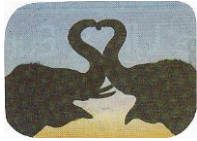




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DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2011

It has been a good year with all project partners, as they expand their services and keep busy getting disabled members walking, hearing, trained in skills, or to surgery to release arms or remove medical conditions such as burns and cleft lip..

Thanks must be given to so many individuals, donor agencies , and supporters who make this life-changing work possible!

To see the list of helpers, donors, partners, projects and patient stories the MEND website is the best source. www.mend.org.nz maintained by our webmaster , Jim Hekker.

ABILIS Finland and ALTSO USA have continued their funding support, as have donors in NZ and UK, including the Nepali Association there, Gulmi Samaj.

Here a few case studies to show you what is being achieved..

***Nepal* the Hope Centre continued getting kids walking or hearing better or having burns treated. Because this boy's mother has brought her son for treatment every day for 3 months Chetan is making great progress!**

CHETAN in Nepal HAS CEREBRAL PALSY



Standing frame gets Chetan upright for first time



Learning to sit



Physiotherapy



Strapped into a walker



Chetan's mum helping



Almost walking!

CORRECTIVE SURGERY is life changing for Bisheshwor in Nepal



Before surgery



After surgery

This boy will need 2 more surgeries in 2011 to release his elbow and his wrist... because of a kitchen fire 18 years earlier!

Thanks to the skills of the Model Hospital plastic surgery and ALTSO funding !

SKILLS TRAINING with ABILIS GRANT :

Thanks to ABILIS Foundation in Finland, 60 Hope members are now having training to learn skills in mushroom farming, mobile phone repair, sewing, small retail shop and goat farming so they can become financially independent. They also can apply for a micro-loan so they can develop their businesses.



Shitake mushrooms grown in the plastic bag system with spores inserted into the sterile straw. Mushrooms can earn \$4 per kg.

VISITORS to Hope Nepal and Kashmir in 2011 included Nicola and Sarah Nicolson who built a mud-woodstove, Rob Buchanan and Kathy Light from MEND, Sam Buckley from NZ who supports Hope kids.

STAFF THANKS!

Brian Clarke has been a good Treasurer in 2011 but will retire in 2012 as we seek a new person to fill his shoes...which will be hard to do!

Kathy Light has had her first year as Secretary and continues to be positive source of ideas and also much needed funds.

Jim Hekker has been a good counsellor and webdesigner too all year!

ACCOUNTS show MEND is safely positioned financially to carry out lots of support in 2012... and the second floor at Hope Centre is now underway, the outreach centre in Kashmir is soon to be opened officially as is the Ideal Health Centre in Nepal near Mt Everest.

Sincerely, Rob Buchanan Director MEND