**Earthquake recovery in Golche (near Tibet border)**

*To all you dear saints of Southwark Cathedral church-family,*

**It is now nearly 4 years since the catastrophic earthquakes hit Nepal – the biggest on 25 April 2015 (magnitude 7.9 and 6.9), and then on 12 May (magnitude 7.3 and 6.3**) – followed over the next 12 months by over 450 aftershocks. It was a massive disaster - You may remember – 9,000 people killed, and 4.5 million with their homes destroyed or badly damaged. We presented a little about it at morning services in the cathedral.

**You were so very very responsive and amazingly generous** in reaching out with funding, prayer support and encouragement you sent. Through your help our team at Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital went to remote unreached communities, and rescued and supported many tens of thousands - some 48,000 people  - with 340 tons of food (rice, dahl, oil, salt, sugar), blankets, tarpaulins, re-construction materials. And then subsequently with school books and supplies for school children, and the rebuilding an earthquake-damaged school.

**GOLCHE Municipality – in the far north of Sindhupalchowk District, bordering Tibet** - had suffered the highest number of deaths of any District in Nepal when the earthquakes struck. In 2015 and 2016 we had gone there several times with truckloads of relief, to deliver tons and tons of relief and reconstruction material.

**Last week, at their repeated requests, we revisited Golche**. Hair-raising precipitous roads. Amaaaazing scenary. Tough, hardy, resilient Tamang mountain people. This return visit now was to see how people had got their lives back, communities restored and reconstructed, and to explore further possible support projects, such as rebuilding or equipping schools, and school-children support.

**You helped so much with this work**. Take a glimpse at these pics in the following link. (Apols if you’ve seen them already). You helped make such a difference.

* [**HAS GOLCHE (NEAR TIBET BORDER) RECOVERED FROM 2015 EARTHQUAKE?**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/cdsqCyrLOfLgrHRwuDt?domain=facebook.com)

(If that link don’t work try the Lalgadh Hospital Facebook site:   [**https://www.facebook.com/nepal.leprosy**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/HgGICvoG7UAG7HQJ8cr?domain=facebook.com)**).**

Warmest wishes from all at Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital. Taking Jesus to far-off places. Love from Meena and graeme, and God bless.

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