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Dear friends of UMN,

The last weeks have been historic; strikes, curfews, demonstrations, violence, deaths and food shortages, followed by agreements, victory parades, reestablishment of Parliament, ceasefires and real hope for a different future. Along with this April was a month of unprecedented mobilisation of prayer for Nepal from all around the world. I am utterly con-

vinced that this has played a major role in the drastic change we have experienced in the country recent weeks. Our prayers and I trust yours, are that this change will continue, will grow and will enable the lives of ordinary people to be transformed into those which are more like God created, and longs for them to be.

The changes offer UMN increasing opportunities to work with partners including Christian groups who are really committed to enabling poor and marginalised individuals, families and communities to be involved in their own transformation. UMNNews tells some of these stories and also suggests ways you can be involved. It gives various updates about the progress towards independence and Nepali ownership of many of UMN's institutions and institutional partners.

The publication is smaller than usual to try and fit more exactly into the postage cost bands here (postage has gone up over 100% in the past year). I trust you will enjoy it, find it informative and be inspired and encouraged by God to continue and even increase your involvement and commitment to UMN.

May 'He who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine', be with each one of you in coming months and thank you for your ongoing support.

*Jennie Collins*

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Executive Director



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## UMN gets Corporate Colours

Oscar Wilde once said "Mere **colour**, unspoiled by meaning, and unallied with definite form, can speak to the soul in a thousand different ways." Present day brand strategists, artists and designers are following his cue in their creations.

Colour communicates, and today it seems that corporate identity firms have run out of unique, powerful names and are now trying to use specific colours as a calling device to identify a corporation.

### We chose blue and green as our corporate colours. Why?

*See what our corporate colours have to say:*

**Blue** is the colour of the sky and the ocean, it represents peace and tranquility, patience and happiness, love and devotion, all of which we in UMN, aspire to, with God's help.

**Green** symbolises nature, stability, harmony, growth and cooperation. It is the easiest colour on the eye and can improve vision. We pray that UMN will be used to bring ease to the poorest people of Nepal and extend the vision of God's love for this country.



**THE IMPACT OF UMN'S AREAS OF WORK TO SUPPORT NEPAL'S NATIONAL PLAN TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS WAS SHARED AND DISCUSSED.**

## Light of learning

**I**n January the Programme Team spent a stimulating and interactive five days of planning and sharing together. The emphasis was on 'integration' so discussion centered around such issues as how a school can integrate with several areas of work:

- ◆ How can it become a Zone of Peace?

- ◆ Is one strategy for improving nutrition to have a school vegetable garden?
- ◆ Who ensures children with disability are encouraged to attend school and the school has the skills and facilities to teach them?

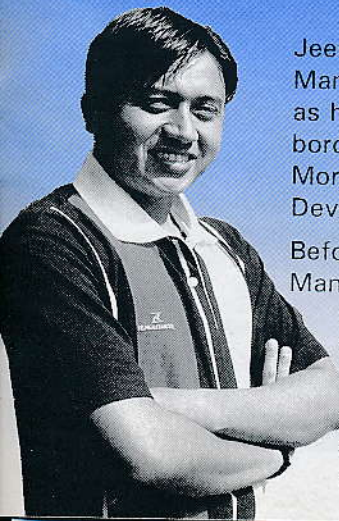
The impact of UMN's areas of work to support Nepal's national plan towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals was shared and discussed. The outcome was a greater understanding by all of the Nepal goals and a sense of excitement and achievement at

what is being accomplished through UMN and others.

### Set to serve

Cluster Team leaders Mr. Jeevan Karki for Mugu and Ms. Saraswati Pandey for Dhading were appointed. They have been with their teams since January. (See inset)

Technical Officers have been recruited so that each cluster is now fully staffed with a multi-skilled team able to work with a wide variety of partners. The emphasis is on identifying the felt needs of our partners and working with them to ensure the target communities are able to achieve their basic needs.



Jeevan Karki started his life in India. Born in Manipur, he was raised and educated in Shillong as his father was in Indian Army. Crossing the border to Nepal, he completed his Bachelors in Morang. Jeevan's education continued in Kirtipur where he studied Rural Development to Master's level at Tribhuvan University.

Before joining UMN, he taught in a school in Morang and worked as a Field Manager for Multipurpose Community Development Service (MCDS) in Syangja. An avid reader and traveller, Jeevan always wanted to reach the poorest of poor in the remote areas of Nepal.

Some years ago his mother was miraculously cured through prayer, which instilled his faith in God. He thinks that going to the remote Mugu and serving the poor is part of God's plan for his life. As the Cluster Leader in Mugu, he is set to serve the poor and underprivileged in that rugged terrain.

### Meet Jeevan Karki



From architecture and urban planning to capacity building – meet Saraswati Pandey. Saraswati hails from Petku Village Development Committee (VDC) in Sindhupalchowk, a place where there are few opportunities for girls to obtain education. She was the lone girl from her school when she appeared for the School Leaving Certificate (SLC) examinations. Although she comes from an agrarian family, she has completed a Bachelors degree in Architecture and a Masters in Urban Planning from the Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk.

It was after finishing her SLC studies that she started going to church and eventually put her faith in Christ. Praying and working with Team Work for Life approach to serve the needy is what she likes the most at UMN.

With a thirst to offer social service in rural areas, Saraswati looked for an opportunity to work to build the capacity of poor people. As Cluster Leader in Dhading she is motivated to find ways to raise the living standards of rural people.

Meet



**Saraswati Pandey**

## Planning platform

A buzz word in Programme Team these days is 'logical framework'! This thinking tool is now being widely used by all as a result of an excellent three day training facilitated by an external consultant. The games will be long remembered, as will the lessons learnt about exploring the problem to identify the root causes, the importance of participation and risk analysis.

## Getting to know each other

Dhading and Rupendehi clusters have been expanding their circle of relationships throughout the district and used half day Orientation Programmes to share the UMN mission, vision and values with local Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Cooperatives as well as Government officials.

Many were interested and positive towards UMN's working approach, although some found it hard to understand that UMN would work in such a participatory way responding to the felt needs of the communities

with whom the partners work rather than a more traditional approach of using local organisations to implement the INGO programme. Some organisations were very interested to explore working in partnership with UMN.

## Joining hands

UMN joined hands with seven local partners in Mugu and together they will work in the areas of Education, Food Security, Peace and Advocacy. The partners are:

Rinimokshya Samaj Sudhar Kendra (RSSK) in Rowa VDC which works

though local farmers and will be improving crop production and expanding the variety and quality of vegetables. The organisation is just a few years old but enthusiastic about what they will be able to achieve.

Mahakali Higher Secondary School (MHSS), Gangadhi, Shreenagar has already begun improving the library facilities and is excited about becoming a zone of peace. As a result of working with UMN it now admits children with disability to its classes. An example of successful advocacy by parents following awareness raising by UMN.





## ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE TO MISS CHRISTINE WINIFRED PRESTON

Miss Christine Winifred Preston has been awarded the **Order of the British Empire (OBE)** for services to healthcare and development in Bangladesh and Nepal. She has been working with UMN for the past 10 years.

The Order of the British Empire is the order of chivalry of British democracy, created by King George V in 1917. Valuable service is the only criterion for the award, and the Order is now used to reward service in a wide range of useful activities.

Praise God and congratulations to Christine on this achievement!



District Health Office is partnering with UMN so that service provision is strengthened and quality of care improved. The target is to reduce maternal and neonatal deaths, initially through expansion of ante-natal care and increasing the skills of Traditional Birth Attendants.

### Strategic Planning

Each area of work is in the midst of a strategic planning process which helps identify the specific interventions which will be the focus of what UMN facilitates in Nepal at this time. The process has benefited from an external consultant, Stephen Brown, who has been working with the Technical Advisors and Officers, UMN Partners and other key staff. The 5 year plans are at various stages of completion.

Food Security and Enterprise Development have completed their plans and this has given a clear direction for discussion with partners as to what is within the UMN mandate and capacity.

#### Chhanyachhetra Community Development Centre (CCDC)

Gamgadhi, Mugu has as its target group socially marginalised groups i.e., women, dalit, janajati, disabled. One of its interventions is support to Non-Formal Education and parenting education.

#### Gramin Samudayik Sanstha (GSS)

Pina VDC is working through 14 community groups on issues of justice and rights especially for the marginalised communities.

#### Malika Community Development Centre (MCDC)

Gamgadhi, also has a focus on dalit, women and farmers. The majority of people living in Mugu are able to grow enough food for only three

months of the year, so increasing production and good storage are key interventions.

National Dalit Development Forum, Gamgadhi, with a key focus on the dalit community throughout the district, this organisation is into its second year of a model village programme which has been facilitated by UMN. It is expected that other villages will see and wish to replicate the interventions. It is being capacity built to administer a scholarship programme for dalit girls in seven VDCs which should ensure the girls continue in school for more than the average of 3 years.

## Drops make an ocean

An imaginative participatory programme undertaken by the members of the Red Cross Circle, Mugu has shown the concern of the members for their poor neighbours. Each member of the group donates a handful of grain, which would be millet or rice everyday. In Nepali they call it "Mutthidan", which literally means a 'donating handful'. The donations are now creating mountains of rice and millet at the Red Cross District Office. There is the challenge of storage and UMN has been asked to work with them on this issue. The food will be available in times of drought, famine, earthquake or any other natural disasters that may occur.





# Colours of Life

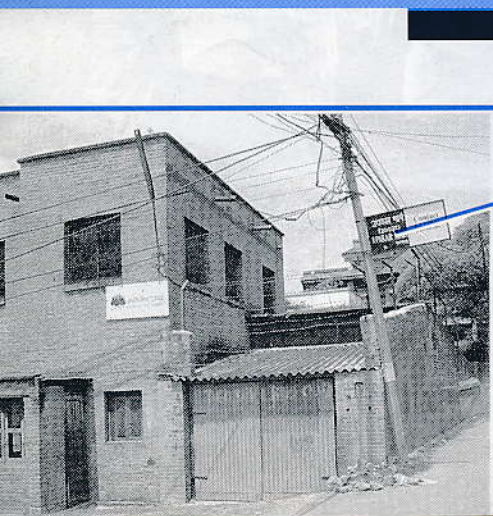


Falgun (February – March) is the month of colours, blooms and blossoms. It is the time when gurans (rhododendrons, the national flower of Nepal) bloom and the hills are red with the flower. Children love to amuse themselves by gathering gurans. Nara Bahadur was busy picking the flowers with his friends when curiosity led him to climb to a higher branch which could not bear his weight. He fell from the tree dislocating his ankle. He could not walk a single step.

Nara got local treatment but he again dislocated the ankle. It was the beginning of much misery. Nara's father Lal Bahadur Mahatara was in India at that time engaged in menial jobs like carrying stones and bricks. He had no knowledge of his son's woes. There are no easy means of communication from his village, Jyamire, which is two days' walk from Gamgadhi, Mugu's District Headquarters. Two months later when he returned home, he took Nara to Garhwal, India. He was dumbfounded when the doctors quoted an astounding 60,000 rupees (around \$ 835) for the treatment. They were also not sure about its potential success, and had concerns that they might need to amputate his son's left leg. He returned with a heavy heart. Then after a year he heard about a health camp in Bheri Zonal Hospital and took his son there. The medical team analyzed the case but they were not able to correct his leg.

A few months later UMN's Kirsti Kirjavainen came to hear about the problem. With the help of UMN's Rehabilitation Fund she arranged for treatment at the Hospital for Rehabilitation of Disabled Children (HRDC), Banepa, near Kathmandu. However, he had to wait for six months as he could not leave without first harvesting his crops. The leg was in extremely bad shape when they reached HRDC. While some of the local herbal medicines had helped his condition, others had aggravated it. Now his leg injury has been corrected. The wound has healed but it will still take some time for the leg to recover fully. The doctors have asked him to come again in two years' time.

Nara was studying in class one at the time of his accident and already three years have passed. He hopes to return to his classes after few months. He now can stand on his own and he is longing to return home to show his friends his corrected leg. It's Falgun again and the hills surrounding his house must once again be covered with gurans. Not only the hills, but his life has also got back its colour. Because of your ongoing help Nara's life has been transformed.



## UMN makes its mark in Thapathali

Most roads in Kathmandu do not have street names but are known because of the area in which they are found. Recently the local community had the opportunity to name the roads in the area of the UMN office. We were touched to find that the road on which our office stands had been named Upakar Marg which means "Good Deeds Street"; we thank God for encouragements such as these which reflect the impact on ordinary people of His work through UMN.



When plans were developed in 2003, we hoped that most of UMN's directly implemented programmes, projects and institutions would go through a transition process by 25 November 2005. For various reasons, some had a later process completion date and are still being worked on. For the most part, plans have gone according to schedule, but for some there have been significant delays and complications.

## Transition in Progress

Partnership with Hydro Consult Pvt. Ltd. successfully concluded with hope for a new partnership with UMN Programme Team in the future.

The transition of two other UMN programmes - Yala Urban Health Programme (YUHP) and the Oral Health Programme (OHP) is in progress as per their plans. A final impact evaluation of YUHP is currently being carried out. YUHP will be completed by July 2006 and further few months' work will be needed to wrap up the project accounts. Many of its urban health activities have already been taken over by Lalitpur Sub Metropolitan City (LSMC). YUHP has been remarkably successful in assisting LSMC to set up their own mother and child health facilities throughout the city.

OHP will continue to operate until July 2008.

It has made a noteworthy contribution in Nepal particularly in awareness raising about oral health both at community and national level. OHP has been a pioneer in raising awareness about the use of fluoride in Nepal. Currently, OHP closely works with an Oral Health Focal Point within His Majesty's Government of Nepal/Ministry of Health (HMG/N MoH) in developing the national Oral Health Strategy. In addition to this, it is actively involved in conducting various research activities in oral health in communities and schools with technical collaboration with the World Health Organisation, Nepal.

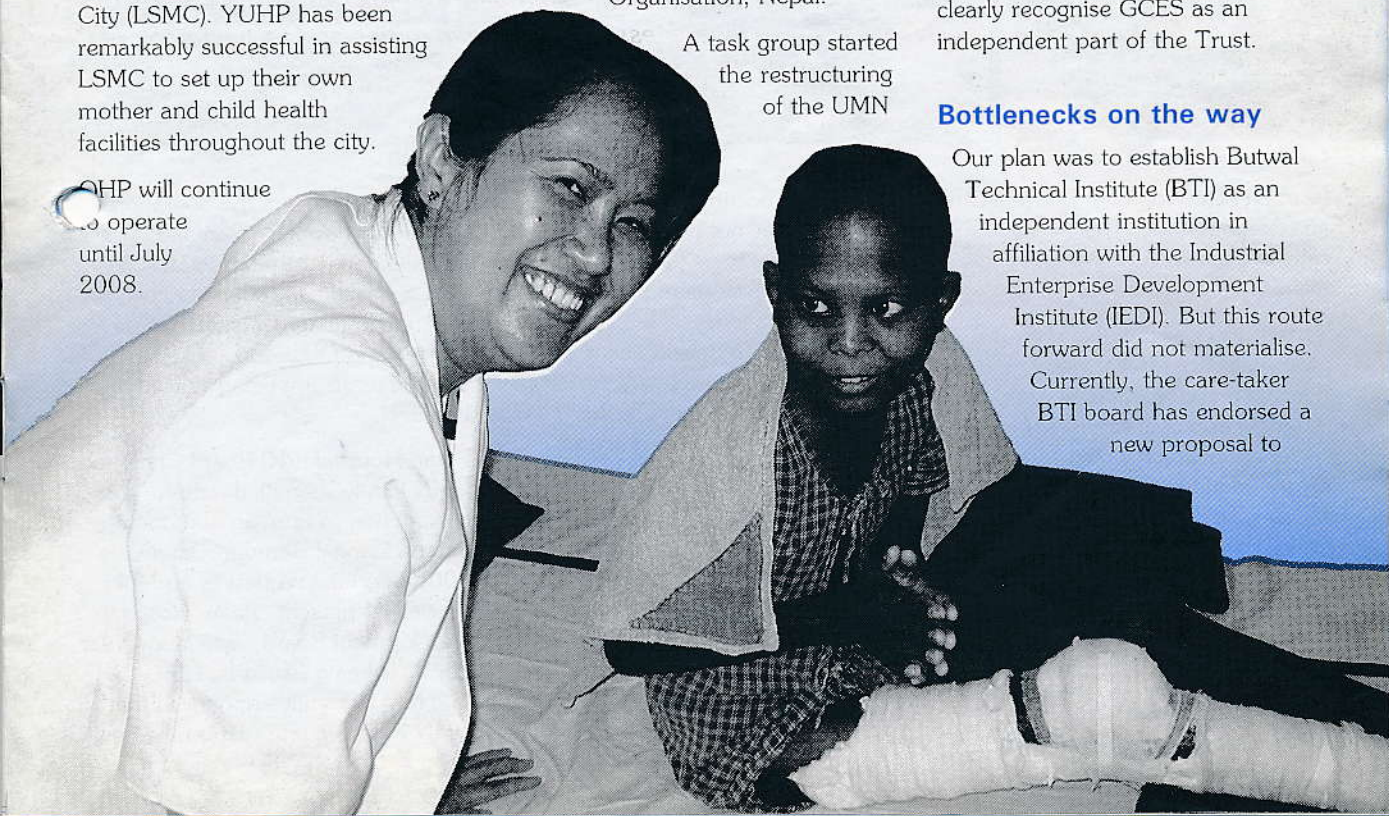
A task group started the restructuring of the UMN

Learning Centre at Thapathali Office to set up a new Knowledge Resource Centre. Unused and old materials were donated to the newly established Kathmandu Valley Public Library. The task group is planning to develop user friendly access to the resources for all UMN staff working in different clusters.

UMN Gandaki Boarding School Education Trust constitution has been amended in order to incorporate Gandaki College of Engineering and Science (GCES) for which UMN is committed to continue support with capacity building until 2008. The amendments clearly recognise GCES as an independent part of the Trust.

### Bottlenecks on the way

Our plan was to establish Butwal Technical Institute (BTI) as an independent institution in affiliation with the Industrial Enterprise Development Institute (IEDI). But this route forward did not materialise. Currently, the care-taker BTI board has endorsed a new proposal to





# Education Resource Development Centre Nepal (ERDCN) blossoms from seeds sown by UMN.

More than half of Nepal's population is illiterate and relies on informal methods to learn new things to improve the quality of their lives. The majority of these people are poor, marginalised and underserved. In response to this situation, UMN set up the Non Formal Education Support Office to provide consultancy services and develop primers for non-formal education in Nepal in the early 1980s. It closed in mid-July

2005. In its place, the ERDCN began to operate in mid 2005. Starting out with a grant from UMN, office equipment, furniture and the NFE materials that UMN had produced. ERDCN is now actively involved in helping individuals, communities, projects and organisations in Nepal through capacity building activities; facilitator training for Non Formal Education (NFE) staff, general training of trainers and running NFE coordinator workshops.



## *Man robbed of rights spreads the light of learning*

*During the reign of King Mahendra, His Majesty's Government resettled a feared group of robbers who had looted many households. Providing five katthas (1 kattha = 338 sq. mtrs.) of land for a house and 35 katthas of land for agriculture, they were placed in Punarwas, in Sarlahi's Netragunj. Known as "sons of robbers", their children faced many challenges and much prejudice. Prestigious jobs were barred to them, and society in general viewed them with hatred. Coming from a background of robbery, they had little knowledge of farming. Veeru (name changed) wants to see change. He works as an NFE trainer and facilitator. He has taught lots of illiterate people in his area with the help of ERDCN. He wants to raise awareness among communities and to help each of his community to lead the life of an honored citizen.*

form BTI Development Board as an autonomous body. This needs cabinet approval and we anticipate this will be given shortly.

Tansen Nursing School (TNS) still awaits Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) approval for its new constitution which would allow it to run as an independent institution within CTEVT. The new CTEVT ordinance recently issued by the government has delayed the decision making within CTEVT. As CTEVT itself is not complete at this moment, further delay can be expected.

Formal transition of Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC)

has still not occurred as Ministry of Education has not been able to find a proper legal basis to transfer KISC to Human Development and Community Services (HDCS), a Nepali Christian development organisation. An interim governance structure was initiated after 25 November to continue running KISC until new arrangements are made.

## **Rays of hope**

Along with the dawn of year 2006, there appear to be significant progress with regard to the hospitals' transition. After a long interval, we received a letter from Ministry of Health (MoH) agreeing UMN's

proposal to transfer the operational responsibilities of Tansen and Okhaldhunga Hospitals to HDCS. HDCS has already submitted two separate draft agreements to MoH for Tansen and Okhaldhunga Hospitals and the drafts are being studied by HMG/N.

Patan Hospital (PH) Board Chair and UMN jointly submitted a draft constitution to form an autonomous Patan Hospital Board in October 2005 upon the request of an MoH official. At present "Patan Hospital Development Board Formation Order 2062" is being issued by HMG/N. The MoH recently announced that UMN will have one seat on the new





*Signing of UMN/KU Letter of Understanding*

PH Board to honour UMN's long contribution to Patan Hospital.

MoH asked UMN to extend the existing agreement for the hospitals which was to end on 25 November 2005, for three months up to 25 February 2006. Extra time was needed to resolve the hospitals handover to 25 May 2006. There are now positive rays of hope that the hospitals' transition formalities could be completed by July 2006 at the latest.

UMN is committed to continue to support the hospitals and to

continue capacity building until 2008. This support will include the secondment of expatriate volunteers, and other resources in particular the provision of charity funds so that the hospitals will continue to serve particularly poor patients in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ.

We know many of you are also Friends of Patan, Tansen or Okhaldhunga Hospitals and we will be writing to you in the future about the different arrangements needed to continue your support after the Agreements are signed.

### **Secondees at work**

The Director of BTI and the Principal of TNS completed their employment with UMN and they continue to work in the same positions as the employees of their respective

institutions. We have asked TNS to process visa applications for expatriate tutors. Current UMN expatriate secondees in BTI have been granted free visas for a year through the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

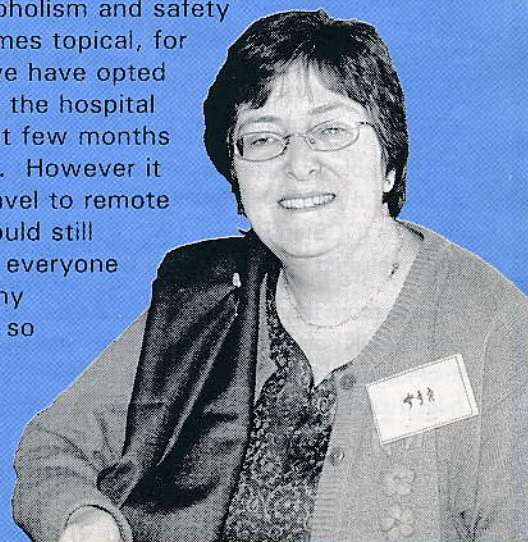
A Letter of Understanding between Kathmandu University and UMN has been signed to continue existing UMN secondments to Kathmandu University (KU), Kathmandu University Medical School (KUMS), and Dhulikhel Medical Institute (DMI) until July 2008. An MoU has also been signed between UMN and B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Science (BPKIHS) to continue present UMN secondments to strengthen the Family Medicine programme at BPKIHS until 2008.



## **Reaching the masses**

**Dr. Rachel Karrach, Director of Tansen Mission Hospital said, ...**

“...about fifteen months ago our Community Health Department was approached by Madan Pokhara Community Radio station and asked if we would like to be involved in a new phone-in programme about different health issues. Madan Pokhara Radio is the oldest and one of the most popular FM stations. The broadcasts reach villages well beyond Palpa district. Following this, on alternate Wednesdays, one of our community health staff, or doctors or nurses went to the radio station in a nearby village, for the broadcast. The programmes covered topics such as heart disease, family planning, alcoholism and safety in the home to name a few. We try to make the programmes topical, for example a recent programme was about bird flu. Lately we have opted for pre-recorded programmes as this is more flexible when the hospital is short staffed and in the difficult situation during the past few months phone communication was not possible for many listeners. However it has been good to know that when it was impossible to travel to remote villages due to security concerns, that health messages could still reach these communities by the radio. After a trial period everyone involved agreed that this was a valuable way to reach many people with accurate information about health issues, and so we plan to continue. At the annual meeting of Madan Pokhara Community Radio in April, the hospital was presented with a certificate of thanks in appreciation of our Community Health Department's work in coordinating these programmes.”





# Legacy of Ernest Oliver

Ernest Oliver—the first executive secretary of the United Mission to Nepal (1954–61), executive secretary of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union (1961–76), the first general secretary of the Evangelical Missionary Alliance (1966–83), and a director of Tearfund (1976–86)—was one of the most influential figures in the British evangelical missionary movement in the twentieth century. His clear sense of the priorities for Christian mission in the middle of the twentieth century left a legacy that still shapes much of that movement.

Ernest Oliver was born in London on August 20, 1911. Interested in missionary work from an early age, he described his call to missionary service overseas as *“a process, largely the outcome of a growing understanding of the Word of God in relation to his love for the world and his passion for the salvation of all.”*

In January 1934, a devastating earthquake hit Nepal and the Ganges Valley in Bihar, North India, and in a prayer meeting after hearing the news, Ernest sensed a strong

call to Nepal. However, he and a colleague, Dr. Trevor Strong, were allowed to visit Kathmandu only in 1951. In 1954 the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) was formed, and Ernest Oliver was appointed as its executive secretary with a view to start Christian mission work on a united front and not fragmented through numerous agencies. In 1960 Ernest helped to form the Nepal Christian Fellowship (now the National Churches Fellowship of Nepal). At the time, there were no more than a hundred converts, but it laid the foundation for church structures appropriate to the culture and context of Nepal, which now encompass some thousands of churches and as many as 700,000 Christians.

This information is adapted from an article by Richard Tiplady. Richard is British Director of European Christian Mission. From 1996 to 2002 he was Associate Director of Global Connections (previously known as the the Evangelical Missionary Alliance. This is available from the UMN archives in Edinburgh.

## Local Biogas Company gets global environmental award

Nepali NGO *Biogas Sector Partnership (BSP)* was one of the seven finalists who were awarded the Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy. The Awards reward outstanding and innovative projects which tackle climate change and poverty, and improve quality of life, by providing desperately-needed renewable energy at a local level. The finalists from seven countries were personally congratulated by HRH Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. The projects will share prize money of over 200,000 pounds. The Nepali NGO was recognised for replacing wood fuel for cooking with clean, efficient biogas from cattle and human waste.

In 1975, biogas plants were introduced by the United Mission to Nepal through its Project Development and Consulting Services (DCS) in Butwal. UMN's small team also co-authored and published a guidebook on Biogas Development.

Today, more than 140,000 households use biogas plants including plants built before BSP started, and more are being installed everyday. With an average of 7 people per household, this means over 1,000,000 Nepalis have their daily food cooked on biogas.

## Former UMN staff inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence

Gerald Hankins of Alberta, Canada, was inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence in August 2005. The Award recognises and honours citizens who have made significant contributions. Each of the six inductees was given a beautiful illuminated scroll that included miniature paintings of three symbols or items of his/her choice. Gerald's scroll shows his five books, the *logo* of the *United Mission to Nepal*, and the “Three Sisters” mountain in Canmore, Alberta.

Gerald Hankins joined UMN in 1974 and left in 1986. He worked almost all of his time as a surgeon in Shanta Bhawan Hospital and then in Patan hospital.

UMN congratulates him for this great achievement!



# UMN 50th Anniversary Appeal Fund



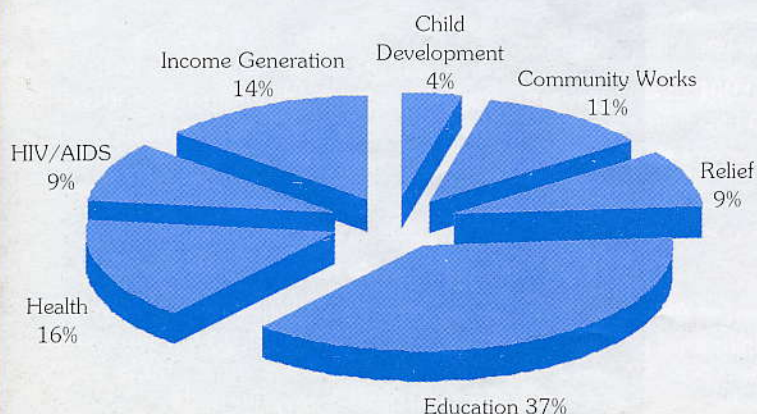
*Disbursing the funds*

The 50th Anniversary Appeal Fund was launched in early 2004 with the slogan "*Let life bound*" in order to mark UMN's 50 year's service in Nepal. We were thrilled to receive the magnificent sum of **NRs. 4,176,882 (GBP33,400/US\$58,000)** from our generous supporters around the world through UMN's worldwide celebrations. The fund has now been closed following the final disbursement of grants in December 2005.

The funds were disbursed to 50 different projects representing a wide range of needs and opportunities. The table below details the allocation of funds.

Over one third (37%) of the total fund was given to education related projects including scholarships for girls and school improvement; 16% for health related projects including rehabilitation support and 14% for income generation activities for underprivileged women. The following chart depicts the summary of grant allocation in different sectors of work.

## SECTORWISE DISBURSEMENT OF APPEAL FUNDS



Here are just a few inspiring examples of how grants have been able to make lives more abundant:

In **Surkhet**, the Interdependent Society's new programme is providing specialized training to female community health volunteers. It will benefit women suffering from uterus-prolapse, and will raise awareness regarding prevention and appropriate treatment of this common medical problem in Nepal.

In **Okhaldhunga**, poor women received non-formal education and training in bee keeping as an income generation activity. This was coordinated by KOSIS Nepal, a local community based organization.

In **Dhading**, youth at risk gained knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, through a workshop provided through Chandra Jyoti Integrated Rural Development Society.

In **Banke**, Triveni Vikas Samaj and Janjagaran Samaj are being helped to set up and run 12 child development centres in communities where primary school education is not available. This support will enable poor and marginalised children to receive education, which would otherwise be denied to them.

In **Lalitpur**, Community Health Association Lalitpur was funded to implement a Revolving Drug Programme and to give minor material support to 30 free community health clinics. The Drug Programme will enable poor patients to have access to essential drugs at affordable cost as well as free health check ups in the clinics run by local volunteer doctors.



## ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY ACTIVITIES

<i>Description</i>	<i># of projects</i>	<i>Grants allocated</i>
Child development centre	3	154,400
Child education	6	458,268
Community drinking water	1	267,240
Community health	4	529,785
HIV/AIDS awareness	5	391,040
Hospital training support	1	30,370
Income generation	9	577,310
Non formal education	4	225,008
Rehabilitation support	3	99,538
Relief for disaster	2	361,000
Scholarship	6	353,940
School improvement	4	501,825
Study grant	1	22,000
Veterinary training support	1	200,000
Undesignated transfer	1	5,158
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4,176,882</b>

In *Rupandehi* and *Kapilbastu*, women and children rescued from the sex trade or at high risk of trafficking for the sex trade are receiving education, skills and income generation training through Serve Nepal. The Appeal Fund is financing a programme for 25 participants who will receive training on making and marketing various handicrafts.

We were also able to help victims of disasters to rebuild their lives:

- ♦ In Ramechhap District we financed the roofing of new homes for 22 families who had lost everything in landslides, caused by incessant rain;
- ♦ In Okhaldhunga District we provided immediate support to 65 households (390 people) who were victims of a fire which completely destroyed their homes. The support comprised the distribution of food and clothing and trauma counselling.

We are very grateful for the way in which God has blessed our efforts and we strongly feel that the objectives of the Appeal have been achieved.

*Michael Hawsworth, Convenor*  
*Prem Maharjan, Member*

UMN 50th Anniversary Appeal Fund Committee



## Barefoot doctor in foothills of Nepal

On the morning of August 6, 1945, eighteen-year-old NOBORU IWAMURA was busy conducting an experiment in the laboratory of the Hiroshima Institute of Engineering and Technology when the atomic bomb exploded just 1.2 kilometers away. Heavy cement walls collapsed over him. Three days later rescue workers found him alive beneath the debris. Of his classmates, only he survived. Contemplating the loss of his friends and the miracle of his own survival, Iwamura resolved to become a doctor and to live his life for others.

Iwamura first came to Nepal in 1962 as a Public Health Physician to work with UMN in Palpa. With his wife Fumiko, he spent the next eighteen years in Nepal. He became a "barefoot doctor", striking out on foot and on horseback into the mountains where many Nepalis dwelt without benefit of medical services and where tuberculosis was pandemic. In time he came to understand the relationship between the sickness of villagers and their poverty and ignorance. He experimented with public health and livelihood projects.

He became known throughout Nepal for his excellent rapport and friendships with government officials, local villagers, and with staff of UMN. He became internationally known for his knowledge, compassion and Christian concern for Community Medicine.

He made a great contribution towards the establishment of the Nepal Tuberculosis Centre, Tuberculosis Hospital Kalimati and Dr. Iwamura Hospital, Bhaktapur. He died on 28 November, 2005. Although Iwamura is dead, he is still alive in the hearts of many Nepalis.



# UMN Hospitals' Endowment Trust

In 1995 the UMN Executive Committee gave approval for UMN to set up individual designated Endowment Funds for the four hospitals: Amp Pipal, Tansen, Okhaldhunga and Patan. Since that date donors have been giving generously to build their capital (interest-bearing) funds. Many donors have a loyalty to a particular hospital and want to give to a named hospital, confident their gift reaches their designated hospital.

In 2000 the UMN Executive Committee's permission was sought to establish a UK based UMN Hospitals' Endowment Trust in order to take advantage of the UK Charity Tax system. These funds are not designated to a specific hospital but are managed by the Trustees for the mutual benefit of each hospital and on application from the hospital management team.

Both these funds have a primary concern to support the Medical

Assistance Fund, the 'free care for the poor' element within each hospital. In this way the UMN 'care for the poor' vision in our four hospitals continues to be supported and encouraged as the actual governance of the hospitals changes.

In November 2004 the UMN Executive Committee agreed that the two funds should be merged under the UK Trust. The transfer was made in March 2005. Assurance was given that the funds accumulated by the individual hospitals will continue to be kept as designated funds.

The Trust has to manage these funds and comply with the UK Charity Commission rules, submitting an annual report with signed accounts to the Charity Commissioner. This ensures business is legally and properly administered. At present there are six Trustees in the UK and two in Nepal.

In August 2005 the first interest-only payments were made to the UMN founded hospitals for their 'free care' support.... an occasion of great satisfaction for all those people who have given so thoughtfully and generously over the years. With the capital remaining intact, this will now form the pattern for the future distribution of accrued interest.

The Trustees hope that you will all be encouraged by this and continue your support into the future. There still remains a need for gifts for the maintenance and growth of the capital funds.

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## Butwal Power Company receives Blue Planet Prize

Butwal Power Company's five-Megawatt Andhikhola Hydel and Rural Electrification Project has received the 2005 UNESCO International Hydropower Association (IHA) Blue Planet Prize at the United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate Change in Montreal, Canada. This company was started by UMN 40 years ago. It was among the three winners recognised for excellence in socio-economic benefits and capacity building.

'The scheme delivers reliable water and electricity services to 100,000 local people, improving their quality of life and driving the local economy,' said Gyanendra Lal Pradhan, chairman of Butwal Power Company that owns Andhikhola Project, while receiving the prize in Montreal.

The other two winners were the projects: 185MW Arrow Lakes power plant and the 16MW Sechelt Creek power plant from Canada.

The Blue Planet Prize is awarded every two years by the IHA to recognize excellence in sustainable practices at hydropower facilities in operation for a minimum of three years.





# What some of our Expatriates have

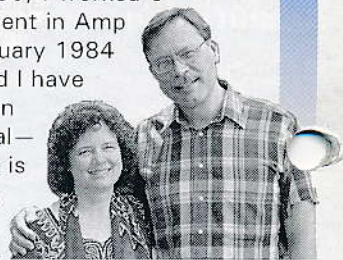
## Gill Parkin

I have been working for UMN for four months. I chose to work with UMN as I believe in their methods for trying to reach the very poor of Nepal. My major motivation factor is seeing people develop and the sheer joy they receive in recognising their own personal or group development; this can be extremely rewarding. My educational background is in teaching. My major areas of interest are in logical puzzles and archaeology. Some major differences between England and Nepal: there is a wider diversity of wealth here, fewer people know about their rights and how to access them, and there are no cats around!



## Steve Thorson

God called me in 1975, when a UMN'er spoke at college about Nepal's needs. He showed no pictures of Nepal's beauty, and I thought, "What an awful place to work!" At that moment, God spoke to me, "Go to Nepal as a physician." I immediately applied to medical school, and told my future wife, Becky (She didn't disappear!). In 1980, I worked 3 months as a medical student in Amp Pipal. We returned in January 1984 with our two children, and I have worked as a pediatrician in Tansen and Patan Hospital—for 22 years. Although it is easier to live in the West, God called us to serve Him in this beautiful land.



## Current UMN Opportunities in Nepal

**We are looking for compassionate Christian professionals who have several years of experience, a pioneering spirit, and enthusiasm for setting up a new area of work.**

### ADVOCACY ADVISOR :

- ♦ Will integrate advocacy efforts into all aspects of UMN's activities.
- ♦ Will work closely with a Nepali who could take on the role within 2-4 years
- ♦ Has qualifications and extensive experience in Advocacy e.g., community mobilisation, human rights, or at the legal and the policy level.

### DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS :

- ♦ Will provide expertise and mentoring in the areas of Organisational Development, Capacity Building and all aspects of Community Development.
- ♦ Has development qualifications and extensive experience in Process Development and cross-cultural/developing country programme activities

### PERSONNEL DIRECTOR :

- ♦ Will provide leadership within the organisation for all issues related to personnel.
- ♦ Has professional qualifications and experience in: Recruitment, Employee Involvement, HRD, Performance Management, Remuneration and Organisational Development.

### FINANCE PROFESSIONAL :

- ♦ Will provide leadership for all financial work within UMN.
- ♦ Will coordinate corporate financial planning, budgeting, accounting and reporting
- ♦ Will be responsible for organisational internal controls and financial policies
- ♦ Has relevant financial/accounting qualifications and experience

### PASTORAL CARE WORKER :

Kathmandu with travel to areas outside Kathmandu

- ♦ Will support expatriates in adjustment to life in Nepal and in ongoing spiritual and emotional development
- ♦ Will mentor the Nepali Pastoral Care Worker
- ♦ Has training and extensive experience in counseling/pastoral care, preferably with cross-cultural experience

### DOCTORS :

For Tansen, Okhaldhunga and Patan Hospitals

### TEACHERS:

To teach 5-11 year old children of UMN expatriate families in a 'Tutorial Group'.



# to say...

## Kjartan Gullbra

My family and me came to Nepal in October 2003. Now I am working as an Enterprise Development Advisor, mainly with the Pro-poor Hydropower Project. I heard about UMN's work during my engineering studies 15 years ago, and since then I have been hoping to come here and serve. The whole family loves to live in Nepal and we will like to stay here for still some years. In many ways Norway and Nepal are similar, both are small, mountainous countries. In other ways they are different: the people, customs, wealth. Hopefully Nepal also will experience some of the development we have been blessed with in our home country.



## PHYSIOCON HAILS MARY MARTIN

WINTER...THE spine chilling cold, falling of leaves, hot coffee and steaming food! This is how generally we welcome the season. But for the Gardenians (students of Garden City College, Bangalore, India), winter is the gala time of the year. When their much awaited event, "Gardenia," unveils.

Gardenia '06 (23 -28 January) started on an academic note with "Physiocon", the 2nd All-India Physiotherapy Students' Conference. It was a gathering of over 1000 Physiotherapists from South India. UMN's Mary Martin was invited as the Chief Guest of the function. She was recognised for her initiation and contribution towards Physiotherapy education in Nepal. Research Reports were presented and there was a mutual sharing of Physio issues among students, faculties of different colleges and officials of Indian Association of Physiotherapy in the programme.

UMN thanks Garden City College for the recognition.



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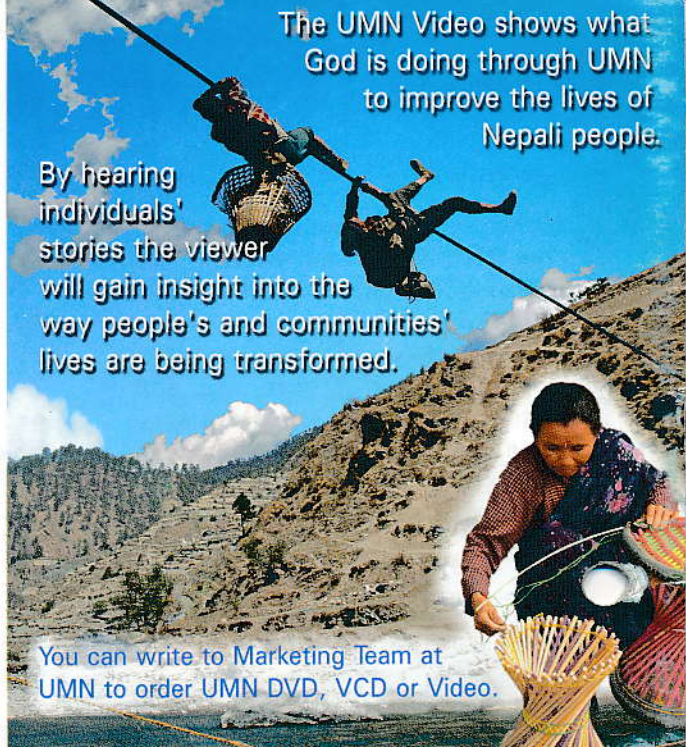
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