



NJSI Reach out to Surel Community

Pramila Surel is the first woman to pass class 10 from the Surel community in Suri VDC. She is a teacher in the local School named, Bhuneshwor in which all the children of Surel community do their primary education. She has been teaching in the school for about two and half year.

Meeting Pramila during the earthquake relief work was an eye open for NJSI to realize how much the Surel community is in need of support and empowerment. In our conversation with her NJSI came to know how happy she is to educate the children especially after knowing the impact of education herself and willing to leave home even carrying her small baby so that she could teach the poor kids of Surel community.

In this VDC, Surel indigenous community is very poor and backward with population of 150 in 30 households. The education level is very poor, especially for girls.

The 25th April 2015 earthquake had caused widespread damage to Dolkha district and further damage took place as it was also the epicenter of the 12th May 2015 earthquake.



Suri is one of the VDC in Dolakha District with 970 houses consisting 55000 population and 9 schools. Out of nine schools seven schools were damage and destroyed and NJSI has supported the reconstruction and recovery of 4 schools. This VDC is 200 Km away from Katmandu and the access road is very challenging and dangerous. Among the different cast, such as Khatri, Shreshta Newari, Bhujel etc. the Surel community is the most backward group. Their main occupation is agriculture and mostly they depend on rain. Being one of the unreached sections of the society the Surel has become a priority for NJSI's activits. The new women centre will be the starting point.



# HIGHLIGHTS

Fr. Klaus Vähröder SJ, (Director) and Mr. Steffen Windschall, (Public Relation Officer) from Mission Office Germany were with us during the last week of January 2017. They visited Ramechhap and Nuwakot districts along with Fr. Boniface Tigga SJ, and Fr. Roy Sebastian SJ.



The Shree Ban Sangu Secondary school of Jure VDC was affected by huge land Slide in 2014 and further destroyed by earthquake in April, 2015. NJSI build the semi-permanent school and on 10th January 2017 Fr. Arul SJ handed over the key of the school to Mr. Shyam Thapa, a resource person from Education department of Sindupalchowk. On this day, invited guest were welcomed and the children felicitated the gatherings and NJSI staff through their cultural performance



The excavator has started its course to Somdang to start the Tipling Road Project. Construction of the 24km Road from Somdang to Tipling starts soon.

On 3rd March 2017 NJSI handed over Shree Golma Devi School to the school management committee.





NJSI had sponsored 6 girls and 1 boy for tailoring course in Don Bosco Institute of Engineering & Technology, Thecho, Lalitpur. These children are from Tipling, Dhading District, the earthquake affected area. On the completion of this course, the Institute organized Christmas celebration and 'Certificate Distribution Ceremony' on 23rd December 2016. During this program these children received their work book, certificate and stitching machine for their livelihood.



The hostel of the special children at Shree Jangagriti School in Sangachowk, in VDC in Sindhupalchowk district was completely destroyed by the earthquake in 2015. NJSI in collaboration with "Amici Dei Bambini" and with the financial support of "Provincia autonoma di Bolzano Alto Adige" had taken the initiative of building a new hostel.

NJSI handed over the completed hostel building over to the School Management Committee and to the children on 2nd March 2017, in the presence of the District Education Officer, Sindupalchowk, the principal of the school, the supporting staff, the special children accompanied by their parents, representatives of Amici Dei Bambini, representatives of Nepal Jesuit Social Institute and local supporters.



Thanks to Mr. Lawrence Lama for his service to NJSI as a field staff. We wish him all the best for his future endeavors as he leaves NJSI.



Miss Meena Raut has joined NJSI as a field staff on 6th December 2016.







Shree Haleshwor Higher Secondary School in Suri, Dolakha District, was handed over to the school authority on 8th February 2017. The handing over ceremony was held in the school premises with the morning assembly of the students. On this awaited day members of the School Management Committee, Teachers, Parents and students were gathered to express their gratitude to NJSI. The NJSI staff and the invited guests were welcomed by children with welcome songs and cultural dances. Fr. Bonyface Tigga SJ, the chairperson, Fr. Roy Sebastian SJ the director and Fr. Arulanandam SJ, the District In-charge of NJSI thanked the entire school team for their cooperation and encouraged the students to make best of the facilities that is provided by NJSI and assured them for further support.

## NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### Dolakha

The 25th April 2015 earthquake had caused widespread damage to Dolakha district and further damage took place as it was also the epicenter of 12th May 2015 earthquake. Suri is one of the VDC in Dolakha District with 970 houses consisting 55000 population and 9 schools. Out of nine schools seven schools were damage and destroyed and NJSI has supported the reconstruction and recovery of 4 schools. This VDC is 200 Km away from Katmandu and the access road is very challenging and dangerous. The repair work of these four schools is completed successfully and children are back to school.



Haleshor Higher Secondray School



Bishneshwori Primary School



Divyashwori Secondary School



Navajyoti Primary School



On 16th December 2016 NJSI staff visited Suri VDC for the assessment of building a community hall for 250 women, who are poor and backward. On his day the meeting was organized with women to discuss their interest of area for training and to decide the place to build the hall for women. In this meeting 35 women participated and expressed that they would like to have training on agriculture, animal husbandry stitching, weaving warm clothes, candle and soap making. NJSI has planned to uplift the women of this community as they are out of reach of many I/NGOs. During this meeting beads were distributed to the women to earn their livelihood.



## Lalitpur



Shree Bhanodaya Primary school is located in Siddhipur area of Lalitpur district. In this area many people are migrated from other districts of Nepal for employment. The Nepali medium school is run by government which has ECD to 3 class. The school did not have compound wall, so many alcoholics and drug addicts and animals, entered the school ground and disturbed the classes. The School management committee requested NJSI, to support to build the compound wall. NJSI build the compound wall and it was completed on 5th January 2016. Now the students, teachers and parents are very happy to have safe school ground and study without any disturbance.





Dalchoki is a village development committee in Lalitpur District in the Bagmati Zone of Central Development Region of Nepal. It is situated on the southern part of Lalitpur district, nearly 24 Kilometers from the central office of NJSI. Gotbanjyang Higher Secondary school in this VDC was completely destroyed during the earthquake and NJSI took the initiative of building one block of the school which is now completed and Children are able to study in peaceful and safe environment.



## Sindupalchowk

On 16th February 2017 NJSI staff and Amici Dei Bambini staff organized training on hygiene and sanitation and distributed the water filters to the parents of special children. For the safe water drinking, a high capacity water filter also is fixed in the hostel. The main objective of this training was to give awareness to the parents about the special care that their children need. Fr. Arulanandam SJ, Mrs. Tulsia Kharel, Miss. Francesca Giovannini and Miss Mina Raut and the teachers of the school also participated in this program. The District focal person was invited for the training the parents of special children. She spoke about the different behaviors and physical disability of the special children. She also emphasized on love, care and cleanliness of the children and government policy for special children. After training on hygiene and sanitation, water filters were distributed to the families of the special children.





At the request of principal of Janvikas School in Jure VDC, NJSI provided the paint for the school building. The students from St. Xavier College volunteered in this school to help out the painters in painting the school.

## Kavrepalanchok



On 26th February, 2017 NJSI organized the preliminary Medical and Psychological assessment for 19 Special children at Susta Manasthiti Purnastapana Khareltok-4. Miss. Rama Karki, an experienced, Psychology analyst and nurse from SOS Special children center at Jhorpatti, Kathmandu conducted the preliminary assessment and suggested different treatment and therapy for these children as per their requirement.



NJSI organized orientation programme from 10th to 11th December 2016, for the parents of special children in Khareltok-4, Kaverpalanchowk. This special children study in Shree Bhagwati Higher Secondary School in Khareltok-4. This school is one of the six government schools which caters the need of special children from various districts. At present there are 12 boys and 16 girls staying in this hostel. The six resource persons from education department were arranged to orient the parent of these children. During this training parents were given the awareness of taking care their special children as they need special care and love. The response of the parents was good and 28 of them participated in this programme. They were happy as they were taught to meet the needs of the children.





# Nuwakot



As we ride through the majestic Nuwakot palace, we reach Bhairavi School in Bidur Metropolitan, further climbing the uphill for around 12 more kilometers is the Bageswari School in Bageshwari VDC. As we cross across the mighty and fiery Trishuli River, running under through a hanging bridge comes the Chandeswari School in Tupche VDC. In these VDCs the hostels for special children and blind children were destroyed by the earthquake. NJSI is building the hostel for these children. The construction work is going on and progressing steadily. The new building will be a great help for these children.



# Gorkha



Baraha Primary School is located in Saurpani VDC Gorkha, Ghunchowk – 3. The school is situated in Dalit Basti and all the students are Dalit. The school was completely destroyed of the 25th April 2015 earthquake, so children were studying in temporary learning center. NJSI had taken the initiative to build this school which is now completed. The entire staff, teachers and parents are very happy and grateful to NJSI for the support.

