

# Beauty of Nepal 2016



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The Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives and educational standards of Nepali children.  
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# January 2016

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14	15 <i>Washington's Birthday / Presidents Day</i> 	16	17	18	19	20
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27	28 <i>Easter Monday</i> 	29	30	31		

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School Holidays 12 March to 20 March





Photographed by Zara Balfour



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29	30  <i>Spring bank holiday</i>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	31				

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School Holidays 28 May to 26 June

\* The following Monday will be a public holiday





Thank  
You  
FV foundation  
from IWCDC

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School Holidays 28 May to 26 June





# July 2016

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# August 2016

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7	8	9 <i>National Day</i> 	10	11	12	13
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28	29 <i>Summer bank holiday</i> 	30	31			

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# September 2016

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School Holidays 03 September to 11 September





# October 2016

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9	10  <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15
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School Holidays 26 November to 31 December







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25 Christmas Day* 	26 Boxing Day  Christmas day 	27 Bank holiday 	28	29	30	31

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School Holidays 26 November to 31 December

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# International Holidays 2016

# Calendar 2017

## AUSTRALIA

1	Jan	New Year's Day
26	Jan	Australia Day
25	Mar	Good Friday
28	Mar	Easter Monday
25	Apr	Anzac Day
13	Jun	Queen's Birthday
25	Dec	Christmas Day
26	Dec	Boxing Day

## INDONESIA

1	Jan	New Year's Day
3	Jan	The Prophet's Birthday
8	Feb	Chinese New Year
9	Mar	Nyepi Day
25	Mar	Good Friday
5	May	Ascension Day
6-7	Jul	Idul Fitri
17	Aug	Independence Day
12	Sep	Idul Adha
2	Oct	Islamic New Year 1433 H
25	Dec	Christmas Day

## SOUTH AFRICA

1	Jan	New Year's Day
21	Mar	Human Rights Day
25	Mar	Good Friday
28	Mar	Family Day
27	Apr	Freedom Day
1	May	Workers Day
16	Jun	Youth Day
9	Aug	National Women's Day
24	Sep	Heritage Day
16	Dec	Day of Reconciliation
25	Dec	Christmas Day
26	Dec	Day of Goodwill

## JANUARY

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## CHINA

1	Jan	New Year's Day
7-13	Feb	Chinese New Year
4	Apr	Qing Ming Jie
1	May	Labour Day
9	Jun	Dragon Boat Festival
15	Sep	Mid-Autumn Festival
1-5	Oct	National Day

## JAPAN

1	Jan	New Year's Day
11	Jan	Coming of Age Day
11	Feb	National Foundation Day
21	Mar	Vernal Equinox Day
29	Apr	Showa Day
3	May	Constitution Day
4	May	Greenery Day
5	May	Children's Day
18	Jul	Marine Day
19	Sep	Respect for the Aged Day
22	Sep	Autumnal Equinox Day
10	Oct	Health-Sports Day
3	Nov	Culture Day
23	Nov	Labour Thanksgiving Day
23	Dec	Emperor's Birthday

## SOUTH KOREA

1	Jan	New Year's Day
7-9	Feb	Lunar New Year
1	Mar	Independence Movement Day
5	May	Children's Day
14	May	Buddha's Birthday
6	Jun	Memorial Day
15	Aug	Liberation Day
14-16	Sep	Harvest Moon Festival
3	Oct	National Foundation Day
25	Dec	Christmas Day

## APRIL

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## HONG KONG

1	Jan	New Year's Day
8-10	Feb	Chinese New Year
25	Mar	Good Friday
26	Mar	Holy Saturday
28	Mar	Easter Monday
4	Apr	Ching Ming Festival
1	May	Labour Day
14	May	Buddha's Birthday
9	Jun	Tuen Ng Festival
1	Jul	SAR Establishment Day
16	Sep	Mid-Autumn Festival
1	Oct	National Day
9	Oct	ChungYeung Festival
25	Dec	Christmas Day

## PHILIPPINES

1	Jan	New Year's Day
24	Mar	Maundy Thursday
25	Mar	Good Friday
1	May	Labour Day
12	Jun	Independence Day
29	Aug	National Heroes' Day
1	Nov	All Saints Day
30	Nov	Bonifacio Day
25	Dec	Christmas Day
30	Dec	Rizal Day
31	Dec	New Year's Eve

## TAIWAN

1	Jan	New Year's Day
8-12	Feb	Chinese New Year
29	Feb	Peace Memorial Day
4	Apr	Ching Ming Festival
9	Jun	Dragon Boat Festival
15	Sep	Mid-Autumn Festival
10	Oct	National Day

\* Subject to change

^The mentioned dates are Government of India holidays, when government offices will be closed nationwide. Different states observed additional Public holidays.

Please note that all care is taken in the compilation of the list. However, we cannot accept responsibility if errors still occur. All dates contained herein are correct at time of printing.

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# The Foundation

The Future Village Foundation was established in 2010 to support the education of impoverished children in rural Nepal.

It was started by 7 volunteers from Barclays to conduct English teaching volunteering in a remote mountain village in Nepal, then co-founded by Peter Hepenstall and Jessie Lai as NGO registered in Australia. The foundation's aims are:

- Provide basic education to children in rural Nepal.
- Provide clean energy and improve infrastructure
- Improve health and sanitation conditions

## Key Achievements

- Organized 12 group volunteering trips with more than 100 volunteers from 20+ different countries.
- Supported 3 local projects to make long term life impact
- Conducted English teaching and activities to about 300 students in regular visits
- Provided scholarship to 20 students, each receives 5 year basic education sponsorship
- Provided scholarship to 5 orphans, each receives 3 year education sponsorship
- Funded teacher salary for 5 teachers in 2 projects and provided stationery to schools
- Funded the construction of 2 new classrooms and 4 school toilets, set up library and books donation
- Installed solar panels in local education center and schools to provide lighting and clean energy
- Provided free dental service to 700 children and villagers by collaborating with oversea dentist volunteers and local dental NGO. Sponsored toilet building to 5 local families.
- Sponsored Year 10 Snowland school students to visit home in Himalaya mountains after 10 years not seeing families.
- Commenced Youth Development Program to 50 Junior College students to improve financial skills and employability.
- Raised around SGD 200,000 to support earthquake relief works for 10 local projects.

## How can you help?

- Sponsorship on education: USD 100 can support a year basic education for one village student. USD 200 can support a year education for one orphanage. USD 250 can supply a teacher's salary for one month.
- Volunteering in the Youth Development Programme: to share career experiences with college students in Nepal in these specific areas: Medical Service, Accounting, IT & Engineering, Hospitality, Teaching, Artists.
- Participating in volunteering trips: volunteers need to attend 5 meeting sessions for visit preparation before one week volunteering trip to Nepal.

For more information, visit our Facebook Group: Nepal Future Village Foundation or website

<http://futurevillagesociety.weebly.com/index.html>

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# Earthquake Relief Support

Nepal was severely hit by an earthquake measuring 7.8 magnitude on Apr 25, 2015.

- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, the project co-founder Peter Hepenstall drove a truck from Delhi to Kathmandu along with some volunteers from “Engineers without border”. They brought food, medicine and building materials to start the rebuilding.
- In May, the project co-founder Jessie Lai coordinated more than 10 fundraising events in Barclays Asia offices. The activities included First Aid Training, Speaker event, Raffle ticket sale & Auction night, Bake sale & Family day, Yoga and Circuit training, Football and Badminton Tournament as well as Paddle boarding activity. With Barclays matched funding scheme, around SGD 200,000 were raised.
- The fund has supported 10 local projects so far.
  - Snowland School
  - Mount Everest Foundation
  - See Change Foundation
  - The Ujyalo Foundation
  - Health & Development Society Nepal (HDSN)
  - World without Suffering Organization
  - IGWR & few villages
  - Nadira’s project (SNV)
  - Ideal Women & Child Development Centre
  - Kumar’s & Dil’s villages



# Upcoming Projects

- **Project Refuge**

*Continuing our prior work of building health post and shelter classrooms made by HDSN in Kumar's village, a bigger project is driven to work with a potential artificial limb sponsor and our local project partners; the Sir Edmund Foundation, HDSN and Gham Power. We are building a field hospital in the Ghoka valley for the ongoing care for people severely injured in the earthquake.*

- **Class Blog, Photo Diary & E-Learning**

*It aims to let the world hear Nepalese students' own voices – how the earthquake impacts their life as well as their tough stories about home far away in the Himalayas. The Internet supported by green power makes E-learning & E-mentoring possible to provide students more alternative learning sources. Photography training not only adds more vibrancy to convey their observation, but also helped to record the life up in the Himalayas at their home villages.*

- **Fair Trade Certification Project**

*Generating income is key to recovery and sustainability. Most agriculture products in Nepal are organic, while coffee, tea and spices in Nepal have good quality and produce higher economic potentials. We are in discussion with a US certification company and our local project partners to help local farmers set up a protocol process for obtaining fair trade certification.*

- **Long Way Home Project & Menstrual Cups**

*After the one hour TV documentary was completed in 2015, a bigger filming project with 25 crew from the UK will trek with the students to the Himalayas to document how precious an education opportunity could be - by scarifying of not seeing family for 10 years! In addition to prior arrangement to teach little kids in extremely remote high mountain villages, these Snowland school students become our young volunteers to distribute menstrual cups and teach local women to improve sanitation conditions.*



# Long Way Home – Words from students



*The Snowland school students from the Himalayas have not seen their family for 10 years in exchange for education opportunities in Kathmandu. Since 2013 our project has supported the Year 10 graduates to return to their home village. From 2014, we started a documentary project to record the tough journey and Himalaya village life.*

*~Nima Gurung, 2015 group*

*It's a great honor to have a great sponsor like you. Your kind support made me able to meet my parents and relatives. You have invested on our flight and way expense such as fooding, lodge, potters etc. So, I am very much thankful toward you.*



*~Sangpo Lama, 2015 Group*

*It won't be possible to return back to home without the financial support of The Future Village Foundation and the team. We had to cross many large hills to reach our village and regarding our journey to home. From the inner corner of heart I would like to convey my thanks to Future Village Foundation.*

*~Kun-Sang Lama, 2015 group*

*We the students of Snowland are very happy to get a sponsor like you. As we all know that you are providing us great facilities since three years. You are the one who success our dream. Not only drop us to our home but doing the way with guide and many things etc. which we felt that you take care us as your own son and daughter. "THANKYOU".*

*~Tashi Lhamo, 2013 Group*

*We were able to visit our village and dear parents due to your help, support and kind towards us, which we will never forget till our last breath. In addition, it was my first time to fly in the sky with clouds, which I really enjoyed. It's really hard to get a great person like you with great hearted. May your foundation always shine like a star in this world.*

