

R Star Foundation UPDATE ON THE MOVE



Dear and Wonderful donors,

Thank you for your patience to hear of our work and our ongoing efforts in Nepal. There is no question the loss of my house to fire two years ago has been unsettling and hampered my ability some to keep you abreast as rapidly as done in the past regarding our *marvelous* and *continuing* work in which you play such an important part.

My focus is with our successes continuing onward in Nepal with Rabindra, my Nepali son guiding us well.

WE ARE ON THE MOVE!

We did open our school in Wojethar, Kavre in May 2010. We hired 3 females & 1 male to teach & manage the school. The girls' tuition is waived, and affords their uniforms, books and pencils. Truth is, without our going door to door in the village, we wouldn't have little girls in school as education is not valued for females... yet. We offer the males 50% off what they would pay public schools, but without the dangerous walk of an hour in each direction to reach the nearest school. (*Kidnapping & tigers are quite real realities in our District*).

PEACE is taught 20 minutes each day to the children who then teach it to their parents. These are children who have never known peace in their lives or district. No other school teaches such a class. In classrooms here in the United States, we present programs on peace. We bring Peace flags to the Nepalese children and they in turn give us a Peace flag that they have made for us to take home. Many of them now flutter outside our new school in Wojethar, & here in schools, clubs & churches, uniting all. We have a book on Peace soon to be released, and we are so excited to show our efforts to advance peace in the world!

We have 27 villages: all increased their micro-financing base 900%-2500% To our credit we have **OVER 11,000 goats**.

Cottage Industries continue to enter our villages as we collaborate here and abroad

- Sewing classes, with donated sewing machines & training.
- Candle making, with equipment & materials & training.
- Incense making, with equipment & materials as well as training.
- Knitting with training, yarn & needles.
- Pure, clean water wells with spigots, a HUGE project by a UK Rotary covering the entire District of Kavre. Where spigots couldn't be installed, 320, 8-year filters were given out to 320 families.
- Literacy classes with over 1600 women graduates & continuing & increasing.
- Our most recent collaboration is chicken farming, thus protein with funds from eggs & chicken poop!
- Future plans for the school: building Teacher housing; 'Hanging vegetable gardens' from trashed bottles; Art classes; Team exercise classes; building a kitchen for hot snacks for the children.

We have begun our **2nd school** with the village elders in agreement. The land has been donated and government sanctioned engineering plans are in place, with the villagers agreed to go forward; We have earned **5 awards** since 12/7/09. We have over **170 news articles** published & on line; we set up a blog which highlights/hosts our most current work at www.rstarfoundation.org. Do check it out. Our name is shortly to return to Foundation, departing from Ministries as registered by the IRS; *PayPal* is soon to be added to the blog & website; the web is being updated by our interns from SOKA; the Board attends IRS classes & other trainings to remain current in all matters including grant writing; SOKA interns are learning to research & write grants too, for funding our worthy projects by their internships.

Your continued support has enabled us to make major strides in our mission. Thank you, thank you!

With all the Christmas & holiday joy going on, we will share more later. If you

desire to know what we need, here are just a few things:

- Round trip ticket(s) to Nepal
- \$200 for a goat purchase
- Student tuition @ \$100/year
- Contacts for future presentations
- Hosts for a fundraiser, i.e. luncheons, dinners, casino nights, golf tournaments, etc.
- Volunteer grant writers
- Your year-end donation!

Your support has brought us to where we are in only 7 years. We need your help to do more!

Have no doubt, we do make a **huge** difference for Nepal's women and children, and you are part of it. See, we are *on the move!*

Happy Holidays with all the blessings of the season from our Board and those in Nepal!

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