In this issue of the Foundation's newsletter we had planned to feature renewed grants, the new class of *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellows and Volunteer Service Award recipients, and show off the 2014 Annual Report [http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/AllPeopleBeHappy-foundation-Annual-Report-2014.pdf](http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/AllPeopleBeHappy-foundation-Annual-Report-2014.pdf). Instead we decided to dedicate this issue to our partners in Nepal who are struggling to return to normalcy after the recent devastating earthquakes.
The Foundation has worked with **Friends of Nepal Pariwar Foundation** since Fall of 2008. They were and still are one of the smallest organizations we support, focusing on providing reproductive health care for women living in rural Nepal. Our funds have helped several clinics provide 24-hour care by supporting mid-wives, and providing training. We recently received this update from the Sindhupolchowk District where the supported clinics are located:

“The Sindhupolchowk District has been hit hard by the quake located between the two epicenters. The last data I saw had 3,212 fatalities (3 times more than Kathmandu Valley), 1,000 injured, 44,000 private homes fully destroyed and 19,000 partially destroyed.

Many of the government health posts have been closed because of building damage or staff returning to their home communities to be of assistance. Our partner's clinics have provided a useful service from day one of the tremor and delivered some babies (in tents) as well. Clinics report adequate medicines. Several doctor-managed camps have come thru on foot to provide free services and referral.

After the first earthquake in April, three of the four clinics suffered major damage.

- The Hinquwapati clinic is OK minus a few cracks.
- The Tipeni clinic lost one wall and last Tuesday's major "aftershock" of 7.3 created many cracks. Clinic services have been moved into a tent. Shanta, the senior nurse midwife, told me that they are afraid to even store equipment and medicines in the building. She ran out of the building with a patient in tow. The nurse midwife receiving a scholarship this year (Salina) who was on-the-job training got under a solid wood bed and was dug out about an hour later, basically unhurt. The other nurse midwife was outside.
- Mahankhal clinic has been badly damaged and reopens services tomorrow in a tent. We've not received photos as yet. Bina, the junior nurse midwife, returned home after the earthquake to assist her family in the village and was apparently injured during the second event, but not seriously. (it's been difficult getting information because power has been cut to the area and people can't charge their cell phones).
- Mulkharka (the new clinic on the ridge). The nurse midwife is working out of the rented room in a private home which withstood the quake. The new clinic, almost completed but not yet in use, will need to be repaired as two side walls collapsed.

With exception of introducing earthquake resistant designs, we feel that the buildings can be reconstructed with existing materials. The monsoon season arrives in June for three months so construction will not be possible until the fall as roads will be closed to traffic, local labor will be impossible to find (as farmers plant and make repairs in their own homes) and rains will prevent wall construction. This period of
"reflection" will allow time to see what other resources may be available for reconstruction, including government and other organization funds, and also learn more about earthquake resistant construction.

In our February newsletter we described our 1st grant awarded to The Little Sisters Fund. This organization, which supports girls’ education as the best defense against human trafficking, was awarded a grant to provide training for teachers on more effective teaching methods. With the current situations redirecting attention to survival, there is hope for the return to normalcy. After the 1st earthquake we received the following update, “Thankfully, all of my colleagues in Nepal are safe. Not only that, but they have been deeply engaged in relief efforts for the past week and a half. At this time, we are slowly shifting from relief to the longer-term process of rebuilding and recovery.

Our teacher trainer, Sangita, was involved in the early efforts to provide relief to the victims of the quake, but I just got word that she left Kathmandu today to travel to a school that had already reopened and requested training. Many schools remain closed, but Sangita’s trip shows that, where possible, things are gradually returning to routine. Especially in this challenging time, it will be critical for teachers to have caring and appropriate methods to support their students. We’re grateful to APBH for helping us ensure that they do.

Just wanted to provide you with a brief note to let you know that the Primary Educator Training program supported by APBH is already up and running again.”
We received a 2nd update just a few days later, “As you may have already heard, a second major earthquake (magnitude 7.3) hit Nepal earlier today, and several significant aftershocks followed. Our team is safe, and again we are immensely grateful for that. Early reports from our team on the ground suggest that the damage will be extensive again once a clearer picture emerges.

While this sets the relief and recovery efforts back some, we are also more prepared this time. Our team will continue assisting families who lost their homes and distributing supplies to those in need.”

We will continue to follow the recovery of our partners who work in Nepal and determine the best way to continue to support their missions. ..

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