



Making of the Road to Tipling - The Story of the Bravehearts

“During the month of monsoon, we were working with the breaker of the excavator at a rocky slope of Pangsang. From about fifteen to twenty meters up, the land started falling apart. We noticed the loose movement and drew back. Hadn't we retreated in fifteen minutes, I, helper and the dozer would have been buried to death”, shared Pradip Basnet, the excavator operator for road construction to Tipling.

Pradip has impressed everybody with extraordinary package of experience in road construction and maintenance and repairing of excavator and vehicles. Leaving his family in the capital, he has been staying at Somdang, northern border of Dhading. A cook and a helper reside at a temporary camp midst of a jungle to assist him. Despite the harsh snowy winter and heavy monsoon, he has carved eighteen km road through the steep cliff of Pangsang Pass with his own analysis and understanding of the terrain.

When asked if he was ever scared while cutting the edgy rocks at the peak of 4000 meters altitude, he responded, “Looking at NJSI's dedication to help the remote people of Tipling, I felt my role very important and never looked back once I started the excavation. The sense of responsibility to my own brothers and sisters in need gave me the courage to face the dangerous terrain. Now when I walk through that road, I get adrenaline chill thinking how I could have cut such massive hill”. He added, “I have worked in many places but I feel happiest working with NJSI.”

Similar is the story of Caster Tamang. He has been working with NJSI since January 2018 to clear path for road construction. He hides the risk of performing life threatening task of removing 30 to 50 meters tall and 7 to 8 feet wide trees behind his sweet smile. Narrating the risks faced, he quotes, “Some trees are hollow and rotten inside. One cannot predict which direction the tree will fall. My right hand was deeply cut when a branch of a tree swung in opposite direction of expectation. We also lost a bottle jack when a tree fell towards me; I managed to save my life running away immediately.”

Pradip and Caster shared that they feel proud to be a part of making the first ever road to the remotest village of Dhading.

NJSI acknowledges their unwavering bravery and value their proactivity, diligence and dedication to the project.



HIGHLIGHTS

Blessing the New Office of NJSI



NJSI inaugurated the new office at Kamal Niwas, Kupondole on 25th April, 2018. Before, Kamal Niwas was a training center for the Jesuits. Now, the building is handed over to NJSI. A short ceremony was conducted where Fr. Amrit Rai, Superior of Nepal Jesuit Society, blessed the building. Different supporter organizations of NJSI, NJS team and the beneficiaries were present. Altogether about 100 people attended the ceremony. Every one was happy to see the expansion of NJSI and appreciated the hard work we have done so far.



Fr Anil Beck, S.J has Joined NJSI as a Program Director. He has recently finished his Masters in Business Studies (MBA).

Memorial Service on 25th April, 2018



After the blessing program, NJSI conducted a memorial service for the victims of earthquake, 2015.

Interns From Loyola, Thiruvananthapuram



The MSW (Master's in Social Work) students from Loyola, Thiruvananthapuram, joined NJSI as an intern for a month. They actively participated in the most of the activities of NJSI.

Juan Miguel Perez Adrover from Spain volunteered in NJSI for two months. We are thankful for his tremendous help to NJSI and wish him luck for his future.



Fr. Thomas Nedumparambil, S.J has joined NJSI as a Financial Officer. He was working at Moran Memorial School, Jhapa as a Teacher and Treasurer.

NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Sindhupalchowk

Fifty Seven have Received the 2nd Tranche for the Shelter Construction



There has been a huge progress in the shelter construction at Helambhu 4, Sindhupalchowk. At present, 57 beneficiaries have received their second tranche and 29 of them have received their third tranche after completing their houses.

A year has been passed since the NJSI started this project. So, while implementing the project NJSI had faced several challenges like, at the beginning the people were very happy and interested to build their houses but after receiving the first tranche, people made so many excuses for not constructing their houses rather they expect to receive more grant, another major issue was lack of manpower, festival breaks and monsoon season has also affected the continuity of the construction.

Regular meetings, interaction with the beneficiaries, NJSI has made possible way out to motivate the beneficiaries to build their houses.

Now, the number of beneficiaries who have started their construction have increased, out of 73 beneficiaries only sixteen of them are left to construct their houses.



Monitoring visit from NRA
(National Reconstruction Authority)

One More Women's Center in Sindhupalchowk

As the motive of NJSI, "reaching the unreached", NJSI has reached to "Mujuwa Sawalamban Women's Group" of Haibhung, Sindhupalchowk. This is one of the remote areas of Sindhupalchowk where the women are trying to go beyond their boundaries and reach to their horizon. So, NJSI is helping these women through building a women's center. The construction work is going on. As soon as the construction gets over they can use the center to conduct welfare activities of the women and the community. This project is funded by Xavier Network.



Kavre

Empowering the Women of Kunta



Empowering the women is one of the goals of NJSI, various activities for women have been conducted within this three years of establishment of NJSI. Constructing the women's centers is a part of the upliftment program for the women. Altogether, NJSI has constructed 18 women centers. However, one more center has been added at Kunta. It was handed over on 15th April, in the presence of local level Government representatives, beneficiaries and NJSI team. The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude towards the donor, Xavier Network and NJSI for the implementation of the project.

Activity Center at Bhagawati School



This project is funded by Caritas Italy and NJSI is implementing the project. The construction work is going in a smooth and progressive manner. First floor's wall has been finished. It is a two storey building with two rooms on the ground floor and one big hall on second floor. The students are eagerly waiting to use the activity center.

Shelter For the Special Children at Kali Devi



The construction of the hostel for special children at Kali Devi school is about to finish. Now, painting the wall, plumbing work and construction of the toilet is left. Continuous supervision and monitoring from NJSI team has made the construction work smooth and progressive. The children are eagerly waiting to reside in the new secured building. The building design is as same as any other hostel that NJSI has built, two rooms, one kitchen cum dining hall and one study room. This project is funded by Caritas Italy.

Protection for the Special Children at Azad Secondary School



NJSI recently got the approval from the Government to build the hostel for the special children at Azad School, Banepa. Fr. Arul blessed the land, now the foundation work has been started

After the earthquake, the special children of Azad School, were compelled to live in a small congested room, altogether there are 10 children, four boys and six girls living in a same room as the school cannot provide them a separate secured house

So seeing the condition of those children, NJSI decided to build a hostel for them which has got separate rooms for boys and girls, one kitchen cum dining hall and one study room.

Dolakha

Construction of Women's Center at Suri

Few months back NJSI handed over a women's activity center to the Surel community at Suri. Yet, another women's activity center is coming up in Dolakha for another women's group. These women belong to the Magar community which is one of the ethnic communities of Nepal. This project is funded by Xavier Network.

The center is about to finish. However, the construction of the toilet has been completed. Now, the painting and wood work is left.



Blessing the first stone of women's hall



Fr. Arul blessing the land



Ramechhap

Medical Intervention at Ramechhap



On 2nd May, NJSI conducted a free medical camp at Chapadi, Ramechhap in collaboration with Nava Jyoti Center and funded by Missio Achen.

It was one day, general checkup program conducted in the women's activity center, built by NJSI.

Altogether, 102 people came for the checkup. Other people from adjacent villages also came for the general check up. The medicines were freely distributed as prescribed by the doctors.

The total of fourteen team member including four doctors, three interns and other staff members made the intervention a successful one.



Medicines Distribution

Jhapa

Inaguration of the New building in ST.Xavier's School, Deonia



Dance Performances by the students

The most awaited building of ST. Xavier's School has been completed. It is a two storey building with 12 classrooms. Finally, the students get to study in the new building after a long await. The patience turn out to be a fruitful one for the students of ST. Xavier School.

The inauguration ceremony was held on 19th April, at ST. Xavier's School, Deonia.

Fr. Amrit Rai, Superior of Nepal Jesuit Society, blessed the building in the presence of students, parents, Government Officers, NJS team and NJSI team.

Dhading

Construction of the classrooms at Mahendra Ratna School



A two storey building with four classrooms at Mahendra Ratna School is funded by Caritas Germany and implemented by NJSI. The construction work has been reached to the second floor. With the regular supervision from NJSI team the construction work is accelerating in a rapid way.

At present, the students are studying in a temporary shelter made up of tin sheets. These tin sheets are not environmentally friendly, during summer it gets very hot and in winter it gets very cold to stay. So the students are having a tuff time to cope up. Soon the students will get a new concrete building to study.

Construction of First Track Road from Somdang to Tipling.

This is one of the biggest and challenging project that NJSI is doing so far. The track has reached about 18Km from Somdang out of the total of 27km.

By this October, the road construction is expected to be over. This is the most awaited project for us and for the Tipling villagers.

Many hopes and dreams have been attached to this road. As soon as it gets ready, the villagers would be able to widen their horizons.

Till date, NJSI has faced a certain challenges like monsoon but with the great spirit and the blessings from the well wishers, NJSI has been able to solve all those hurdles and is moving ahead step by step.



Fr. Dilip and the staff member monitoring the work



Villagers using the track

Lalitpur

Completion of Six Month Office Management and Computer Training Program

The office management and computer training to the youths has come to an end. Altogether there were 10 participants, nine girls and one boy. It was six month course where they learnt office management skills, spoken English, computer skills.

Along with that they have developed their personality and built their confidence to compete with the outer world.

On 18th April, graduation ceremony was conducted at ST. Annes Godavari in the presence of NJSI team, sisters of ST. Annes and participants.



Graduation Ceremony

Women's Center Under Construction at Godawari



NJSI is helping the women's group named "Bishankhu Narayan Mahila Sahakari Sanstha" to build a women center. NJSI is providing the materials to them to built the center.

The Ground level is about to complete. In few days ceiling will be concreted. This project is funded by Xavier Network.

Gorkha

Educational Kit Distribution at Saraswati Secondary School

NJSI financially helped the Bright Star Society to distribute educational Kit at Saraswati Secondary School, Gorkha.

12 visually impaired students, 9 girls and 3 boys got the educational kit which included school bags, white canes, Braille papers, geometry kits, talking calculators, slate, stylus (Braille pen) and audio players with pen drives, copies, pens, pencils as well as magnifiers to the students.

In addition, NJSI has provided life skills training to these students collaborating with the Bright Star Society. The training was on how to use the emerging tools and technology.



Handing over Ceremony of Four Schools

After a long wait the four schools, Jalamukhi Primary School, Baraha Primary School, Bardidaha Primary School and Janashakti Primary School of Gorkha are handed over officially.

NJSI constructed newly building in each of these schools with the WASH facility. Four classrooms and a toilet in Barah and Jalamukhi Primary School. Five classrooms and a toilet in Bardidada Primary School. Two classrooms and a toilet in Janashakti Primary School.

The handing over ceremony was conducted in the presence of Fr. Dilip, NJSI staffs, Miguel Santiuste from Xavier Network and beneficiaries .

The school management committee, students, their parents were very happy and expressed their gratitude towards the NJSI and the donor, Xavier Network



Baraha Primary School



Bardidada Primary School



Janashakti Primary School



Jalamukhi Primary School

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