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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE NEF

This has been a very successful year for NEF both in Nepal and at home. I spent nearly three months in Nepal in the spring of this year at which time I met all the children and families. I also visited all the schools and spoke with principals and teachers. I visited the Chimkhola village and NEF started to help the school there. We have since returned in October to continue this work. We have repaired desks, built some bookcases, bought books and cemented a floor. We are now starting work on two old buildings to make them part of the school to house computers, a medical room and a sleeping area for children who walk two hours to school.



Children in The Village of Chimkhola

ROTARY CLUB

I did presentations to both the Duncan Rotary Club and the Duncan Daybreak Rotary Club. This has led to support for the Chimkhola school in conjunction with the Pokhara Rotary in Nepal. It looks hopeful that in 2009 the school will benefit from this connection in the way of many upgrades like computers, science lab, teaching supplies, medical clinic etc. Both Bob and I enjoyed very much the trip to the village and meeting the Rotary Club in Nepal. The village was so grateful and made us so welcome. The reception at the school is something that will be a highlight of my life and my work in Nepal. **This is truly a worthwhile project that will help hundreds of children in the years to come.**



Me Presenting Basket Ball Chains From The Duncan Daybreak Rotary Club And A Football From Sports Traders

VISUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN

This year for the first time we sponsored two blind children. One is registered in school where the children are taught Braille and once this is accomplished they are integrated with sighted children. They live at the school full time. The second child is in her first year of college and she is a bright and gifted girl who speaks English fluently.

SEWING PROGRAM

The sewing program at the Save Blessing Child Home has been very successful with the girls now accomplished at making many different garments. This month we are starting three ladies in Pokhara at a sewing school. Once they are trained will we send two more. After that we wish to start a small sewing facility where these women can teach other girls and ladies and hopefully in time can make the school uniforms for the children in this area as well as other items.



To help support his family Krishna, a hard worker, rises at 4 am to sell vegetables from his trolley (supplied by NEF) before he goes to school

AT HOME

At Home we have done some very successful fundraising in the way of garage sales and a dinner draw.

We had three garage sales, one which was huge and then two later in the summer with more items that were donated. All in all we raised \$4,333.50 from garage sales, certainly worth all the work. We raised \$3,300 from the dinner draw. The draw was won by Elaine Nessman and she and her friends enjoyed a wonderful evening with delicious

food cooked by chef Joe Schuckle. Thanks to Joe and wife Jane, Anne Muir and her daughter Lindsay, and Monica Watt for putting this on. The money from this fundraising is going to the Chimkhola school and to fund the sewing program. Also some is used as a fund for extra needs like tutoring, website cost etc. **As you know none of your donated or sponsor money goes to administration** so activities like these garage sales raise money enabling us to pay other inevitable expenses.

YOU THE SPONSORS ARE KEY!

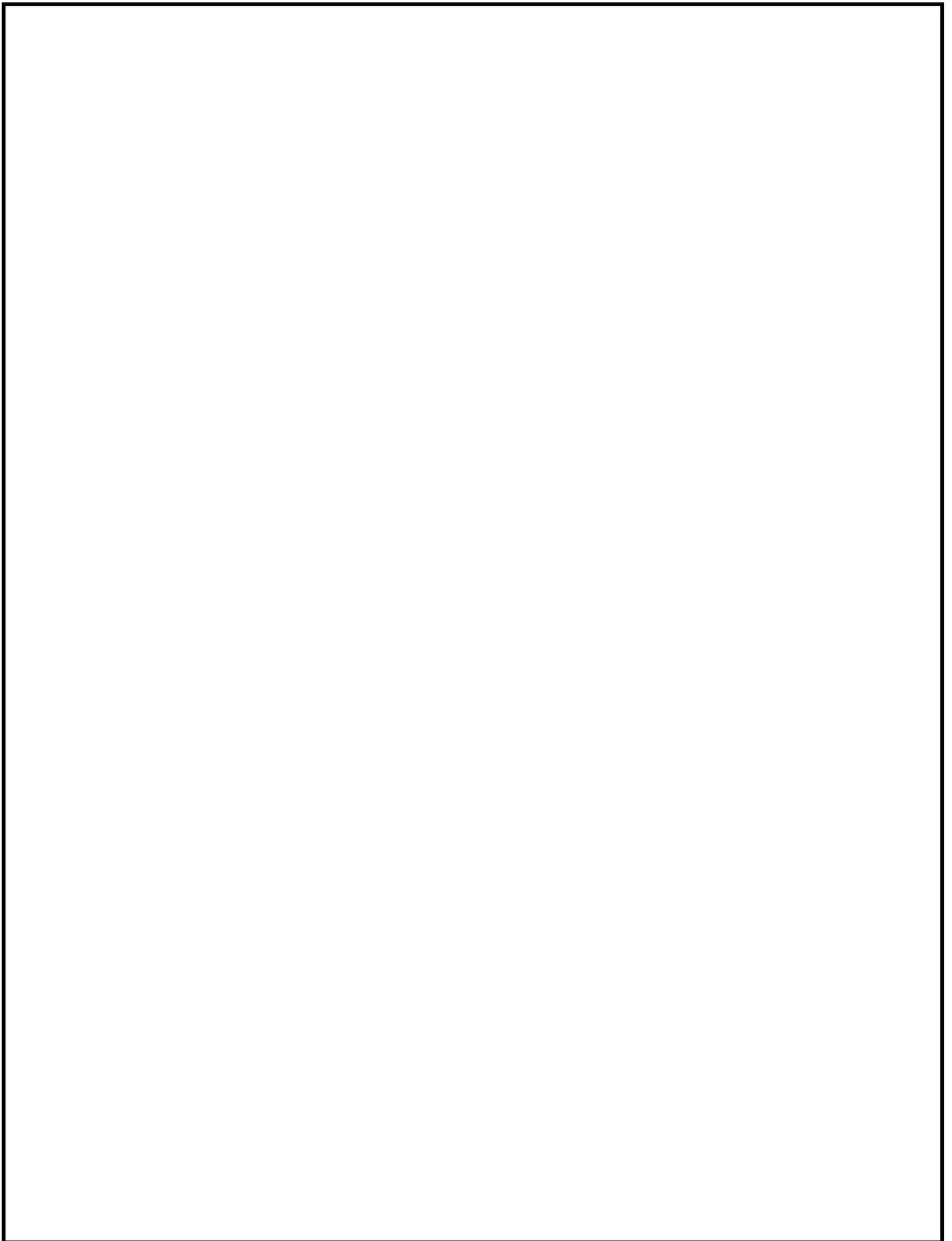
None of this activity would be possible without your support. Whether it is sponsor money, donor money or donated items for garage sales etc. It all comes from people, like you, who care about the work we are doing in Nepal! It is ongoing and the need is great. Who knows what projects will present themselves in 2009. There are always needs to be met and new challenges. I look forward to the New Year and what it will bring.

Do check the blog from time to time as I always try to keep it updated. We have a donor visiting Nepal and as I write this he and his wife are having lunch at the NEF office with Mann and his wife Sima. They have been showing him some of the families we help. He was very interested in meeting the staff at NEF Nepal and seeing the work that we do. Hopefully we will get a photo of them up on the blog soon.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely

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