



Dear Friends (and friends of friends):

*Many people gave a little – and it is definitely helping a Lot!*

Here's a short update from **ALTITUDE PROJECT** ([www.altitudeproject.ca](http://www.altitudeproject.ca)) to communicate progress in 2017:

The really good news is that all three schools (Saldang, Komasa, Karang) that we provided funds to in 2017 are in session, fully funded and well attended! See school photos at bottom of update.

Our good friend, Peter Werth of Himalaya Currents ([www.himalayacurrents.org](http://www.himalayacurrents.org)), traveled to the Upper Dolpo in May and June to continue his work installing small scale power systems (solar, wind turbine, water) at the schools and villages in the region. He visited all three schools and reported that they are in full swing!

Tenzin Norbu, the class 6 graduate from Saldang, is now in Kathmandu working to finish his higher education; he is studying at a Tibetan school (Shree Songzen Brikuti School) and living in a Tibetan hostel – thanks to Altitude Project and its many supporters!

## *Big News!!!*

**Altitude Project filed an application with CRA for Registered Charity Status in early July.**

A huge thank you to the Altitude Project supporter that put us in touch with a Law Firm in Vancouver that is willing to help us with the application. And a special thank you to the lawyer at Burns Fitzpatrick that worked diligently and patiently with us to ensure all the requirements of the application process were met.



It's has been quite a learning curve to put the application together and the package that was mailed to CRA was about an inch thick! Now we'll have to wait to hear CRA's decision. Based on my phone calls with them, I am about 80% confident that we will be successful and, hopefully, we'll have their answer in time for the 2018 fund raising campaign which will begin in earnest in January 2018. Fingers and toes crossed!

For those who are interested, the purposes of the Society (Altitude Project Community Support Foundation) as submitted to CRA are below. We have expanded the purposes beyond supporting schools so that we will be able to help people of the Upper Dolpo region in many different ways, as funding allows.

### The purposes of the society are:

(a) To advance education by providing books, equipment, supplies, educational aids and publicly available scholarships, bursaries and other forms of financial assistance to students attending primary and secondary public schools located in remote areas of Nepal that are either under-funded by the Nepalese government or that have no government funding at all, and providing subsidies and direct financial assistance to pay teacher salaries and operating costs of those schools;

(b) To advance education by providing publicly available scholarships, bursaries, and other forms of financial assistance to graduates of primary and secondary schools in remote areas of Nepal to be used for secondary or post-secondary education in Kathmandu or elsewhere outside their home villages.

(c) To promote health in remote areas of Nepal by subsidizing equipment, supplies and staff of existing health posts where available, and constructing and operating health posts in communities where none exist to provide health care services and products to the general public with the reduction of infant mortality and dangers to women during childbirth as a specific goal.

(d) To provide public amenities and improve socio-economic conditions in remote areas of Nepal by providing solar lights and solar power, installing or improving water distribution systems, installing small scale hydroelectric power systems and building and undertaking other minor public infrastructure projects for the benefit of local communities and the general public.

And we are very pleased to announce that Kate and Celine of Black Sheep Branding Co. have offered to help us and will be branding Altitude Project and helping to design some fundraising events for early next year! Thanks so much ladies!

Check them out at [www.blacksheepbranding.ca](http://www.blacksheepbranding.ca)



## *Photos of the Schools!*

### ***School at Saldang - Shelri Drugdra Lower Secondary School***



***School at Komas - Komas Himalayan Darlarong Primary School***



***School at Karang - Karang Ghangjion Rikshung Primary School***



And don't forget to check out our beautiful website [www.altitudeproject.ca](http://www.altitudeproject.ca)

The site has been developed by an angel artist friend for free and she is covering the hosting charges too! Be sure to check the [Galleries](#) - a gallery of the 2016 fall trek to the [Rolwaling Valley and the Everest Region](#) has been added – it was the most extreme trip that I've done to date. A short video of the trip is available [here](#).

Be sure to sign up for the [Newsletter](#) on the [Contact](#) page so you can follow the progress of the schools.

Please forward the website link to anyone who might enjoy the images and videos – many people enjoy photos of such amazing people and places, and we need more people to understand the place, the people and the needs, and the work that Altitude Project is doing in Nepal!

Our trip to the Upper Dolpo region, including visits to all three schools, is now finalized. We depart Kathmandu on October 6 and return on Nov 3. The trip is now full with all ten spots filled. It will be an amazing trip and a long one too at 27 days!

*Tashi delek, Namaste, Sincere Thanks  
David Swain*