



### THE FIRST ROAD TO TIPLING BRINGS NEW HOPE

Every Christmas brings in new hope. This year the people of Tipling, the remotest village in Dading district in Nepal, is welcoming Christmas with new enthusiasm and hope as the Somdang-Tipling Road has come nearer to their village crossing the 3850 meters high Pansang passage. Now the two days walking distance has reduced to merely 4 hours .

The first ever road to Tipling, will make a remarkable historic milestone in these adjacent villages, with a population of above 2000 households. The 27 km road construction from Somdang, bordering Rasuwa district, has gone through the most difficult terrain of steep and rocky hill sides and reached the Pansang pass which is the highest point.

Nepal Jesuit Social Institute financially supported by Xavier Network, undertook the road construction as part of the earthquake rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

Jesuit fathers living in Tipling for over a decade have been contributing much for the education in the village along with other pastoral and social activities. Now the road construction has given them renewed energy and they have already began planning in terms of better economic activities which include planting commercial crops like Apples, Kiwi, Peaches etc., which appear to be growing well there. NJSI has conducted a preliminary agricultural training for the trainers who would form farmers group and instruct them to plant

economic crops. The panoramic view of the Ganesh Himal range of the Himalayas will certainly attract many tourists to Pansang, and this opens a brand new avenue for Homestay and tourism for the Tipling area.

The people of Tipling are particularly grateful to the donor agencies who have made this historical move in their lives.



And in this Christmas I would like to thank all our donor Agencies and Individuals on behalf of all the beneficiaries and NJSI for their contribution to our activities in Nepal and have made remarkable improvement in the socio-economic and psychological development among the people of remote Nepal.

Wishing you all a Very happy Christmas and grace filled New Year.

*Roy Sebastian SJ*

Fr. Roy Sebastian, SJ

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Visit Of Klaus and Margarethe

Msgr. Dr. Klaus Kramer, President of Mission Achen, and Margarethe Roskopf, Director of Asian Desk Mission Achen, were with NJSI on 1st November for monitoring visit of NJSI's partnership activities with Mission. They also inaugurated tailoring training for Danuwar women.



## Teresa Sasu of Caritas Italy attended the laying foudation at Bagavati School Kavre



## 10 Girls Completed Office Managment and Computer Trainning at Godavari



**Miss. Christina Fernanadaz Duran** has left the Xavier network. NJSI expresses gratitude for her time and support for us and wish her all the best for her future.



## Fr. Roy Sebastain attended the Xavier Network meeting in Madrid

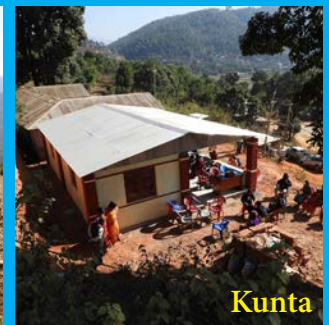


It was Nepal's turn to represent at the Xavier Network anual meeting this year. The Members appreciated and congratulated NJSI for its activities.

## Two Women's Activity Centers Handed Over



Ramechhap



Kunta

On 12th november the women's activity center at Rakathum, Ramechapp was handed over to the women community. And on 9th december the women's activity center at Kunta, Kavrepalanchowk was also handed over to the beneficiaries.



# NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

## Sindhupalchowk

### Shelter Construction at Galthum



Out of 73 beneficiaries, 17 houses have been completed and started to live in the new house.

11 households have got the second tranche and continue building while 10 beneficiaries already got the third tranche.

In order to get third tranche each household should also build their own toilets.



### Women's Activity Center



NJSI has been always working for the empowerment of the women. We have conducted several skills enhancing training programs and have built many activity centers for women where they can organize programs and meetings. Recently, NJSI has built a women's activity center in Sindhupalchowk with the same purpose. It is waiting for handing over.

## Dhadhing

### Road Construction From Somdang to Tipling

The track has reached about 10km from Somdang. The winter has started but no snowfall yet in the high mountains so the work is continuing.

People have already started using the road for transportation. The workers camp has been shifted to Pansang. After crossing Pansang we begin the descent to Tipling village and expected to reach there in another six months if the weather favours us.





# Kavrepalanchowk

## Activity Center for Special Children of Bagawati School



### Mahendra Ratna School Construction Started



Mahendra Ratna School's building was collapsed due to earthquake of 2015. Now, the students are studying in the temporary classrooms made up of tin sheets. So, with the help of Caritas Germany NJSI is constructing a two storey concrete building with four rooms. The delay of the construction was due to two reasons: primarily the approval of the building design took a long process and secondly the road was blocked due to the monsoon rains which flooded the river that had no bridge.



Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony



NJSI is building education cum activity center for special children of Bhagawati School. The hall is for the children to conduct various activities associated with the independent living and skill trainings. This project is funded by Caritas Italy.

A short ceremony was conducted by the school management committee for the foundation stone laying in the presence of Fr. Boniface Tigga, Fr. Roy Sebastian, Fr. Arulandum, Ms. Teresa Sasu from Caritas Italy and NJSI staff members.



## Hostel for Special Children in Kali Devi School

After getting the approval from government, now NJSI has the permission to build another hostel for special children. The project has been funded by Caritas Italy. The hostel has the capacity of 20 children. It has two dormitories, one for girls and the other for boys, a well furnished kitchen and study/activity room. It has two toilets and two bathrooms, separated for boys and girls.

The construction work is in initial phase as soon as it gets over it will be handed over to the authority.



## Nutritious Food Distribution to Special Children of Kavre



NJSI has been supporting the special children through medical and psychiatric intervention, training the caretakers and building hostels, activity centers etc.

Along with this, NJSI has provided nutritious food to the special children of Bhagawati School and Kali Devi School.



## Women's Activity Hall at Kunta



On 9th December women's activity hall at Kunta was handed over in the presence of Fr. Boniface.SJ, Fr.Roy Sebastain, Fr.Arul, NJSI staffs and the local beneficiaries.

This project is funded by Mission Achen. The hall will be now used by the women for their meetings and conduct micro-credit self help group activities and other skill training programs. They have expressed their gratitude to the donors.



# Lalitpur

## Computer and Office Management Training at ST. Annes Godavari Completed



Graduation Ceremony

The computer and office management training that NJSI in collaboration with St. Annes has completed. 10 girls are now equipped with the very good computer skills, spoken English and office management skills. Graduation ceremony was conducted in the presence of Fr. Roy, NJSI staffs and sisters of St. Annes. The girls were very happy to complete their course and now they have build their confidence enough to explore their oppotunities in up coming future. The new batch of 10 girls have already started their training program.



## Completion of 3 months Vocational Training at Donbosco



Certificate Distribution



The vocational training that NJSI has been providing to the people of Tipling, Dolakha, Sindhupalchowk for 3months has come to an end. Tailoring, beautician course were provided to the girls where as computer and electrician course were provided to the boys.

The training program was successfully completed where 13 participats were graduated on 25th September at Donbosco Institute.

## Agriculture Trainning Program at Godavari for the Tipling People



NJSI had conducted a week long agriculture training program for the people of Tipling at Godavari. There were altogethere 13 participants. The trainer Bidur Giri provided the training to the participants regarding the animal husbandary, their bearing and rearing process. ICIMOD shared ideas and new techniques for mountain agriculture with the particiapnts. They also had an opportunity to visit the NJSI model farm at Lubhu. The participants will train a group of ten at the village as they return to Tipling.



# Ramechhap

## Women's Activity Center at Rakathum



**Beneficiaries of Women Activity Hall**

As part of the upliftment program for the women of Ramechhap, NJSI has completed the construction of the women activity center.

On 12th November the hall was handed over to the beneficiaries in the presence of Fr. Roy Sebastian, Fr. Mathew Das, Fr. Tej Kalyan, NJSI staffs and the well wishers of the village. The women are very happy and grateful to the donors namely Xavier Network.

Before they use to sit under the trees on a barren land to conduct any activities. Now, they have a hall.

## Dolakha

### Completion of 3 months Tailoring Training at Suri

The tailoring training that NJSI has been providing to the women of Surel community for 3 months has come to an end.

Fr. Arul the Regional Director along with village community member and NJSI staffs distributed the certificates to the participants.

The women were very happy to complete their training session. Now, they have faith that they could use these skills for their sustainability.



**Distribution of the Certificates**





## ST. Xavier's School in Deonia



The new building for St. Xavier's Deonia is almost finished. The children will move to the new building soon after the completion.

## Nuwakot

### Clean Drinking Water for Special Children



Water purification system has been installed in all the three hostels for special children in Nuwakot. Making available clean drinking water has been one of the concerns of NJSI's earthquake rehabilitation activities.

## Gorkha

### Toilets for the School of Gorkha



NJSI has involved in constructing the toilets for six different schools after completing the schools buildings. Construction work is almost completed and by end of next month the toilets shall be handed over to the school authority.

### Attention !!!

NJSI has stopped using the previous bank account for receiving donations. Here after please send your donations to the bank account given below:

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Address: **Phulchowk, Lalitpur**

Account Name: **NJS Nepal Jesuit Social Institute**

Account No: **00711107858**

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