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Caleb Catch-up

The response from our local supporters since we launched the Foundation on 22 February 2015 has been a blessing and is very encouraging. Thank you all.

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South Asia Update

Please rejoice with the Caleb team that many have joined the communities that we help serve. We have been able to practically help many in distressed situations of poverty, flood and winter cold. Our Senior Pastor travelled north last week to welcome those new to the communities, oversee aid efforts and encourage the local school activities. Great care is taken with people's safety and we are excited to hear there is now support from the local villagers of all faiths, whom we have helped with food relief. We give thanks and we pray for safety in the current wet season that there may be good rains and limited flooding to ensure great crops this season We have also been able to raise enough funds to restore the school van for the new school term

Imagine you are a new to a community, you have nothing, you live on less than two dollars a day and through the support of the small local church you are given a goat. From that goat you can have fresh milk or breed from a neighbour's goat and you have something to sell.

In one of the sensitive areas where we have a school for 200 children we have provided goats. The delight in these gifts is seen in the faces of the women.

Please help us show love in practical ways as we as share with and support local communities..

We are very thankful the social situation has become more stable following recent elections. Flooding in the north has destroyed crops and housing and we were able to supply emergency relief funds for housing repairs. South Asia awaits the annual monsoon which is so critical to the economy.

Recent Highlights

- **Growth** Over 50 have joined our communities this year with interest from over 20 more.
- PastorsOur 23rd pastor has just
started work in a new
large city area after
completing Bible College.
We ask for guidance for
him as he serves.
- Schools We now support over 700 students. In one of our larger schools we have installed a new ceiling to reduce heat in the classrooms in summer and also resealed the floor.
- Orphanage The boys have been doing really well in their studies at the local school. An all weather access road is being constructed by the council which we hope will be completed by monsoon time. Safe food storage has been installed to store rice grown for the boys.

An exciting year ahead

Much done, more to do

So far this year the number of pastors has grown to 23. Additionally, we have been able to provide blankets for those in desperate need in the north, building materials for those whose houses were washed away, goats for milk and breeding in the poorer areas and a motorcycle for our Senior Pastor to facilitate him visiting the pastoral communities. Our boys at the orphanage continue to grow and prosper. It is our hope that as this year unfolds 3 more pastors will be raised up to serve new communities and we aim to start 3 more schools in our existing communities. What a year it is going to be...!!

Points for Prayer

- Give thanks for the more recent political stability
- Give thanks for His financial provision for the first half of the year
- For wisdom as we decide the next communities to serve
- For the provision of additional schools for existing communities.
- For support of the orphanage self-sufficiency project

At your service....

As June 30 is getting closer please consider our two tax deductible projects. Details are on our web site.

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