

DAI's Nepal Earthquake Relief Appeal

A Huge Thank You!

More than **£147,000** has been raised by DAI supporters around the world to help victims of the recent earthquake in Nepal. More than 70% of these funds have already been passed to trusted partners in Nepal to help those in greatest need. DAI UK supporters have donated more than **£8,300** of these funds. **Our sincere thanks for your generosity.**



Narayan Khadka, Nepal Ministry Centre Director expresses his gratitude:

"We want to thank you so much for sharing the news of the devastating earthquake on 25 April, praying for us and donating funds to provide some relief to the victims. It has been a privilege to administer those funds on the ground. Thank you so much for your continued concern, care and prayers for us. May the Almighty Lord take control over the situation here in Nepal. Please pray especially for the people in remote places; many of those who have survived have lost family members, houses and livestock - their hopes and the means of their survival."

We are so proud of our Masters Course graduates and those involved in our Emerging Leaders programme who are selflessly serving those impacted by the Nepal earthquake listening to people's needs and coming up with creative solutions to meet them, and wanted to share two of their many stories with you...

Yajak Tamang, an MA graduate living in Siliguri in India, recently returned from Nepal visiting and assessing needs in villages. Like many Nepalis now living in India he felt drawn to help the people of his ancestral homeland. After landing in Kathmandu, Yajak drove four hours to Nepal's Sindhupalchok District passing piles of wood and brick – the remnants of villages - in order to bring relief supplies and volunteering where he could. He shares: *"During my trip I bought big water tanks for two areas where believers are staying together (about 13 families each). I gave cash gifts to five families and helped two school children for their studies. And I joined a relief group and helped in distribution of food items."*

Perhaps, the most significant thing Yajak did was listen to their needs and share their pain.



DAI Nepal Coordinator, Sharmila Pakhrin writes:

"We were a team of 5 (4 DAI Emerging Leaders and 1 staff member from the Elijah Counseling and Training Centre) journeying towards a village in Kavre named Sanga which was destroyed by the recent earthquake. We arrived and, one by one, the villagers appeared gazing at us with eyes filled with expectations. We distributed what we had taken for the 35 kids living there. We could not believe that even a chocolate biscuit and some crayons could fill them with such joy. Right after they received our small gifts they sat to the side and started drawing pictures that they have in their minds. It was heart-breaking to see that every child had something to draw about the earthquake and the loss that has

affected their household but still they smiled and shared about their pictures. We then distributed the relief items that we had taken with us – rice, beans, cooking oil, medicines and some sanitary items – to the 56 families affected in that area. They were so grateful to receive whatever we had to offer them, even though it was not much."

If you have supported DAI UK's appeal, or one of the many other appeals to help the Nepali earthquake victims, **thank you for standing alongside the Nepali people at this time of deep need.**

NEWS BRIEFS

Nepal Earthquake Relief Appeal

A United Nations report estimates that only a quarter of the total required to provide life-saving assistance to millions of people affected by the earthquake has been raised to date. If you would like to make a donation to DAI's Appeal please:

- transfer funds from your bank account to DAI UK's account (sort code 20-97-58, account no. 50959197) using online banking. Please include the reference 'NEPAL QUAKE' or...
- send a cheque payable to DAI UK (NEPAL) to our UK Office (8 Pinehurst, Sunninghill, Berkshire SL5 0TN)

New DAI Website Launched!

The DAI US website has been completely refreshed and re-launched. The new site brings DAI's work to life with an abundance of photos, stories and information about what we do, how and where we do it and more. Take a look at www.daintl.org and watch this space for news of the upcoming overhaul of the DAI UK website!

John Rogers Returning To Uganda

In August, John Rogers will be returning to Uganda where he will be facilitating the 'Fundraising' Course in the 5th semester of the MA cohort who began their studies in August 2013 when John taught them the 'Teaching and Learning for Impact' course. John comments: *"It's always great to return and work with the same cohort of leaders several semesters on, and see how they have grown as they have interacted with the MA course materials, so I am very much looking forward to this return to Uganda and meeting with this group of leaders."*

Curriculum Development - Strategic Management Course

As planned, Colin Rye and DAI's MA Director Jim Gieser met with Tim Breene in Boston in May. Since his retirement from Accenture, Tim has been assisting us to refresh the content of the 'Strategic Management' Course. At the end of 3 days together they had reviewed Tim's draft materials, outlined the sessions for the whole course and agreed the learning outcomes for each. They also laid plans for the completion of the course materials that, God-willing, should enable it to be piloted in a Workshop setting in November and within the MA programme in February 2016.

Curriculum Development - Conflict Management

In September, John Rogers will be heading off to Colorado Springs to participate in a Curriculum Development Group focused on both a major revision of the MA Course in 'Conflict Management' and also the development of a new workshop on 'Conflict Management' for our Workshops programme. Also part of the group will be DAI's MA Director Jim Gieser together with Vicki Gascho and Meme Kinoti both of whom have facilitated the 'Conflict Management' course in the MA programme. We are hoping that subsequent to this meeting, DAI UK Board Member, Peter Nevins will also be involved in some of the curriculum development for these two initiatives.

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Pray for DAI's Ministry:

- * Continue to uphold the people of Nepal in your prayers; the situation remains critical and the needs are still great
- * Pray for Tim Breene as he continues to develop the content of the new 'Strategic Management' course – for time, for wisdom and for creativity in the context of ambitious timescales to develop and pilot the new materials
- * Pray for John, Jim, Vicki and Meme as they prepare for September's 'Conflict Management' curriculum development meeting and for their subsequent endeavours to create both the revised MA Course and a Workshop version

Support DAI's Ministry: Let us know if your Church might consider 'adopting' DAI UK as a Mission Partner or making a one-off donation to our work. We can only train leaders because of the gifts of individuals and churches. Go to our website (www.daintl.org.uk/donate) to make an online donation or to download our giving form.

Spread the Word about DAI's Ministry: Tell your friends about DAI's work - tell them about our ministry. Forward this News Update to them and let us know if they'd like to receive it each quarter – we'd love to increase our 'reach'!

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