

Fall Newsletter 2020



A short message from the President...



Dear Friends,

The need for Dooley Intermed, and your support, has never been greater. The global pandemic is expected to push an additional 60 million people into "extreme poverty" defined as having to survive on less than \$1.90 per day, according to the World Bank. Many of the areas we serve are facing a combined crisis of a health emergency coupled with a devastating extreme economic decline. In these unprecedented times the need for Dooley Intermed, and your support, has never been greater.

On behalf of all the people we strive to help, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamilton

Providing a home for orphaned and abandoned children.



We are pleased to report the 32 children at our Dooley Intermed sponsored Eco-Home Orphanage in Nepal are all healthy and doing well during the pandemic. While school is suspended, the children are staying busy with on-site programs including debate, art, dance, spelling contests, sports, music, and utilizing the modest library and computer lab for classes. Additional activities including cooking, cleaning, and maintaining the organic vegetable garden. The children are all thriving, and their appetites are increasing as they grow!

A record number of eleven children's sponsors have been unable to renew their support this year, creating a serious financial strain on the operating budget.

\$1,200 sponsors a child for a year. Can you help us support one of these wonderful children?

The New Eye Hospital in Nepal - Construction Update





Eye Hospital under construction

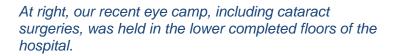
Access road to the new Eye Hospital

The roof slab of the 3rd and final floor has just been completed! 13,000 square feet of tile has been ordered for the 1st & 2nd floors. As soon as that is installed, we will complete the electrical and plumbing installations, finish the interior walls, and floor, and install the exterior windows. This has been a HUGE undertaking for everyone involved

The "Good News" is that we recently obtained a sponsor to cover much of the cost of surfacing the nearly 200-meter long access road. Also, a recent outreach eye camp, including cataract surgeries, was held on the lower floor of the new Eye Hospital building. The need for quality care in this area is enormous, and the new facility is anticipated to provide care for more than 50,000 patients annually.

The "Bad News" is that we have just been informed the Nepal Government will not be able to fulfill its earlier pledge of the final \$70K USD needed to complete the project due to the extreme economic stress caused by Covid-19. With this loss of funding, we are scrambling to find the needed funds for completion.

Donations of any amount are needed to provide the "miracle" of restored sight to thousands of people each year. A donation of \$1,000 will place a name on the Eye Hospital "Honor Roll". Please also consider honoring a family member or friend by dedicating a room in the new Eye Hospital in their honor. Donations of \$5,000 or more will have specific rooms named in their honor, dedicated with permanent plaques.





Female Healthcare Worker Training

These remarkable Volunteer Community Healthcare Workers are the frontline providers of medical care in Nepal's outlying villages. Often traveling on foot along mountain trails, they are a crucial link in providing healthcare services to people in remote areas. However, we discovered that few had received any medical training. Dooley Intermed, along with our local partners, hosted our second weeklong training program for thirty of these highly



motivated and dedicated women. Our training programs include pre and post-natal care, communicable and non-communicable disease, eye care, disease prevention and referral, mental health, and diagnostic skill development. Upon completing the course, each trainee receives a backpack with a portable medical examination kit. Most importantly, they have been empowered with the knowledge required to provide primary care in outlying villages. This training program has been a HUGE success, one of our best programs ever. More than one hundred additional healthcare workers have since requested this fundamental training. It costs \$5,000 to train a class of thirty of these dedicated women, including professional instruction and medical supplies. The benefit is tremendous and ongoing.

If you want to empower women and bring medical care to these remote communities, this is an ideal project to support!

Santa Ines Clinic, Nicaragua

Dooley Intermed continues to support the remote Santa Ines Clinic, on the Coco River in Nicaragua. The Maternal Care Center is extremely busy. All patients receive care regardless of ability to pay. Outreach clinics are held in remote villages reachable only by four-wheel-drive vehicles along jungle trails, and by outboard-powered boats and dugout canoes. In line with our long-term policy of promoting self-sufficiency and community development, all the Clinic staff are native Nicaraguan, and most belong to the Miskito Indian ethnicity, originating from the villages served by this program.









Nurses at the clinic distribute medications

Update from Holy Spirit in Maggotty, Jamaica

Your Dooley team coordinated the examination and screening of dozens of patients in the remote village of Maggotty, Jamaica, identifying an initial group of 27 patients. Surgeries were originally scheduled for May 2020 and will now take place at the Mandeville Hospital as soon as possible after the current Covid restrictions are lifted. The area around Maggoty is one of the poorest regions in the country and there are many, many more patients in need of care.





Can you help answer Sister Marie Clare's prayers by providing the "Gift of Sight" to the patients of Holy Spirit in Maggotty, Jamaica?

A plea for help from Kaziranga, India



The villagers living on the outskirts of the Kaziranga jungle reserve exist on subsistence farming and fishing. Devastating floods this year combined with poverty, malnutrition, and minimal access to healthcare have resulted in a critical nutritional deficiency. Our local Dooley Intermed contact, Sunny, has reached out to us requesting urgent assistance to aid a local village with 193 children and 8 pregnant women who are barely surviving on the rice they grow and fish they catch. Your Dooley team is arranging a mobile van to distribute Multivitamins, Iron, Folic acid, Calcium, and Vitamin D supplements while providing much needed health checkups.

Can you help us bring relief to the villagers of Kaziranga?

"The purpose of life is not solely to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well"

- Ralph Waldo Emerson