



## **VOCATIONAL OVERSEAS PROJECT PROPOSAL (FEB 2010)**

### **LONG TERM VISION**

The long term vision is to equip 2 schools in Nepal with the necessary resources to teach IT skills to all their 10+ years old pupils. We anticipate that in the future this will become a core subject in their curriculum. In order to achieve this both schools will need equipping with IT facilities and teachers trained to the desired level of competency.

### **STEP ONE**

To train ~4 teachers per school in basic IT skills (Windows, 'Word' and 'Excel') as trainers. Thereafter their teaching programme would target the upper age groups in both schools, 18/19 year old group in one ( 60 pupils) and 12/13 year in the other (20 pupils in Word only).

### **ELEMENTS THE PROPOSAL**

#### **The Schools in Nepal**

Our contacts come from Rotarian Yambahadur Gurung ['Yam'], President of the Rotary Club of The Himalayan Ghurkha's whose Club have overseen a number of Rotary development projects at each of the schools proposed. The schools are at the village of Rithepani, a short distance from the town of Pokhara (700 pupils) and at Panoramol a village in more remote country (200 pupils). It takes approximately 6+4 hours to travel by car to this region from the capital Kathmandu.

#### **The Training Plan**

A team of Rotarian 'trainers' from Brigantes and other Clubs would undertake this project, with up to 8 members making the trip. The provisional plan is to train up ~4 teachers per school on a 'one on one' basis. The programme would last between one and two weeks.

The schools are basically requesting assistance to train their pupils in Microsoft Windows, Word and Excel. Training would be carried out using a prescribed 'off the shelf' training manuals obtained in UK. Some essential pre training of the Rotarian trainers is envisaged so that they are well prepared and able to deliver effective training on site.

#### **Hardware Requirements**

Up to 4 PC's or laptops per school would need to be required, up 8 in total.

#### **Project Logistics**

Likely duration of trip is ~ 3/4 weeks with the project taking some 2/3 weeks of this.

Cost of the trip per Rotarian is estimated to be ~£1000; this would be a personal cost and not part of the fund raising programme (Flight ~£550, Accommodation ~ £100 @£5 per night, Living ~£280 @£20 per day, contingency ~£70)

Project would be undertaken in February/March 2011.

### **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Fund raising or sponsorship is required for a) IT training package providers to provide the manuals (Now Achieved), b) purchase of the computers, ~ £3000 retail value and c) refurbishment of school facilities to install IT suites (if funds permit)

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