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Dear WMT Supporter,

Season Greetings for Christmas and all the best for 2019.

The WMT projects in Nepal are all running smoothly. Unfortunately none of the trustees have been able to visit Nepal this year but we hear regularly from the projects. Ben Cox, a cousin to the Wilkins family, has produced a new website with stories and updates from WMT – the address is <https://www.wmt.org.uk/>.

CBRS are continuing to help people living with disabilities both individually e.g. counselling, physiotherapy, provision of mobility aids, income generating work and collectively e.g. parent's groups, child groups and raising awareness in the local community. With WMT help they have successfully piloted a new project in a remote area which has directly helped 250 families including helping to obtain documentation to provide ongoing statutory government support. The needs of people with disabilities in Nepal are great and WMT are proud that we have been able to support such a compassionate and successful organisation.

In April, WMT held a cheese tasting evening in Dolfor and raised money for ECCA to supply stationary equipment to poor students from Southern Lalitpur. The High Street Delicatessen, Newtown, kindly supplied a selection of cheeses and we also had support from Morrisons. The region is still suffering from the after effects of the 2015 earthquake and government reconstruction funds are slow to reach remote rural areas. Prachet reports that following the earthquake, the Japanese government has supported the reconstruction of all the schools in the South Lalitpur area including libraries and science laboratories.

Aparna continues her work with the Self Reliant Centre working with women's health, dental camps and supporting orphans and children/young people in need. She has recently become guardian to two young brothers who were orphaned in the earthquake, one who has mental health issues; and has cared for a young mother and her newborn unwell baby who was abandoned by her husband.

Roshna e-mails regularly and updates us with Shanti's and her news. Shanti has been ill much of the year but is now stable. Roshna has also had health problems and, as she is also Shanti's carer and accompanies her three times a week to hospital for dialysis, she has had difficulty finding regular work. After all her training and hard work to get good college results, Roshna is finding it frustrating that she cannot get a paid job.

The village leather projects in Sindapulchock continue to be successful. Deepak buys his hides from Sindhukot and reports that he is always busy and there is a constant demand for his bags both for the local market and for export. Photos of the village leather tanning process using forest herbs and tanning by treading on the hides in tanning pits plus a selection of Deepak's bags will soon be on the web-site.

Wishing you a happy 2019,

With best wishes,

Sarah Wilkins