

HOPE

worldwide

UNITED KINGDOM

Thames Valley Church Gift for the Poor 2020/21



Chhaimale Village

Thank you for kindly supporting the Chhaimale Village.

The Chhaimale Village microfinance programme has provided experienced farmers in the village with the extra income needed to farm the barren land. Farmers have been able to purchase farming seeds and equipment from the loan provided, improving livelihoods for families in the village.

Your donations have also provided start-up capital for the pear candy factory, and it is now in full operation. The profits from the pear candy business are reinvested into the Vocational Training Centre, making it completely **self-supporting**.



Sponsoring the Secondary Education of Children from Asha Vidhyashram

Your kind donations sponsored 18 graduates from the Asha Vidhyashram school through to private secondary education. The collection covered the uniforms, school books and school fees of all 18 children for a private secondary school.

Sixteen year-old Manab (not his actual name) had to leave school aged seven to work at a tea stall in order to assist his family after his mother died suddenly and his father fell into alcoholism.

His aunt brought him to Kathmandu in 2014 and enrolled him into Grade 1 at the HOPE school. He progressed from struggling to read or write simple English words to achieving excellent academic results due to his great commitment. After Grade 5, HOPE ww Nepal sponsored his secondary education at the local private school. He passed Grade 7 with an A+ grade this year, and wishes to become an engineer.



Proverbs 19:17


“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

Matt 25:40

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

James 1:27

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...”



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- ▶ Asha Vidhyashram School, Kathmandu - providing financial support to fund the the shortfall in funding
- ▶ Croatia – to help children in institutional care with life skills
- ▶ ODAAT Third Stage Treatment in London - helping to bridge the gap till funding comes through

Asha Vidhyashram School, Kathmandu

We are asking for **£8,000** to support the Asha Vidhyashram School.

Five year-old Yuvraj (not his real name) is from the remote and disadvantaged district of Humla. In 2018, his family moved to Kathmandu in search of a better living. His father is a very hard-working man, but his labourer wages were not enough to fully support his family.

Yuvraj was enrolled at the HOPE school this year. When he first arrived, he could not read or write, and he spoke simple words. Unable to understand the lessons, he was distressed and felt afraid to answer questions.

At the school, he was taught the alphabet, the days of the week, months of the year and some frequently used words. He has now started to enjoy his classes. He is a very eager, sincere, committed and hardworking student and stands out among the class.

His father is very thankful to HOPE *worldwide* Nepal.



Croatia

We are asking for **£8,000** to fund a disciple from Zagreb to work three days a week to run the Croatia programme.

Around the world, young children are placed in institutional care despite the associated negative consequences on their social, behavioural and cognitive development .

The lack of relational care by a primary caregiver is a significant cause of harm to children in institutional care. Studies have also shown that children in institutional care lag behind their peers in speech development, cognitive abilities and emotional development.

Poverty is a major factor pushing children into institutional care worldwide, and around 19% of the Croatian population live under the national poverty line, which has affected families with children.



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For the past 10 years, HOPE worldwide Croatia volunteers have delivered various workshops at an institution for youths. Workshops include cookery, sports, and music, and they also teach the children English.

Staff at the institution have noted that many of the youths have become more confident and have improved in their social and language skills as a result of Hww's interventions.

Hww now wishes to start a monitored ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) programme and a life skills course at the institution to help the youths to become proficient in English and learn the skills necessary to integrate into society. The skills developed will also enable them to study further (if they wish) and find meaningful jobs once they leave the orphanage after the age of 18.



ODAAT Third Stage Treatment

ODAAT provides a range of support and therapies to aid long-term recovery of recovering drug and alcohol addicts. Clients referred to ODAAT's first stage will have stopped using, and are often referred from a detox or from local authority substance misuse teams.

The first stage lasts 12 weeks and is followed by another 12 weeks in the second stage. Upon graduation of the second stage, there is the option of third stage supported housing, either operated by ODAAT or by organisations that we work with.

The clinical evidence suggests that lasting recovery from substance addiction takes a minimum of between 18 and 24 months of treatment.

ODAAT can generally secure funding from local authorities for 24 weeks for our first and second stage programmes, but only occasionally for an additional 12 weeks of aftercare in the third stage.



ODAAT Third Stage Treatment

ODAAT aim to aid single men out of addiction for life, not just for the time for which they receive funding.

ODAAT's third stage is seeking funding to develop our third stage programme. Part of this would involve HOPE volunteers teaching clients remotely. This would help the beneficiaries to move into jobs and/or education. Please speak to JP for further details.

Ricky (pictured with certificate) graduated from the second stage in January 2020 and then spent 6 months in the third stage. He has now moved back to his own home and has gone on to run his own building company.



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