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Once again I am sitting at Kathmandu airport, having had a busy and productive trip. In addition to visiting and progressing various projects, I have been tied up with administration, assisting our NGO (CTAS Nepal) with their year-end audit and the annual re-registration process. Happily this is completed for another year.



Unfortunately I was unable to get to visit the children at the school in Damsaede, where we have recently started to provide daily tiffin (lunch), but at a local committee meeting the members confirmed that the school is very grateful for this assistance and everything is running well.

The installation of the dhara place at the Asha Orphanage is now complete, and the children not only have easy access to clean drinking water, but also a place to wash their utensils and clothes, as well as take a shower. Thanks go to a UK donor family, who helped make this possible with a generous financial donation “from our children to yours”.

There is a continuing abundant supply of water to the Pipaldali reservoir tank water, feeding the 36 dhara scattered throughout the village. The bored water supply to the Hanumantole and Rato Paiera tanks continues to be pumped twice a day. The timing of this is dependent on the electric load setting schedule, which if anything has got marginally worse since my previous visit, and many hours a day are spent without any electricity.



With our latest project at Nagen Tole we are now looking at securing the water supply from a bored water source, which is currently being drilled less than half a kilometre from the village. During the visit we met with one of the boring water owners to discuss the possibilities of them providing a joining point for our pipeline. Their initial response appears favourable. The villagers are keen to obtain their water from this supply, as it is much closer (than under the previous proposal) and they will have a direct

supply instead of being reliant on the goodwill of another village to allow them an end of line joining point. From our perspective this is likely to provide a much more cost effective solution. Our Nepal committee will progress discussions with the bored water owners over the next few weeks, once the pressure and volume testing has been completed.

I visited the local kindergarten a couple of times and in addition to our ongoing tiffin support we bought some more educational materials for the children. Their ability to learn both the Nepali and English alphabets at such a young age is most impressive.



As always thank you for your financial support, other gifts and donations. This enables us to continue working to help improve people's lives to bring them the basics we all take for granted.

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