

March 15th, 2010

To all our generous Polish friends & donors,

I would like to first thank all of you for your generous donations and kind contributions to our project and cause. Daily, I am overwhelmed by the kindness and compassion demonstrated by people all over the world; people who despite their limited resources and distance from our project found it in themselves to help us obtain our dreams. Our school is currently finishing its first year of operation and come April, we will have over 110 successful students who have graduated from their classes and will be able to attend school next year.

While bringing to Nepal the clothes and school supplies that you donated so generously, we encountered numerous bureaucratic obstacles that are difficult to overcome for a small organization like VEC. The shipment spent some time in Indian and Nepali customs. Over the last week we managed to finalize all the necessary arrangements and transported all the goods to our school. It took 13 porters to carry them from the nearest road and on Thursday, March 11th, we distributed the clothes, shoes and blankets from the shipment among our students and poorer families in the area. It was a great event at our school and all the kids enjoyed their new pants, shirts, jackets, hats and gloves. Some of the kids were cold at nights and they received blankets. Some of the winter clothes will be kept and distributed after the beginning of next year's winter for the children who cannot afford any. The toys were sorted and used to decorate some of the classrooms, others will be used as teaching aids and for playtime activities. All the smiling faces and excited students made it one of my favorite days at the school; my only regret is that I couldn't find a dress to fit me!

A part of your financial donation of \$950 has allowed us to purchase several years worth of sports supplies, including cricket bats and balls, badminton nets, rackets and birdies, volleyball nets and balls, footballs and nets, frisbees, board games, and many other games. The students at the school now enjoy daily matches and we soon expect to have some of the best sports teams on the roof of the world. The rest of the money helped pay for the teachers at the school.

We apologize for the long time it took to bring the goods to the school, but despite this we want to assure you that you have succeeded in accomplishing something amazing by proving that people's individual compassion can overcome the impediments that keep us divided and unite to achieve something amazing.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart,



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