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On our 2018 mission, accompanied by Sophal Mom, Martha & Oje Hart, we visited the Ashid Bahl School and were pleased to learn that the extension of the school has now enabled children residing in this remote village access to education. Situated on the outskirts of Phnom Penh City, this new completed addition to the school including two new washrooms can now house more than 150 students. This extension was made possible from the generous contributions of Emajjin Children’s Foundation, Boardwalk Charitable Trust Fund, Glen Rumble Family Charitable Fund, Owen Hart Foundation and the society’s fundraising efforts. On this 3-day mission we provided the children with educational supplies, toys, toothbrushes, hairbrushes/first-aid kits, sports equipment that was kindly donated by Martha Hart, Oje Hart and Conoco Phillips.

The Society also bought new boys and girls’ school uniforms and will also be helping them to purchase shoes as they attended school poorly dressed and barefoot. The new classroom is

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Feng Jiang and Ashid Bahl providing computers on 2018 Aid Mission

**Central Elementary School,
Sanxi Town, Yangxin County, China Mission**

Report from Ashid Bahl

President, Ashid Bahl, with our member Feng Jiang and his family visited our school in China in the month of September, 2018. We received a warm welcome by the children who made a big lined procession leading up to the entrance of the school. They held small bouquet of flowers in their hands to honor our visit and a marching band that lead the procession with the occasional bust of firecrackers. All of the 2,000 children were gathered in an assembly to thank us for building their computer lab and giving us a chance to say a few words on behalf of the society.

The computer lab received 20 computers & computer desks at a cost of \$15,658.20. Previously, the Society had also provided \$2,000.00 towards a projector and computer to improve their educational programs. The Principal, teachers and children were very

grateful for receiving these computers, as it was the first time they would gain access to them for their studies. The school presented the society with a glass plaque, thanking us for our past and current contribution. This mission was also locally covered by the media and appeared in a major Chinese Newspaper.



Kathmandu



The Gumpa Centre is all repaired and all the children have gone back to some normality and adequate living conditions. In the future they want us to build them quarters for the teachers and enable any visitors to stay at the center rather than a hotel. The Society provided an additional \$4,000.00 to help with the Centre's restoration from the damage caused by the earthquake and has received \$27,000 in total for the relief fund. \$1,686.00 was also provided for food/clothing.

Bhaktpur, Nepal

With the Society's help, Suresh Pariyar, our agent and his family were provided with better housing facility, school fees for the children and a cell phone.

NEPAL

In 2016, the \$18,000.00 raised jointly through the Himalayan Restaurant Fundraiser, the Society and the Owen Hart Foundation helped to rebuild 4 homes for the families comprising of 40 members.

This year the Society contributed another \$2,600.00 with an additional donation of \$1,000.00 from Martha Hart to help cover the cost to finish the 5th remaining home.

The Shree Hawk School

The Secondary School was visited in May by Ashid, Pam Fry and our agent Suresh Pariyar on this mission; helping to provide educational supplies & toys. The old school reopened its doors to the students once again after the completion of extensive renovations done to restore the damage caused by the earthquake. The society had set up a temporary school for the children until all the renovations could be completed. The school was recently given funds in the amount of 166,299.17 Nepalese Rupees to make book cabinets for the classrooms that were also damaged in the earthquake.



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equipped with a blackboard, teacher's desk, student desks and chairs. We were also able to provide signage for the school, an entrance gate and leveling of the area around the school. The cost of the construction was approximately \$30,000.00 including volunteer time and an additional \$1,300.00 was given for the desks and chairs for the classroom.

We also visited the community temple supported by the Society and built by our member Sophal that has helped bring the community together. The big compound is now all fenced around the school and temple and in the near future we will also be building a playground for the children.



Donation for Lifeword Montessori School – 2 computers

REGGAETON 2018 DANZE PARTY –

A fundraiser held on August 18, in cooperation with K-Events and TFCC, featuring Zumba fitness master class from Regine Tolentino and Cristina Macapilli. The event was well attended and helped raise \$4,500.00.

The funds benefited projects; Victoria Elementary School & Lifeword Montessori School in the Philippines with the help from our agent, Jerry Caingcoy. Pustura School of Fashion in Mindanao also received \$1,000.00 to purchase industrial type sewing machines that will help empower single mothers to provide for their children.





“SWINGING IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE”

On May 31, 2018, the Scenic Acres School held this fundraiser in support of the Masai Mara School Project in Kenya. The evening showcased the children’s performing Arts with their rendition of the history of Jazz; an Art Gallery displaying their beautiful art work under Mr. Bahl’s guidance. The sounds of African drumming and a Masai Museum complete with spears, crafts, and masks was also an added treat. **Thank you to the Principal, Carol Hansen, Georgie Lyons (Photo Below) and all the volunteers for helping to organize this event and helping to raise \$5,576.14 bringing the total contribution to \$11,058.17.** This amount was matched by the Society and additional funding was required to finish the Project.



Sanare Masai Mara School Project (Ashid Bahl School)

The school is situated in the Rift Valley in the village of Moreso, Kenya where the East African drought prevails with little or no rain for 8 months.

With the Society’s previous funding of \$20,500.00 an additional funding of \$16,000.00 (grant from CIP International Development Program) was provided in January for the water project (comprising of water tank, piping and water pump) to cater for the school.

Above: Photo of the completed fourth standard classroom at a cost of \$30,000.00 and installing additional piping to supply water to the entire village.

On our last visit to our **Talek School** in Masai Mara we assessed their immediate and future needs. The Society will be providing the school with a new generator, repainting classrooms and shoes for the children.

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Ashid Kumar Bahl School, Cusco

Report by Ashid Bahl

In August 2017, Mr. Bahl visited the School as there were several concerns about the reconstruction of the building due to the structural damage caused by the past earthquakes. As a result, the old school had to be demolished and a new complex was constructed (photos of the new school below). The children had been relocated to a temporary facility for their continued education during reconstruction. The Society's contribution thus far towards this project is \$35,374.74 plus \$1,928.50 + \$816.50 + \$1,156.65. We have partnered with the Municipality of Cusco to raise \$1.5 million for this extensive project together with a grant from Alberta Culture and Tourism/CIP International Development (\$25,000.00).



“Tis the Season!”

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on December 8, 2018 for 130 underprivileged children and their families together with the **Centre for Newcomers**.

A fun filled day for the families with food, activities and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (Darrel Janz and Kim Hunter) who showed the children with gifts and toys bought by the Society. **After the event we will also be buying them winter jackets as well.**

One lucky needy family was also gifted a refurbished vehicle through a kind donation from our member, Vince Greco (with Monza Auto), helping them with the maintenance of it for the first year. Most of these families are refugees from different countries that have gone through a lot of hardship and we wanted to make their Christmas a special one that they will remember for years to come.