



**Thank you all**, so very much, for the generous way you have continued to support the work of the Trust through the economic gloom of the past year. It has been another testing year for both the UK and Nepal but somehow life goes on through the uncertain times. As a result it is no surprise that interest on investments this year is lower than last but thanks to three very generous one-off donations and much regular support we maintain a good position generally.

We greatly appreciate the way you keep giving, and increasing, your donations to the Trust and recently a very loving, generous legacy brought much extra encouragement. The Trustees note that since 2005, thanks to this amazing support, we have given a total of £250,000 to the hospitals and related health care programmes. All hospitals express their gratitude for the wonderful support to their charitable care provision.

The **UMN** remains dedicated to working towards receiving government approval for the Tansen and Okhaldhunga Hospitals to be passed to a strong and sustainable future under Nepali ownership but they still await this decision. In the mean time UMN gives solid support to both hospitals and the Hospital Services Office provides central logistic support

**Tansen Hospital** received a further award in November for 'Health Care Leadership' in the hospitals category and shortly opens a 'New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Unit' to support those with mental health issues who have no family to care for them during treatment. The training and refresher programmes for many disciplines continue and a proposal has been submitted to begin a laboratory technician training in the future.

**Okhaldhunga Community Hospital** is close to completing a very ambitious building programme, the TB ward is almost finished and the Out Patients building was hoped to be available before the worst of the monsoon. Foundations are in place for the main treatment building and the 50 bed hospital should be completed by 2014. The closure of the airstrip in Rumjatar added to some of the logistical headaches due to poor road links. The safe birth of triplets was celebrated as another 'first' for the hospital and generally the number of deliveries in the maternity unit has increased - partly due to the availability of free maternity care.

**Amp Pipal Hospital** also has some reconstruction work in progress. They receive around 50 - 120 patients in Out Patients daily and continue to run health camps in many areas of medical need. They have had short term cover from Doctors over the year but have one surgeon coming in December with a longer term view - supported from Germany. Their previous doctor, Dr. Starke, visited for five weeks in March and plans to have a short term visit each year.



**Patan Hospital** has had some staff disputes to deal with recently but does continue to offer a high standard of care. The Paediatric Unit, which is where we send the hospital-designated grants, remains very grateful indeed for the Trust's support. One of our Trustees recently met and spoke with their Consultant in Charge who said how much the charitable grant was appreciated.

Support given to **Shanti Nepal** from the general fund - a NGO in health care which stems from the old UMN Chapagaon Health Project - has been greatly appreciated. A grant was also made to **Anandaban Hospital** for the charitable care given to needy patients referred from mission hospitals. The Medical Director of Anandaban Hospital is Dr Indra Napit who worked as an orthopaedic surgeon in Tansen for many years.

**Margaret Gould**, one of the founding Trustees, has submitted her resignation and this was accepted with expressions of enormous gratitude for the wonderful way she and Bill have worked for and supported the Trust. **Roger Marston**, our Treasurer, has handed over to **Tim Trimble**, BSc ACA, who at one time was also the Finance Director of the UMN. The Trustees are grateful for all the service Roger has given over the years and pleased that he will remain a Trustee.

The Trustees send this letter with huge appreciation to all our wonderful donors and in the hope you will remain committed and concerned for the impoverished and destitute patients coming for help to 'our' hospitals and other health care programmes.

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