

# THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF MARY WARD SCHOOL, LUBHU, LALITPUR

(From April 2015 to March. 2016)

The school re-opened for the new session on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015. There are 380 students on the roll. We have UKG to Cl.10, one section each.

Mary Ward School was established in 1997 AD ( 2054 B.S) . The purpose of this school is to cater for the under privileged girls of the society , especially staying in Lubhu and surrounding village. It is an extended social service of St.Mary's School, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur. This school is meant for the poorest of the poor. Mary Ward School family lubhu is grateful to the generous people who help us to run this school, like St.Mary's Alumnae ( ASMAN), Caritas Nepal for providing the mid –day meal for our students of the primary section, Anju and Shree Ram Lamichane for conducting annually general health camp and taking care of the students needs and a few other local sponsors.

In future too we count on your help and support for the education and future of these poor students. May God Bless you your families and your friends for your love, concern, support, thoughtfulness and generous contribution towards the education and progress of these students.

It is a regular feature of our School to offer opportunities to our students to develop their talents through various co-curricular and extra- curricular activities. We have value –education classes 3 times a week ,organized Prayer Assemblies class-wise on Fridays with a moral theme ,One Act Plays, singing, dancing, elocutions, games, choral recitations, Quiz, Debates and Extempore Speeches —both in Nepali and English for all the classes. Importance is also given to Physical Education, Games period Annual Sports/Parents day celebration and Art, Craft, Hand work, Science and Computer Exhibition. The students are taught Needle work, craft, handwork, Drawing, knitting, stitching, storytelling, both Nepali and English daily handwriting formation is also taught from UKG to class 10. Our students learn computer from class 1 to class 10.This year our School is upgraded to English Medium up to class 6.

## Some of the activities of our school this year .....

Our class 10 students who had given the SLC exams were free for 3 months. They were given the opportunity by St.Mary's Ex-students Association ( ASMAN) Co-coordinator Kamal Kesari and Zonta Club to visit different training centre Bakery training , Beautician training centre etc. where they could see and select the training they would like to do. The school and cl-10 students grateful to both ASMAN and Zonta club for giving them this chance. Before the school re-open our teaching staff joined St. Mary's staff for 2 days seminar in preparation for the new session .

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 the school re-opened for the new session. Our school compound was filled laughter and joy of the students. They were happy to receive new set of uniform, copies, books and other stationery which were given by ASMAN.

We are grateful to ASMAN and Zonta club for conducting one day training on 24<sup>th</sup> April, one day before the earthquake on how to make good quality liquid soap which can be used for all purposes and also it taught them also how to generate income through it.

## BIG EARTHQUAKE DAY( 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015)

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 ,at 11.50 am the earthquake only shook and shattered the earth ,buildings houses but also the people very badly. Now slowly people are coming back to normal life. Luckily it was Saturday holiday students at home offices closed and it was day time, there was enough time for people to move out of their houses to open ground.

Most of our students houses are either destroyed or cracked..Still now, most of the people are living in the tents and some in the same cracked houses as they have nowhere to go.

During this time we went round visiting the students houses and our neighbors listening to them and helping them with rice, dal, oil ,tents and other provisions which we collected from other charitable groups like Caritas Nepal ASMAN, St Mary's school, ex-students, other clubs. We also moved out to Ramechap, Dolaka ,Sindupal Choke and Gorkha with other sisters and fathers and school staff to reach out to the needy people.

We want to give special thanks to caritas Nepal ,specially Fr Pious and Sr Manjusha and their team who were the first group who reached our Lubhu village and our School to render help and provisions to earthquake affected families.( photo)

Schools had to remain closed for nearly 2 months .only by 31 may were opened the schools and then for 2 to 3 weeks we had only light classes like earthquake trauma free and stress free sessions for the students like drawing ,singing, skits, storytelling, games and of course listing to the students as to what they experienced and comforting them. Thanks to St.xavier School for organizing earthquake trauma and streets management workshop for all the close by schools during the holiday ,which was a great help for our teachers to help themselves and the students and their family members.

In our school the classrooms were cracked and the school compound wall all-round had completely fallen. We are grateful to Caritas Nepal and caritas Austria for coming forward to see how they can help us to re-build Our school compound wall

**Farewell and Welcome.** On 1<sup>st</sup> of June ,We bid farewell to Sr.Nancy ( Manger of school) and Welcomed Sr.Regina as the new manager of the school with short prayer meeting and the cultural program.

### **Pure drinking water filter system**

One of St Mary's ex-student Sajani Amatya, with the help of some of her sponsor friends solved our drinking water problem with fixing a very good clean pure filter drinking water system for our students and staff.

Now the students bring empty water bottles to carry some water home after school.

### **Mid-day meal**

We are happy to tell you that mid-day meal has really helped our students to keep fit, to perform well in their studies and extra -curricular activities. Someone of them come to school only for this meal as they have hardly anything to eat at home. Every year there is progress and development in their performance .special thanks to caritas Nepal for their generous help towards the mid day meal.

This year the number of students have increased after the earthquake as the students from other schools have shifted from the villages .So our mid day number too has increased to 221.

### **General Health Checkup**

Like every year this year too, Anju and Shree ram Lammichani organized for the general health check for our students. .They was happy to notice that except a few on the whole the students are healthy.

This year the SLC result was good. We had 1 distinction and remaining all 29 students 1<sup>st</sup> division. The three toppers were awarded and also Sr. Frances C.J memorial award was rewarded to cl.9 Usha Thapa the best student in English language by our regional superior Sr.Marilyn C.J.

The badly affected houses by earthquake of our students were given financial help, student and the supporting staff were financial help by ASMAN.

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 the annual parents day was celebrated and appreciated well by parents and guest for the outstanding performance of the cultural program by our 380 students.

Among many seminar and refreshing courses throughout the year, one was given by Dr. Madan Bista for class 10 along with their parents. Fr.F.L Jose Principal of Nepal Don Bosco gave work shop on tips for SLC students.

Sr.Vinita C.J gave a workshop seminar on the life history of foundress mother Mary Ward to our staff which has made our staff to understand the spirit of mother mary ward and to follow it closely .

We are grateful Sr.Jessy C.J the principal of St.Mary's School Jawalakhel for annually arranging and giving our student opportunity to take part in the carrier counseling held in St.Mary's and for the staff seminar.

### **Free Eye Camp**

from Maharajgang Dr.K.C and the team conducted eye checkup free camp and distributed 30 students free spectacles to those who had eye problems .

**Thank You**

**Sr.Lilian C.J**

**Mary Ward School,Lubhu, Nepal**