



Canadian World Education Society - 2920 Glen Lake Road - Victoria - British Columbia - Canada - V9B 4B1

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Annual Newsletter

August 15th marked the one year anniversary of the Canadian World Education Society, and we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support and contributions that everyone has made to the society over the past twelve months. The year has been an incredible journey marked by steep learning curves and rewarding accomplishments!

Since the official establishment of the society one year ago, we have raised approximately \$30,000.00, purchased land in a remote village in Eastern Nepal, and built a nine room building! As well, we are currently offering a quality education to 135 students, and we have created jobs for seven qualified Nepalese teachers. The Canadian World Education Society, through your generous contribution, is beginning to make a difference in the world.

After the successful creation of the society in August 2007, Executive Director, Troy Harris, headed to Nepal to begin the initial preparation for the construction of the school facility. In total, Troy spent two months in Nepal of which five weeks were in the remote Okhaldhunga region in the village of Sanitar. While in the village, critical steps were taken toward making the project successful: land was purchased, bricks were made, stone was gathered, and the lumber was milled.

Back in Canada, there have been a number of fundraisers held for CanWES, and we hope that a couple of these will become annual events. The Sooke Teachers Association organized a "Fun Night" on behalf of CanWES, showcasing local talent and holding a silent auction. The STA also ran a district wide "Brown Bag Lunch" fundraiser for Sooke district staff. In an attempt to promote the future progress of this project, Dunsmuir Middle School's motivated Peer Counseling group joined in the fundraising campaign: the money raised from DMS will be put towards the construction of a second building on the Sanitar property. This will allow the Canadian World Education Society to offer quality education to students at all grade levels, and it will also ensure that students no longer have to leave the village to receive a higher level of education.

CanWES is planning to host several fundraisers in the upcoming year, including our newest concept of a women's only golf tournament. Also, it is our expectation that the society will have charitable status as of the end of August 2008 ensuring that we can distribute tax receipts to all donors in the future.

Once again, the Canadian World Education Society would like to thank everyone who has been a part of making our first year of operations so successful!

We look forward to your continued support and CanWES' continued success in the upcoming year.
Sincerely,

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