

Correspondence

between Chandra Jyoti Lower Secondary School, Sagar-Bakanje and Himalayan Project

Mail 18. April 2005

Dear Nuru Jangbu and School Management Committee!

Also a Namaste from us all here in Denmark. We also hope everything is positive in Sagar-Bakanje.

A) We are still working on finding funds for Nuru Jangbu's salary. It will not be possible from Himalayan Project side because of our shortage of money. But we are working on finding money for one year at a time in Rotary.

We almost succeeded one month ago, but then suddenly the Rotary Club faced economic problems and delayed for a period. Maybe they will recover or maybe we will find something else. But Nuru Jangbu should continue - we are still working.

B) We have found some money for the furniture. Please continue to produce one prototype, as you like it, as let us have a picture of the prototype and the budget to produce it for the whole school.

C) We are also still looking for money for toilet and water-tap. We are convinced that it shall be a compost-latrín, but we are concerned how far the local people of Sagar-Bakanje will take care of the maintenance. Let me describe the concept. The toilet should consist of 4 rooms, which will be opened/closed two by two. In each room a bowl which can separate between urine and feces. Underneath a tank for urine (C1) and a tank for feces (C2) which are both above ground level.

C1) the tank for urine can be emptied regularly or it can be emptied when full. This ammonia-water is a very efficient fertilizer for cabbage and vegetables. Will the locals be interested in using this for fertilizer? Can there be made a way of distributing it, because it will probably be enough for several households to use?

C2) in the tank for feces, someone has to put ashes from a kitchenfire or from burning dry weed or shrubs or something like that once a week. Something like one pot full. Will or can someone do that? After 4-6 months the two rooms in use will be locked, and two newly cleaned rooms will be opened to use. In the two locked rooms the must absolutely not be supplied with fresh feces, but left alone for 4-6 months for the feces to be degraded. Then after it can be shoveled out of the fecal tank without any smell or any diseases but instead it is transferred into valuable manure for fields and vegetable gardens. Will someone in the village be interested in doing this work and take benefit of the compost product?

Please, Nuru Jangbu, ask Mrs Pushpa at HCDO-office to print the manual of Compost Latrín which is saved in the office PC.

We have one problem with compost latrín, that we have no estimated budget about the cost of a Compost Latrín in Sagar Bakanje. But we will find it if you tell us sooner or later, that the village has the capacity to take care of it.

A simple Pit Latrín is much cheaper but just like the current one - it will last for some years, and then finished, and the valuable product will not be used.

Let us have some news before you are leaving KTM again.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Mail 18. April 2005

Dear Papa! Namaste! Hope you are alright there with the great time.

I have arrived here in Kathmandu yesterday, I will stay here in Kathmandu only two days, because I have very short holidays. Everything in Solu is OK even there are some moists but they don't give trouble for us. I have sent you the school letter by mail and hope to get the reply soon before I leave to Solu.

Yours sincerely Nuru Janbu Sherpa (Teacher of Sagar-Bakanje school)

To the chairman (Papa)! Himalayan Project Denmark,

First of all, please, accept the Namaste from school management committee of Sagar-Bakanje school. We are very sorry for being delay to send the letter, we hope you will forgive us.

The academic year 2004 has been finished, and new academic year 2005 has started. In this year, we are sure that the number of the student will increase. Last year we had eight student in class eight, and among them five students were passed. This year, we have already 13 students have been got enrolment, among them, five are girls and 8 boys. The management committee has made a decision to give a continuity for class eight because we are very hopeful to get the donation from Himalayan project to give a continuity for class. The teacher salary from Himalayan project for running class eight has been finished, so we would like request to Himalayan Project to give continuity. We are hopeful that Himalayan project will support for class eight until government will take-over it permanently. The management committee is trying their best to to get permission permanently from the

government. Finally we would like to thank you a lot for your great contribution to the Sagar-Bakanje school. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

School Management committee Sagar-Bakanje school

Report on 4. November 2004

To Skivehus Rotary Club, Denmark.

Dear Sir. We have been running eight class with the grand assistance from Himalayan Project since April 2002, but now we have little money left. Only until end of February 2005.

We requested the regional education office for the permission to run class eight permanently, however we didn't get it. Not only this school, but also many schools of this district because of ongoing political instability and crisis. At this moment we can't run class eight without your valuable contribution.

Most students of this area used to stop their studies after they passed class seven because of their poverty, but now that they are benefitted a lot, after your helped to upgrade class eight and getting more inspiration to have more education and being understandand the importance of education. And now we can provide the students of this area with lower secondary certificate.

Now we are also starting to educate the students who are leaving the Primary School in Chhimbu. To run class eight we only need support for teacher salary. And we have been very lucky to employ Mr. Nuru Jangbu Sherpa who is ambitious Teacher in english level. His salary is 4900 Rs per month in 12 months plus one month festival allowance in total 63.700 Rs per year.

The people of this area (Bakanje V.D.C.) Will never forget you and your contribution to this school for and ages. We think ourself to be lucky to get such kindhearted and ambitious people. We will be like an orphan if you stop giving help to this school. So we request once more to run Secondary School permanently from the Government. Finally we all the villagers management committee and school family warm welcome you in my village and want to thank you a lot for great help.

Dorje Sherpa, Chairman School Management Committee, Sagar Bakanje School, Solu Khumbu.

Salary for Mr. Tej Prasad from April 2002 til March 2004: in total 115.150 Rs

Salary for Mr Nuru Jangbu Sherpa from May 2004 till September 2004 plus Dashain allowance: 29.473 Rs

We have received from Himalayan project: First Year 79.814 Rs and second year 89.024 Rs - in total 168.838 Rs -

So our balance is now: 24.615 Rs

Report on visit on 3. November 2004

On this date Thoege Berg Nielsen and Kurt Lomborg from Skivehus Rotary Klub and Himalayan Project did visit Sagar-Bakanje School. We were introduced to the new teacher of english level, Mr Nuru Jangbu Sherpa, who have replaced Mr Tej Prasad, who left the school at Marts 2004. After usual welcoming procedures the school committee told about tree major problems of the school.

First of all the support of Himalayan Project for the teachers salary of 8. Class teacher had been stretched out so it will be sufficient until end of February 2005. But after this date, the school don't see any way of continuing the education in 8. Class. The attendance in 8. Class were in 2002/2003: 10 boys and 3 girls - 2003/2004: 8 boys and 10 girls - 2004/2005: 7 boys and 1 girl - 2005/2006: expected 4 boys and 5 girls. The attendance of Chhimbu students in Sagar-Bakanje School starting in 6. Class is 2004/2005: 2 girls - 2005/2006: expected 6 boys and 3 girls - 2006/2007: 3 boys and 3 girls - 2007/2008: expected 10 students. Also from other primary schools, Sagardanda, Chhiring Kharka, Dachhu and Kenja, are more students expected if the Lower Secondary level is continued.

Many houses will be able to open for boarding of students from more remote places. The price for room and wood is estimated to 2-300 Rs/month and for room, wood and food 2-2500 Rs/month.

It was decided that Skivehus Rotary Club will try to solve this problem.

Secondly there is a major problem with toilet facilities and water supply. The previous toilet is out of function, and repair isn't possible. The 100 students of the school has to go for the jungle for pressing needs. And there is no water post at all at the school. The students has to walk for 3-5 minutes for nearest water tap. It was decided that Skivehus Rotary Club will try to find a solution on this problem too, by making a proposal to send for the school for estimate on budget.

Thirdly the students furniture was very worn out. Only half of the furniture is still in function, and the rest will soon be finished. The school was asked to produce a prototype of desk and bench in one piece, and calculate how much materials are available in the old furniture. Thereafter the school shall send a project proposal with budget for Himalayan Project, who will look for a solution.

3. August 2004

Dear papa kurt, Namaste

Our school family ate fine here hope that you also well there because of recent political situation of country our school did not get kota for class eight we tried a lot to get kota we forward all the document to regional education office. We did not get any reply. Our English teacher Mr. Tej Prashad Dahal left the school himself so we employed a new English teacher Mr Nuru Jangbu Sherpa, from Loding, we employed him from 15 may 2004. We need extra amount of Rs 26000 to run class eight for 3 years. In the Academic year 2004 there are nine students (8 boys and a girls). We hope you will assist continually to run class eight. We are looking forward to hear from you soon, once again we all the school family and the school committee wants to thank for your great help.

Thank You

Yours Ang Dawa Sherpa Sagar Bhakanje School

Mail on Date: 2th May 2004 (arrived 6. May 2004)

To the Chaiman, Himalayan Project, Denmark

Dear Sir, The school Management Committee and the villagers are very grateful for the second year budget of Kr 8.000 which was received last September. In academic year of 2003 there are total 19 students in Grade 8 (eight boys and eleven girls). In the final examination all the students passed. Now I am attaching a separate account sheet from which you will see that of Kr 8000 approximately Rs. 81.000 received by the committee 63700 Rs has been paid out as salary. Leaving a balance 18000. The committee decided use of this balance for the purpose of salary for April 2004 to March 2005.

Thank you

Ang Dawa Sherpa, Head Teacher, Chandra Joyti Lower Sec School, Sagar Bakanje

Account sheet:

Teacher Salary paid for Teacher Tej Prasad Dahal from April 2003 to March 2004 - 12 months with 4900 Rs each month plus Dashain festival allowance - in total 63.700 Rs

Letter on Date: 20th May 2003 (arrived 10. July 2003)

Thank you for your last letter which written in 20.May 2003. You want to take my information and class 8. So I want to give the reply.

My name is Tej Prasad Dahal and my adress is Harkpur-5, Okhaldhunga.

Last year there are 11 students (3 girl an 8 boys) in class 8. If this class is not upgrades, they can not get education. Some students are only living their homes doing homework. They have not super chance to study in class 8. Secondary School is 3 hours far from Bakanje V.D.C. So they should not have success to go to there.

According to the natural situation and students number, the secondary school should have need for this village in near future. But the government of Nepal unable to give the secondary level teacher because of the political this situation in our village. If you can help for this school, this school may be success in the future.

Last year there are 11 student, among them 64% students passed the last exam, which is organized by District Exam Committee. And the exam is holding in secondary school now. This year 18 students are studying class 8. Among them 10 girl and 8 boys. All the students are good and I hope that over them 90% students would have in the coming last exam.

And I want to requested that when I came here and started this job. At that occasion the Management Committee has told me that they should have to give the salary according to government rule. The government of Nepal has give the salary of summer and winter vacation for all the teacher. But the chairman and headteacher did not give the salary yet me. Even I have been teacher 12 months regularly. I want to take that Sallary according to government rule.

I hope that Dear Papa Kurt have to solve my problem, please. And other details would say in next letter. You will write me a letter in my address, I hope.

Yours sincerely Tej Prasad Dahal

Teacher class 8., Sagar Bhakanje, SoluKhumbu

Fax in June 2003

Dear Papa Kurt.

Thank you for your reply. That time I want to write more report about class 8.

1) Last year April 2002-2003 there are 11 students in class eight (8 boys and 3 girls). Among them in final exam 7 students passed, which was organized by district exam Committee.

2) This year from April 2003-2004 there are 18 students in class 8 (10 girls and 8 boys)

3) The D.E.O. able to give permission to upgrade class 8 but they are even unable to pay the teacher salary. The salary must be manage by school management committee.

4) The mangement committee meeting decided not to give the salary during the summer vacation and winter vacation for two months so Mr Dahal didn't got salary. He got the Dashin festival allowance equivalent - one month allowance equivalent one month salary according to government rule. From this year he get the full salary for one year including festival allowance. The management committee are thinking to use the rest money for science laboratory.

Ang Dawa, Sagar Bakanje School.

Reply on 19. maj 2003

Dear Ang Dawa!

Thank you for your reports! I am very happy that you have success in establishing the Nursery. I would like very much if you could make a report on this Nursery, explaining about the land, the soil, watersupply and others.

And also about which species you want to grow there and why they are the ones to prefer. And also how you will organize the caretaking of the plants. This report I can use to find more money for this purpose of School Tree Nurseries, and other reforestration projects.

And also thank you for the report on 8. class. But I think the report is not sufficient. Himalayan Project would like to have more informations about this 8. class. How many students did follow the education. How many did pass the examen. And how is the process running with appovement from DEO to take over 8. class.

Why didn't Mr Dahal have any salary 14June2002-17July2002 and 20Dec2002-15Jan2003. And what about festival allowance?

It could also be nice if Mr. Dahal did introduce himself for HP by mail or letter.

And other details would also be nice to hear.

I hope you have the time to send me a reply before you are leaving home again.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Report 15. May 2003

To, The chairman Himalayan Project Denmark

Subject: Regarding second year budget for teacher salary.

Dear sir, The school management committee and villager's are very grateful for the first year's budget of Kr. 8000.00 (eight thousand) which was received last August. The teacher's salary has formed an important part of the class 8 up grade allowing us to improve our children's education, by concentrating on English, Science and Mathematics. I am attaching a separate account sheet from which you will see that of Rs. 79,814.00 (Seventy nine thousand eight hundred fourteen rupees only) received by the committee Rs. 51,450.00 (fifty one thousand four hundred fifty rupees) has been paid out as salary, leaving a balance of Rs. 28,364.00 (twenty eight thousand three hundred sixty four rupees). The committee is currently deciding how to make best use of this balance for the benefit of the school and I will let you know how these discussions are going.

The school committee would now like to apply for the second year's budget of Kr. 8,000.00 (eight thousand) for April 2003 to April 2004. Could you please send the second payment to our school account?

Current account No. 94

Rastriya Banijya Bank
Salleri, Solukhumbu, Nepal

Your's sincerely

Ang Dawa Sherpa

Sagar bakanje School

Dear Papa Kurt

Namaste, I am writing to confirm that the school management committee received the amount of Rs. 5,000.00 (five thousand) from you last December and we are very grateful to you for your kind generosity. The money was used to buy nursery equipment including irrigation pipes and soil preparing equipments. I am pleased to say that the field is now ready for planting and this will happen in December 2003.

I hope that we will meet again here this year and you will be able to see how we are progressing with the work.

Many thanks again. Yours sincerely Ang Dawa

Report of 5. October 2002 on SAGAR BAKANJE SCHOOL

Sagar Chandra Jyoti Lower Secondary School

by Namgyal Jangbu Sherpa

01. To start Class VIII and run the lower secondary school.

02. Computer application.

03. Tree nursery.
04. Scholarship form.
01. Classes for grade viii have already been started and management has also appointed one teacher for Math & English. We the management committee and teachers are trying our best to get one teacher from Government side and also to get permission to run classes for grade VIII. We are planning to start classes for grade IX & X once we get permission for the same.
02. Computer application:
We have at present abundant supply of power from electricity and will enable the teacher to teach student how to operate computer, typing and do printing. In near future once we have tele-communication facility we can also have internet and teach student how to send email. They can also gain knowledge from the internet. To do the above job, the teacher during the winter vacation can come to Kathmandu and learn computer from the institute, so that they can teach student when they go back to school. For repairing and maintaining the computer the expenses will be born by the school only.
03. Tree nursery:
We are happy about the advice given by Papa Kurt for making tree nursery and also felt very necessary for us to do it. Student & villager will do this work. We also have some expert (received training from Swiss Project) who knows how to plant tree and take care. Regarding the land we have lot of land own by school and the tree nursery can be made wherever it is suitable. It is very essential to know the importance of the tree plantation by the student, who later grow up and can teach other people about the importance of it. We have two experts Mr. Ang Lhakpa Sherpa & Mr. Pemba Kipa Sherpa who had done training conducted by Swiss Project through District Forest Office, Solu Salleri.
04. Scholarship:
We have selected one intelligent and poor student by the school management committee and teachers to fill up the scholarship form.

Namgyal Jangbu!

Brev 5. Oktober 2002:

Dear Papa, Namaste

The budget for the first year is already collected in our school account. We school Management Committee are very happy for the budget. We already forward all the documents to regional educational office in Dhancuta, but they still did not give decision. Then we write about that to Himalayan Project. Now we are interested to do School Tree Nursery. We decided to do that from March 2003. We are very interested your project to forestation. Now a days there is electricity in Sagar and we are interested to put a computer and we filled application for getting Computer. These days our school is closed for three weeks of Dasain festival.

Thank you.

Ang Dawa

Sagar-Bakanje

Mail 7. August 2002:

Respected Papa

Namaste

Subject-Papa class 8 of Sagar Bhakanje Shree Chandar Jyoti Is running .We parents open bank balance of Rs.75000 as bank deposite for 2 years.As we have found letter from you about the salary of the teacher's.You have send send letter in the name of Kwadar Banada How much you have send? I am going to meet Kadar banda tomorrow 8th August 2002.We have ask to our VCD Rs 50,000 for the salary to teacher and they have are going to give.Due to the condition VCD's leader's time was finished so till we are not been able to collect money.We management community are going to make fund for 5 class the teacher's of 8 class.Now in school from the parents and from the rule of His Majesty Government I was selectd as the chairman from the student and from parents.We Sagar Bhakanje, all our students and parents always hope for the further help from papa in future and many many thanx for your help.

Please reply us within 24 hours in same address

Shree chandra Jyoti Secondary Bhakanje, Chairman, Ang Dawa Sherpa

Mail June 26, 2002:

Dear Papa Kurt,

Thank you for the reply of fax. These days our school is closed for summer vacation for one month. I send this fax to my staff Jangbu because I have no time to come to Kathmandu. Our school committee decided to upgrading class eight and we started class eight from April 2002. I send an application to Himalayan project for the first year budget from April 2002 to 2003. It is difficult to get the money from Denmark to Sallery Bank. If possible I send our school bank account No. of Sallery Bank in the application. If it is impossible you can take with you when you come to Nepal or can send the money with the Sallery with Chhimbu School in Rotary Kathmandu. Please write in my address also write when you are come to Nepal.

Thank you.

Please reply me at: pasanglaso@hotmail.com

June 26, 2002

To , The Chairman, Himalayan Project, Denmark

Subject: Regarding budget for teacher salary.

Sir,

The school management committee and the villager's are very happy for the help from the project. The school committee and the villagers decided upgrading class eight and we already started grade eight from April 2002.

- 1) We purposed to use the donation for teacher salary.
- 2) We need the budget for two year we are trying to get the Government quota if we got the quota the Government manage for salary.
- 3) Now we need the budget for the first year Rs. 65,000/- approximately 8,000/- Danish Crowns from April 2002 - April 2003.
- 4) If possible please to send the money in our school account. The school account No. is:

Current Account No. 94
Rastriya Banijya Bank
Sallery, Solukhumbu
Nepal.

Ang Dawa Sherpa, Sagar Bhakanje School, Solukhumbu, Nepal.

Fax 15. februar 2002:

Dear Ang Dawa and Sagar Bakhanje School Committee!

Thank you for the fax. Yes thank you we are well and fine here in Denmark. Although we are very worried about the political situation in Nepal and Solu. But we hope that you all also are well there.

- 1) You write that School Committee have decided to upgrade class eight. I thought that we decided not to do this, but instead to upgrade the english education up to class seven! Tell me more about what you have decided to do.
- 2) It is not Rotary who have promissed you to help with the teachers salary. It is Himalayan Project. Rotary has nothing to do with this project.
- 3) Himalayan project did promise you to sponsor your school with 16.000 Danish Crowns. It is now approximately 135.000 Rs. This amount can be used for:
 - A) Upgrading class eight
 - B) Salary for private employed Intermediary Level English Medium Teacher
 - C) Supplementary salary for Government provided teacher

But remember, that the amount is final. When it is spend, there will be no more funds available.

- 4) Himalayan Project need an application which describes:
 - A) The purpose of which to spend the donation
 - B) The long term budget for the donation (how many years and how much each year)
 - C) The budget for the first year (April to April)
 - D) For which bank and which account to send the money
(Can it be collected in Kathmandu?)

5) Before next year is starting you will have to send:

- A) An account for the first years donation
- B) An new application for the next year

6) We need a better way of communication.

When you are in Kathmandu you should use a faxmachine for which I can send a return-fax. The faxmachine, which you are using now will not receive faxes from me. I have tried several times.

Even better for me would be using E-mail service.

Then you should go back for the fax or E-mail the next day to collect my reply.

I also need the most safe address of yours to send normal letters. If you have relatives in Kathmandu, I could send it for them, and then they could give it for you.

From Denmark to Kathmandu there is approximately one week. And further on probably 1-2 months by normal ways.

When you send fax or mail, please always write from where you send it, and for how long time you intend to stay on this location.

I have here appended the report from our schoolmeeting on 28. October 2001.

I hope you receive this letter before it is too late, and I am looking forward to see your application.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Fax 15. Februar 2002:

From: Global Com Center

Phone No.: 009771428044

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Dear Papa Kurt!

I am well here, hope that you and your family also well there. I am writing you about our school. The Managing Committee decided to upgrade class eight. Now we are looking for a good english teacher and hope that now could we find the teacher salary from Rotary. Our new session is going to start from april second week. Please send the message about the money for teacher from mail.

Thank you. , Ang Dawa, Sagar Bhakhanje School.

28. October 2001:

School Meeting

Sagar-Bakanje Lower Secondary School

Sagar-Bakanje Lower Secondary School was during the year of 2001 premised by Himalayan Project, that they should be helped to upgrade their status as a Lower Secondary School for a Secondary School by opening a 8. class. It was agreed that this help would only have a duration of two years after which period the Government should be forced to take over.

But the reality about Government quota taking over the responsibility of the running of such classes have during the recent years shown, that Government is not able to do this as there is no quota. It was therefore decided with the school that there would be no reason to start this project as it almost sure only would run for two years and then stop. Unfortunately the school has already received a support from Himalayan Trust on 50.000 Rs for educational materials and maintenance of the buildings, and of these 16.000 Rs is already used for plastering the walls of the senior class buildings. Himalayan Trust should be informed about this new situation. Also money is collected by School Committee for deposit with DEO. The use of this money also should be decided.

Conclusion:

Himalayan Project has promised to support Sagar Bakanje Lower Secondary School with the amount of 16.000 Danish Kr (today approximately 128.000 Rs) for educational purposes now or later.

☛ Starting 8. class later when Government quota are more promising.

☛ Providing one Intermediary Level Quality English Medium Teacher

☛ Providing extra salary for Government provided English Medium Teacher to assure more quality English education.

This means, from any time of starting any of these 3 options, Himalayan Project will provide the above mentioned amount for any length of time. To divide this amount for a longer period Sagar-Bakanje Lower Secondary School can seek finances from other sources, and the amount paid from Himalayan Project can change from year to year until the full amount is paid.

Sagar-Bakanje 28. October 2001

signed by: Ang Dawa Sherpa, Dawa Sherpa and Kurt Lomborg

14. august 2001:

For Ang Dawa Sherpa

Headmaster of Sagar Bakanje School, Solu-Khumbu

Reply on fax send from InternetPalace this date at 09:39

Dear Ang Dawa!

Thank you for your fax. And thank you for informations.

I hope you will come in again in Internetpalace and find this fax.

Sounds good with the class room and furniture, and also the deposit for DEO!

What about Himalayan Trust? Did you have some agreement with them? Specially about educational equipments.

And a teacher salary on 8.000 Rs/month sounds fine. It is 96.000 Rs for 12 months plus one month extra for Festival allowance. This is 108.000 Rs/year.

I hope that you know, that the donation from Himalayan Project is 8.000 Danish Crowns. And this amount will be paid until DEO takes over, or up to two years. No more amount or time-limit. With the currency rate right now this will be 72.000 Rs/year. But the currency rate can change from time to time, and it is a long time until June 2002.

What will you do about the remaining amount for salary? 36.000 Rs/year. And probably some other expenses could come. Have you found a source for the rest?

My wife and I will come in the autumn for Solu.

Our itinerary isn't planned in details now, but you can expect us in Sagar Bakanje around 25. October.

Thank you for your Survey of the population in the VDC. I am so busy now, but I hope I will finish the work with it before I am leaving for Nepal.

Yours Kurt Lomborg!

Mail 14. August 2001:

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Internetpalace 9771230897 Page: 1

To:- Kurt Lomborg

From:- Ang Dawa Sherpa

Dear Papa Kurt.

Thank-you for your quick response, the fax has given me the information I needed. Sorry for the delay of my information to you in response to your fax.

We are ready now to deposit for the DEO, to commense opening and starting class eight.

The furniture and class room is complete and ready, awaiting the start of class eight. I would like to start class eight in June 2002.

I will find a good class eight teacher for the school. The new class eight teacher's salary will be eight thousand Rupees per month.

I hope I have given you all the information needed.

Ang Dawa Sherpa, Sagar Bakanje School

Mail 27. Juni 2001:

Dear Kaji!

(...)

In the board meeting it was decided to invest the amounts of 8.000 DKR per year for two years on Sagar Bakanje. Ang Dawa shall know that this will be the maximum amount. The rest he must find himself, from other sources. I think this means that we will provide about 70-80% of a teachers salary. I am happy that you try to help him in KTM with HT and the finding of a teacher. But the school committee also must be active.

(...)

Mail 5. Maj 2001:

Dear Kaji!

Now we had the board meeting.

It was decided that HP will pay your flight for Paphlu and return. You just have to pay yourself now, and I will give you the money later.

Sagar-Bakanje

I think it is quite clear, in the mail of 8. Marts, and HP agree.

But HP wants to emphasize that the whole work has to be done by the School Management Committee itself, and HP is just a donor of some part of the teachers salary.

But before HP can send the donation, HP has to know all details about all other money-sources and with whom negotiations have taken place, and the results of these negotiations - positive and negative as well.

If all details can be sufficiently described before summertime - then we can start the project from this year. If this is not

possible we can have talkings when I am there in the autumn - but remember, that I will not have so much time at that time to do so much myself - it will only be for taking some important decisions.

And it shall be emphasized that the donation from HP will only be for 8. class and only for 2 years.

And we would like to extend the population survey. Ang Dawa already produced a survey of ward 4 & 5. And Jangbu once produced one for Chhumbu Ward. If they have the time, we would like very much to have a survey of the rest of the VDC. You can print this file, and bring it for Ang Dawa.

Mail 8. Marts 2001:

For Ang Dawa Sherpa!

Joyti Chandra Lower Secondary School, Sagar Bakanje!

Dear Ang Dawa!

The General Assembly at Himalayan Project, one week ago, decided to help your school upgrading with an **8. class**.

Still we have not in the Board decided how to help you and how much to help you.

But I have to write you now, with all what I know, as Kaji are going for your place right now.

So more precise information will come later.

A) We want to help you with **only 8. class** right now - we will wait to see the success before we eventually go on with 9.-10. class.

B) **Probably** we will only be able to promise to help you for 2 years.

C) We will only help with **one Teacher's Salary** - maybe 100% - or maybe less for instance like 85% or 70% (we expect that MP or VDC or Ward could help with the rest).

D) Kaji and I had a talk with Himalayan Trust about Educational Materials. They promised to help. You should go for HT to negotiate with them about the details.

E) I expect that the deposit for DEO will be made by School Committee

F) I expect that furniture and other things for the room will be made by School Committee

G) We are ready to start anytime, which means already this year by July or next year, as you like it - and when you are ready.

H) All the jobs with negotiating with HT, MP, VDC shall be done by you

I) All the jobs with finding the money for each part of the process shall be done by you

J) All the jobs with dealing with DEO shall be done by you

K) You shall by E-mail or by fax or by letters inform me about all details in the process

L) Think about and find out about the **fastest** and most **secure** way to send informations from Sagar-Bakanje, Nepal to Kjeldbjerg, Denmark - and also the other way from Denmark to Nepal.

M) We would like to know details about which teacher you find for the job - and what will you negotiate his salary to be.

N) When Himalayan Project feel we have enough of informations and when we feel sure that you are ready to receive the money - then we will send them - and not before.

O) Still some members don't have the confidence that there will be enough of young people to join the 8. class. In the survey-scheme from ward 4 & 5 there is not enough youngsters. So if you have the time, it would be nice to have a survey from some more wards (the Chhumbu Ward I already have). Then I would only need informations about : House Number - Name of all members of the family - attending which school & class - Gender - Age.

I hope you like these informations, and I hope that you and the School Managing Committee are ready to move on for a result.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Report Autumn 2001:

SHREE CHANDRA JYOTI LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Sagar-Bakanje, Bakanje ward no. 4, Solu-Khumbu

based on a visit by Himalayan Project in autumn 2000

Shree Chandra Jyoti Lower Secondary School in Sagar-Bakanje is the main and central school of Bakanje VDC. The first school in Sagar-Bakanje was build by Sir Edmund Hillary in the late sixties and it was extended in the eighties and again prepared for High School in the mid-nineties by the Nepali Government. But even though the buildings are there for 8.-10. class they remain empty, as there have still not been economy for providing teachers and educational materials. Therefore the school remain as a Lower Secondary School with up to 7. class. The Headmaster of the school is Mr. Ang Dawa Sherpa living in Sete one hours walk from the school. Himalayan Project wants to give help to the school to establish the Secondary School and later the High School. In this matter we are in cooperation with Himalayan Trust and with the active School Managing Committee of Sagar-Bakanje.

About the cooperators of this project.

Since 1996 many Danish trekkers have experience Nepal in trekking groups arranged by the founders of Himalayan Project. For all of them it has been a great experience, but for some it changed their view of life. In 1997 some group-members decided to help the villagers of Chhimbu in Solu-Khumbu District close to Sagar-Bakanje to build a primary school. And during this work they decided to establish Himalayan Project with the purpose to build this school. But soon the number of members increased and new ideas and projects were introduced. Today we are 112 members of Himalayan Project, Denmark and Himalayan Project, Nepal (HIPRON) is establishing. And now many minor projects is run in the upper part of Solu like road building, forestry, women group, scholarships, tourism and now also school upgrading. And the future plans is to start adult education and folkhighschool in a major scale in the same area. More informations about Himalayan Project can be found on the Internet on www.himalayan-project.subnet.dk.

Himalayan Trust is the well-known organization founded by Sir Edmund Hillary. They have besides of being the founder of Sagar-Bakanje School been supporting the school with educational materials every year since.

Some details of Sagar-Bakanje VDC.

According to the headmaster there is 5.000 persons living within the catchment area of the school. Of these 1.500 persons is more than 18 years of age, while 3.500 is younger than 18 years of age. We produced a complete survey of the inhabitants of Ward No. 4 and 5, which is the two wards included in the village of Sagar-Bakanje.

Ward No. 4 is inhabited by 119 persons of which 10% is 0-5 years, 18% is 6-14 years (out of these 95% is attending school) and 20% is 15-22 years (out of these 33% is attending school).

Ward No. 5 is inhabited by 238 persons of which 9% is 0-5 years, 28% is 6-14 years (out of these 91% is attending school) and 22% is 15-22 years (out of these 60% is attending school).

Ward No. 4 consist 100% of people of Sherpa origin.

Ward No. 5 consist of 84% Sherpa, 8% Khami and 8% Thami.

For the moment we haven't done more surveys but we are considering about that.

The village of Sagar-Bakanje is well established with big houses according to Sherpa custom, and they claim that the village can accommodate more than 50 students from outside the village.

Students in Sagar-Bakanje School.

First class have enrolled 16 students - 2. class 10 - 3. class 15 - 4. class 16 - 5. class 20 - 6. class 19 - and 7. class 10 students, which is in total 106 students. Four students from the village is enrolled in Chhimbu Primary School although they has to travel for 1-2 hours both ways.

Which other schools is there?

The nearest High Schools to Bakanje VDC are the High Schools in Chaulakharka (Solu-Khumbu District), Junbesi (Solu-Khumbu District) and Bhandar (Ramechhap District). Only the two first can attract students from this VDC. They can all be reached in one day, but the students has to stay there when studying.

Schools which can feed a High School in Sagar-Bakanje is Sagar-Bakanje Lower Secondary School itself with 106 students. Gumdel Lower Secondary School with 50 students. Kenja Lower Secondary School with 75 students. Chhumbu Primary School which is newly started with 38 students. Shringma Primary School with 40 students. Sagardanda Primary School with 60 students. Dachhu Preprimary School with 15 students. Changnyima Preprimary School with 20 students.

Because of the fact that students has to stay far away from their home, only few students from the VDC is studying after 7. class. As far as the headmaster knows the number of advanced students from the VDC studying in Chaulakharka and Junbesi is 13 students in 7. class (while 10 is staying at S-B), 10 in 8. class, 9 in 9. class and 8 in 10. class. This is in total 40 students studying for higher level than lower secondary. But the number would be higher if the students could stay more close to their homes.

These above mentioned numbers suggests that almost all students in the school is derived from the very close vicinity of the school itself, even for the higher classes. And it furthermore suggests that only a very few youngsters from the catchment area of the school is studying higher than primary and lower secondary level. But again to confirm this we should consider to do more surveys on the inhabitants of the area.

Probably it also is a contributory reason that the standard of a lower secondary school is not attractive to students who wants to go further, leading to that they leave the school already before 6. and 7. class. An upgrading of the school will add more well-qualified teachers, which will lead to a general upgrading of the school as a whole.

The criteria's of Government.

The Ministry of Education is under the law and appropriation of His Majesty's Government establishing and running schools in the districts. The main criteria's to establish higher education are:

1. There should be a Secondary or High School in each VDC.
2. There should be a minimum of distance between two High Schools (in Kathmandu 20 km).
3. In remote areas there should be at least 15-25 students in each of the higher classes.
4. Each class shall have at least one year of successful running.
5. The teachers and the administration shall fulfill the criteria's of proper management.
6. The students shall after one year be able to show proper knowledge by examination.

7. The Management Committee shall be active in the establishment and running of the classes.

All these criteria's should be fulfilled in the case of Sagar-Bakanje High School, so the District Education Office should register our upgrading and provide us teachers after one year of running.

How to do it?

As a start Sagar-Bakanje Lower Secondary School should upgrade to a Secondary School by starting an 8. class. The funds for this should be found by the Managing Committee partly in the village, in the VDC and in the District, and partly by Himalayan Project and Himalayan Trust.

A rough estimate say that teachers salary will be 100.000 Rs each year for a well educated secondary teacher without remote area allowance. Educational materials should be 50.000 Rs for establishing stationaries the first year and 30.000 Rs each year for the students materials. Deposit for DEO is 15.000 Rs the first year.

When the 8. class is running nicely and DEO has taken over, we could start the upgrading to High School by running 9. and 10. class. But this will depend on how the running of 8. class went on and how long time passed before DEO took over its obligations. The appropriations of the districts are not always sufficient, so before we start the process we should be sure to be able to run each class for more than one year. Rough estimates about 9. and 10 class say that teachers salary will be more, like 125.000 Rs each year, but also that there could be need of an extra high level teacher when all 3 classes is running. The educational materials should be around the same as for 8. class for each of the two classes. Deposit for DEO is 30.000 Rs for each of the two classes for the first year of running.

What to do now?

Headmaster Ang Dawa Sherpa should set up a precise and very detailed budget for the first year of running of the 8. class for teachers salary, educational materials and deposit. And also a budget for the following years of running of this class. Therefore he must find candidates for the job as a secondary level teacher, so the negotiations about wage can be set. And also that the qualifications of the teacher can be examined.

The management Committee and Headmaster Ang Dawa Sherpa should provide a more well-founded statement about the basis of students in the area. This could be done by a thoroughly survey of inhabitants of the wards still not examined, both in the VDC and in adjacent wards. This survey should contain a question for young people how far they want to continue in 8. class in Sagar-Bakanje or wanted it if it were there when they was still attending school.

There must be an approval of District Education Office to run the 8. class, and it also must contain the criteria's of DEO to register this school as a Secondary School, and also an undertaking to take over the obligations of running the Secondary School. This paper should be obtained by Management Committee. Also other papers of approval should be attempted from Ministry of Education and from Member of Parliament of the District.

When these points has been presented, a representative of Himalayan Project should visit Sagar-Bakanje VDC to cross-check and verify the informations provided and to negotiate with the Managing Committee about the fundraising.

For now it could be a possibility to raise the funds in such a way that Himalayan Project provides the teachers salary, Himalayan Trust provides the students educational materials, and gave a help with some of the educational stationaries and the village, the VDC and the District could provide the rest of the educational stationaries as well as the deposit for DEO.

Rapport November 1999:

1-3. klasse får ikke engelskbøger fra regeringen. Det gør de først fra 4. klasse.

Himalayan Project besluttede at hjælpe med indkøb af engelskbøger til Sagar-Baganje School i november 1999:

30 stk Active English 1.class á 52,80 Rs	=	1.584,00
20 stk Active English 2.class á 70,40 Rs	=	1.408,00
20 stk Active English 3.class á 70,40 Rs	=	1.408,00
discount	=	-100,00
Taxi	=	100,00
Porter for sagar-Baganje	=	1.200,00
I alt 5.600 Rs : 9,2	=	608,70

Ang Dawa ønsker også at udvide skolen med en 8. klasse, som giver en afgangseksamen der giver adgang til High School. Men klassen skal oprettes og fungere i mindst et år før District Educational Office vil godkende og overtage driften af dette klassetrin. Skolen skal derfor indbetale et beløb på 50.000 Rs (=5.450 Kr) til DEO, som herefter sørger for udbetaling af lærerlønning det første år.

Headmaster Ang Dawa Sherpa bor i Sete.

CHANDRA JYOTI LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Bakanje- 4, Solu Khumbu

Date 22 nd Nov.1999

Subject:-Request for Ecocomic Help.

To The Chairman ,
Himalayan Project

Dear Sir,

Presently We are running from class 1 to 7 in our school. There are altogether 160 students studying in the school.From coming session,we want to start class 8.To run class 8,at the beginning ,the school has to pay for one teacher but as the villagers and the school is unable to afford the teacher, we would humbly request from you Rs 50,000 yearly

Ang Dawa Sherpa
The Headmaster