

Sunday, 24. May 2015

Today we met again with Ash Kumar from ENPHO. Juerg of AVC had brought four people and we were five. From Saturday there will be a three-days training, the training would be about the construction of BioSandFilters. We assume that 8 to 10 people from Juerg and our side will participate in the training. Then Juerg along with AVC and different cooperating NGOs plan to install the produced biosand filter in different locations of Nepal in few weeks.



Later, four out of seven members who would form the GESINAS-Nepal sat and discussed about the possible projects that GESINAS Nepal would take on. Simon, Kripa, Santosh, and Kritan went again through the details, where education and health were in focus. Simon studied Biological Sciences in Kaiserslautern and Santosh studied Water Science in Essen while Kripa studied microbiology and later studied Economics in Kathmandou and Kritan is working on his doctoral thesis in Jena.



It was already late when we got the PAULs from customs, of which we took four of them to get labeled. It was already dark as Kritan carried the JENA-PAUL, the one that preclinical students of Jena had donated. He carried the PAUL as a backpack over trails on the backside of the temporary tents of the hospital in the home for the disabled. He was very happy that he didn't not had to climb over the steep hills with the PAUL on his back.



We shook hands with lots of people and then took many pictures. It was a very nice feeling to receive such a nice appreciations and acknowledgments from the disabled people there. They were very much in need of one such filter because the water they were drinking was not of that good quality. The people there looked incredibly happy and so were we.



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Along with the disabled people the patients living in the nearby tents and some of the earthquake victims living around would also have now access to proper drinking water.

Quickly and easily we were able to hand over the PAUL, one donated by OPAM to Metteyya. We briefly explained him and his friends about the operation of PAUL. Since they did not have any more drinking water in their volunteer camp luckily, PAUL came to them just in the right moment.

Raj gets 2 PAULs one donated by OPAM and one by GESINAS for his schools in Kavre and Nuwakot.



The three weeks in the crisis area around Kathmandu in Nepal were naturally hard and had demanded a lot from us. Every day after we were back from the field, during night we had to write or translate, so that our GESINAS lovers could read the reports in German, English, Spanish and Portuguese, on what we did daily. We had to be very flexible, dates were pushed back and always changing meeting places had to be renegotiated. We didn't get enough of and gives strengt.

I was able to experience the phenomenon that in a war zone suddenly a lot of good people gather in one place and connect many good people from outside through emails and contribute. This can be experienced time to sleep during the entire trip.

I have rarely seen so much of love and met good people in one place in my life, both Nepalese and foreign aid workers. I was also touched by the number of letters that I received from many well wishers outside. Otherwise rare, such great support would do infinitely good.

This great cohesion of the people has given me more than the 21 hard days. I'm considerably richer back to Germany. I am now richer in experience and knowledge, richer in new relationships and contacts which might be helpful in my endeavours for a better future.

This wealth I do not want to keep to myself. I want to share it with people who also want to help, be it in Nepal, Argentina, Thailand, Brazil or in Germany, where we are already active today. There are also other possible countries in which we want to work in the future.

As a giver gives much, may be it time, money or knowledge. One also sometimes give so much generously and and with great intensity, that could never be bought with cash.

As the Nepalese Gajendra said few days before in a meeting: *Who has a big heart, will never be a poor person.*

Translator: Kritan

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