted to the school.
- Helped install the EduTech computer lab in Shree Janabikash School in Lamjung.

PRAY

SERVE

GIVE



Grateful. That's how we felt when we spotted this beautiful rainbow while we were setting up a computer lab for students in Janabikash Secondary School in Lamjung. A few students from the school struck a pose in front of the dazzling colours. This image is a great reminder of why EQUIP is doing the work we do. To help students and teachers become full of hope like that rainbow in the sky, through quality education.

If you want to help spread more hope through education, we'd appreciate your help. You can help through prayer, service and giving. Thank you so much for your continued support.



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