

UMNHET newsletter September 2025



Dear Friends of UMN Hospitals' Endowment Trust,

It's good to remember, to be reminded of how God has helped us in the past and to feel assured of His help for the future. Many of you have strong connections with Nepal and remember the people and places, the hardships and the joys of this beautiful country. As supporters of UMN Hospital's Endowment Trust, you are a key part of remembering the poor of Nepal and being part of a practical long term response. Thank you.



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UMNHET is about providing continuity of funding for the charitable work of the UMN founded hospitals (Tansen, Okhaldunga, Amp Pipal and Patan). The medical assistance funds (MAF) in these hospitals help the most destitute, the people who society would like to forget.

People like 70 year old Post Bahadur, whose story is in the Friends of Tansen 2025 newsletter. He was brought to the emergency room of Tansen and abandoned there with only a note saying that he had been found by the roadside. Post had had a stroke and wasn't able to tell people where he came from. Hospital staff provided both medical and personal care, until his sons found him there almost a week later. Post was able to return home with his son's 15 days later after slow improvement.



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Long term disability is a huge drain on the resources of poor families in Nepal. It's easy for these individuals to be left in a corner and forgotten. The MAF provides support for these patients to get the life changing surgery and rehabilitation they need. People like Dal Bdr Tamang who over the past 15 years has needed repeated operations following a terrible crush injury to his right thigh bone. His full story is on the UMN website, but he says this after his most recent operation and rehabilitation in Okhaldunga, "thankyou for saving my life. If you had not come and helped me, my rotting leg would have killed me."



The UMN endowment fund is invested and the income generated each year is given in full to the four UMN founded hospitals. In 2024 we were able to give £39,000. This is a significant increase from previous years due to some substantial donations during the year. Ongoing donations to the endowment fund mean that we can continue to increase the amount generated by the investments. Every penny of this interest gained goes to support the medical care of the poor in Nepal, in a long term sustainable way.

The total given by UMNHET since 2005 is £667,546 from its endowment funds, and £40,629 from direct appeals.

Thank you so much for your gifts to the Trust. Could we ask you, too, to share this

newsletter with one other person to see if we can extend the support we give in the coming years?

Thankyou for being with us in remembering the poor of Nepal. I'd like to close with this prayer written for the UMN General Assembly 2025:

"God of justice and mercy, You call us to work for your kingdom here on earth. Bless our humble work and teach us to embrace those the world forgets – to love with compassion and welcome with grace.

Empower us by Your Spirit to stand for truth, defend the oppressed and act with courage.

Elevate the weary and the lowly, lifting them with Your hope and restoring their dignity. Let our lives reflect Your heart for justice. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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