NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

A message from Liz and Richard Grant

We recently had the privilege of trekking through some of Nepal's most incredible remote countryside, through many villages made up of close-knit, caring and traditional communities. The director of our trekking company, Chandra Tamang, along with our porters and trekking guides all come from a collection of villages only kilometres from the epicentre of Nepal's April 25 Earthquake. The damage to these villages is devastating, with the most urgent requests being for shelter, safe water supply and food. Having a personal connection to the people from the villages has helped us to find a simple and direct way we can all help. Chandra's letter to us is at right, and the details of the region's Hilly Region Development Committee's appeal are explained below. Please consider helping us help these wonderful people.

"We, the Hilly Region Development Committee (HRDC) team decided to create an Appeal to our supporters of our villages and people we know, for immediate and long lasting benefit to those people needing help".

Dhading District Facts:

Villages: Tawal, Dhuseni, Latap, Sektali, Gangmrang, Salary, Tishyamarang, Kutal, Besergang, Kutal Dorong, Kutal Namsa, Kutal Runi,Gomo gaun, Choky Gaun, Ri gaun, Epi, Richet, Ganmran,Tajimarang, Anar, Kitchet, Deurali, Danta, Cheprang, Karang.

From these 25 villages, 1173 houses urgently need tin roofs

"We need to buy a tin roof for each family from the area and will transport to the road head, a place called Gyangsang by 4x4 WD truck. Every family will carry up to village themself and will themself build a house with local support and materials" An easy, practical and direct way you can personally help a collective of villages put tin roofs on their houses, and prepare for the forthcoming monsoon season.



Dear Richard and family, Namaste,

Greetings from the Nepal Experienced Adventure Treks team and their families.

We all team members and family are safe!!!

We thank you very much for your kind emails

First of all my sincerely apologies for the late response. As you know we were trapped on disaster earthquake. For the first two days we had limited of phone and internet access so we could not reach anyone. Finally we are now safe. My house in the village was damaged. Our village was totally damaged, Lucky is no one hurt our family.

Unfortunately 71 people were killed in my village on this deadly Earthquake hit on 25th April.

Here we are trying to raise some funds for the victims to rebuild the whole village: long lasting tin roofs and some rice before the monsoon starts. Monsoon is likely to start in about one and half months' time.

Please kindly support us by sending the information enclosed to every one you know: local clubs, workplaces, organisations and help us to share our appeal for funds. We assure you each single rupee you donate will go directly to the victims.

Once again we thank you very-very much for giving a hand during this struggle moment.

Chandra Tamang Nepal Experienced Adventure Treks P/L

1.5 bundles of tin roofing @\$113 x1173 homes = **\$132,000** 50kg Rice per household @\$32 x1173 households = **\$37,536** Hire and petrol for 3 4x4 Trucks to transport tin and rice to Gyangsang = \$830

= \$170,366

DIVIDED BY 1173:

\$145

will supply one household with a tin roof and 50kg of rice immediately

How to donate:

The Nepal Australia Friendship Association are managing donations for this specific cause.

www.nafa.org.au/donations

Your donation is tax deductible (A receipt will be automatically emailed to donor) **NOTE**: Please email Rod Setterlund at setterlund@hotmail.com so that your donation can be allocated to this specific cause.