



HearingNEPAL Program Inc.

Developing hearing services in Nepal



HearingNEPAL Program Annual Report

Year ending December 2012

2012 was another great year in terms of the continuing benefit to the hard of hearing in Nepal, and development of our program to a sustainable level, reducing dependencies on a few key individuals.

This year we have, as a result of committee resolution

- Elected a management committee.
- Become incorporated in Queensland
- Received Registered Charity status in Queensland
- Prepared concurrent applications for AusAid Deductable Gift Recipient status and ACNC (new Aust. Govt Not-for-profit charity register). We re-applied to AusAid with our new Incorporation.
- Maintained a current and informative web site, bragging over 5000 hits! Thanks Katie.
- Purchased extremely light weight diagnostic and programming equipment for our remote camps, but used daily in the Kathmandu region clinics.

And...early in 2013 Katie has had all restrictions on our Paypal account for inward donations removed, and so donations can be collected through our website. They are however, at this stage, not a tax deduction.

This has been completed cheerfully by Tania and Katie, with timely input from all committee members as required.

Thanks to Deb for her thorough development of our child protection policy.

In Nepal our partner organisation, NAHOH, has been a constant joy to be associated with. Keshab and Sarita are a great team, and are an inspiration for all of us in our efforts to maintain excellence in our activities.

Shechen clinic now operates every Monday when Keshab is not on remote camps. Thanks to the Whitsunday Lions club, it is equipped with an audiometer. The installed video otoscope and screen, ear vacuum equipment, primary ear care implements and printer will be the subject of fund raising in 2013.

Remote camps were very successfully held in:

- Tsum Valley and Sirdibas
- Sera Jhe in South India
- Chelsa in lower Solu Khumbu
- Tawal and Sertung in the Dhading Hilly region
- PA Nepal children's hostel
- Teku slum
- Ands sites within the Kathmandu valley as arranged by our partners NAHOH and NAFA

Separate comprehensive reports and news letters have well covered these.

An annual financial report is being audited.

Resources.

- So many individual sponsors have received cards expressing our gratitude for the donations of hearing devices, equipment and money
- Forty-two gold “Certificates of Appreciation” have been sent to our major supporters, individual, corporate and entities, a few of which have been highlighted below.
- NAFA has supported us financially, and renewed their grant (conditionally that it be spent on equipment residing in Nepal), but equally important is the moral support and encouragement that freely flows from their executive and members. Rod and Deb, Ross and Brenda.
- Bernafon has sponsored Keshab’s wages and repaired free of charge numerous donated hearing aids. Thanks KC, Brad, Emir, and Gary and staff.
- Kopan Monastery has supplied staff to attend our camps and organise our travel and accommodation arrangements.
- Shechen Monastery has given us a home for our weekly public clinic, which is accessible to all, with a sliding charge scale depending on ability to pay.
- Dougy and Bozzy at GN Otometrics have been honing their patience skills with our constant requests for assistance. It’s because they know things and can do so much stuff!
- Andrew and family at Word of Mouth have organised the very best deals and donations in the Alternate Listening Device arena.
- Australian Hearing and private companies have well supported us with hearing aids and equipment. Head high in a sea of caring supporters is Mica and the gang in Canberra.
- Vorotek team have maintained our 3 sets of head gear and batteries,
- Docs Pro-moulds are heavily discounted.
- Thanks Whitsunday Hearing for giving us a home.
- Thanks Graeme for your qualified audits of finances.

This is a less than complete list of our gang, but our deep gratitude goes to all who wish us well, and support us best they can!

As a result, we always just have enough resources for each activity, and believe that if we keep our motivation pure, it shall be ongoing.

And finally, thanks to our committee of stars. Thanks Iew for your dream and determination, Katie and Tanya for making it a reality, Deb (and Rod), Deb (and Stu) and Bronte for your ever-ready advice.

You have done so well for the benefit of others.

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