

# MEND NEWS

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Dear Supporters,

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Here in **Nepal** the Hope Centre continues 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!



Before treatment at Hope Centre

## 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!

*Thanks too to ALISO for supporting Chetan !*



## 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 skills of the Model Hospital plastic surgery in Nepal!*

## VOICE GHANA

Click on the great new website being made by MEND webmaster, Jim, for our old project partner in the Volta Region of Ghana. They have made a name change though from VOLPHIG to VOICE to reflect the more national focus of their programmes. VOICE continues to do lots of advocacy and human rights' programmes around the country. [www.voiceghana.org](http://www.voiceghana.org)



*MEND has sponsored this boy's club feet soon to be corrected & this girl's artificial leg to be fitted soon*

## Hope Centre KASHMIR India

MEND Kathy and Rob visited Kashmir last month with Ganga from Hope Centre Nepal, and saw the new rehabilitation centre almost opened in Kupwarra, a district near the Pakistan border and location of 20 years of militancy. Some Kashmiri photos...



*Kathy on houseboat*



*Mosque*



*Old wood & brick homes in Srinagar*



*Rural storage shed*



*Hope Centre Kupwarra opens soon thanks to ALTSO support*



*Hope Centre Ganderbal growing each year with limb centre and patient hostel.*



*Shikara fruit grocer*

**MEND is supporting a new NGO called "Uplift Kashmir" with plans to set up a dental bus that can reach all remote areas of the Valley.**

**HEARING AIDS wanted! Thanks to donors in NZ and Australia !**



*About 250 kids and youth who have been identified as deaf would like to be fitted with a hearing aid in Kashmir. So please send us any old ones you have, analogue or digital, in-ear or behind- the- ear all valuable to us!*

**Thanks to ABILIS also in Finland for a grant to train and employ disabled person in Nepal...**



*Nepal*

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