

January 2016 Update

RAN pays the salaries of one nurse and five teachers in three schools. In December 2015, Kamala Rai, midwife, started working at a healthpost in Okaldungha where her skills at the birthing centre here will be put to good use. Just before the earthquake in April, a group of us went to the school in Deusa and Ranem, and visited Tamakoshi Hospital on the way back to Kathmandu. Another visit to the schools is planned for February and also to the

healthpost in Okaldungha where Kamala is now working.



End of term exams at Deusa Secondary School (Mary Nachi Tam)



After the earthquake, temporary classrooms built from bamboo at the school in Deusa

Two serious earthquakes hit Nepal in April and May 2015. Around 8,000 people died, but homes and schools all over Nepal were badly damaged or destroyed. Up until now, very little recovery has been possible due to a multitude of problems that have befallen this poor country. Damage to homes and school buildings was suffered in both Solukhumbu and Ramechapp (Bardia was unaffected by the quakes). However compared with many areas, damage to the school buildings and hospital was relatively light (Deusa lost two dilapidated classrooms and there was internal damage to the office wall that destroyed one of their computers; some damage to Ranem School's office building; and a few cracks at the hospital).

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Thanks goes to the wonderful generosity of friends who rallied round following the earthquake and sent money to RAN for earthquake relief. Working with [Women's Foundation Nepal](#), this money supported their work to help the very poor in the worst affected areas.

During 2015, donations from [HexN](#) not only supported running costs of Tamekoshi Hospital's healthcamps but also helped provide drinking water at a school following the earthquake.

Thanks for all the help

Thanks go to all the medics who helped at Tamekoshi Hospital. Despite the earthquakes, just as many medics came as volunteers. For a few months, the hospital had to cover services provided by government hospital damaged in the earthquake.

A big thank you goes to Mary for all her help when she went to Deusa in December 2014. She went there thinking she might only manage a couple of weeks 'roughing it' and came back seven weeks later in January, almost in tears at having to leave. Also many thanks to Daniel who came out with the group of us in March and then returned to the school to help after the earthquake. Thank you too Graham and Caroline who went to Deusa in December where as well as teaching, they helped install a new computer donated by RAN to replace the one destroyed in the earthquake.

Thanks also go to [World Link Partners](#) who have provided money to pay a teacher for the next year and to [HexN](#) for their continuing support that helps pay for the health camps run by Tamekoshi Hospital.