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Dear Friends of UMNHET,

A local committee steers the governmental **Ampipal Hospital** which has 14 beds and a busy outpatient department. In reality, due to the high demand 46 beds are available. In Gorkha district there are only two hospitals for 350 000 inhabitants: Ampipal and Gorkha. In Ampipal the running costs are 45% from fees from patients and the rest come from charity donations. A German NGO Nepalmed (<https://nepalmed.de/en/projects/ampipal-hospital/>) continues to support the hospital. There is a new road under construction and work continues on hospital buildings.



**Okhaldhunga Community Hospital (OCH):** Hospital Director Tukji says "2016 was a year of many landmarks, and a year of many blessings for our institution. Just too many to number! We were selected as a training site by the National Health Training Centre of Government of Nepal (GoN) and the Nick Simon Institute to run Mid Level Practicum courses for Health Post In-Charges of GoN. We are automatically turned into a 50 bed hospital from 32 beds as per the agreement with GoN. We have moved our in-patient department to a newly built 50 bed main treatment building due to which during the last summer we were able to accommodate 90 plus in-patients. We started our emergency service through our newly built emergency building. We shifted the laboratory to the renovated building and have been delivering its services through it. For the first time, we started running our own canteen and received a grant from GoN, Ministry of Health for capital items – especially for the construction of one training building, one underground water tank, buying one endoscopy machine, furniture for the training building and four patients' monitors; renovation of administration building in the fifty-five years history of the hospital. We gave full or partial charity to 5,495 patients, free treatment to 3,166 children weighing less than 12 kg and supplied food for poor patients. All together the hospital gave NRP 13,658,033 (USD 127,645) in charity to poor patients."

<http://www.umn.org.np/new/documents/foa2017.pdf>

Since the devastating earthquake in 2015 OCH has also been involved in reconstruction work and negotiating with landowners to release land for homeless people like the family of Mr. Phurba W Sherpa (see photo below). The family had been living in a bamboo hut, and thought they would never get out of it and own their own land. Through the project, Phurba himself has now obtained a certificate of a skilled labourer, so he can get better paid work as he in the future will construct houses for others. The total price for the house is USD 5,000. The aim is to help construct 34 houses locally to those affected by the earthquake (8 completed so far).



**Patan Hospital** is independent and seems to run on lines in keeping with its history as a mission hospital. They recruit and sponsor many medical students from less advantaged backgrounds and continue to subsidize care for poorer patients.

**United Mission Hospital Tansen:** 2016-17 has seen some new developments. Among them are a new Oxygen production plant (which has stopped the need for transport of heavy cylinders from the Terai), neuro rehabilitation centre on the medical ward (allowing better facilities and multidisciplinary teaching to patients and families), a new "new life psychiatric rehabilitation centre" (with land to be more self-sufficient for growing food and teaching skills), a recycling plant and incineration facility (to make disposal of waste more environmentally friendly), and joining a new Government Insurance scheme for medical care which reduces the anxiety of large hospital bills.

<https://www.tansenhospital.org.np/admin/resources/fot2017.pdf>



Thank you for another year of valuable support. We serve, Jesus Heals (motto of UMHT).

Service to people, glory to God (motto of OCH).

Gary Parkes, on behalf of the UMNHET Trustees:

Cleve Chevassut (Chair), Tim Trimble (Treasurer), Gary Parkes, Olak Jirel, Alison Chevassut. (Due to two resignations by trustees please pray for faithful replacements)



PS You will have heard of the devastating floods affecting so many in the Terai at the end of August. Please pray for those affected. Please also pray for UMN, and our UMN founded hospitals, as they seek to bring relief and help.