Nepal update: Pennies Help to Turn Bricks to Books

Donate today and Global Giving will match 20% while funds last!

Dear Friends,

Our appeal for women and children in Nepal has raised $6,555 in two weeks, and we thank those of you who have contributed. To those of you who still plan to donate, Global Giving will match 20% of all contributions made after 9.00 am Eastern time this morning (Wednesday). We hope you will take advantage!

We are inspired by supporters like Grace McGuire, 12, at the Pyle Middle School in Bethesda, MD. Grace has launched Bricks2Books to collect spare change for CONCERN, an AP partner that places children from brick kilns in school in Nepal. Her co-founders include Jack, Eli, Nicholas, Isabelle and Beatrice.

The group has started with 3,900 pennies and hopes to raise enough to enroll 6 children. "It's not OK that children don't get to go to school and have to work in brick kilns. They should have the right to a good education," Grace said.
Another new donor to CONCERN is Peace Fellow Joty Sohi, who has just arrived in Nepal to work at the organization. Joty has raised over $1,000 in less than a week through her crowdfunding page.

Meanwhile, AP's three partners have already distributed $1,600 from an earlier AP appeal immediately following the earthquake. CONCERN gave out tents and set up a shelter for children in Kathmandu, as seen in these photos. Care Women Nepal held an emergency health camp for hundreds of village women. Ram Kumar Bhandari, who heads the network of families of the disappeared, met with stakeholders and found many schools and health centers destroyed (above).

These three effective organizations will shortly begin implementing projects with your donations, helped by their Peace Fellows. We will report back regularly and hope that you can help us to reach our goal of $15,000.

A sincere thank you!

The AP team

* Donate to AP's appeal for Nepal
* View Care Women Nepal's photos of the emergency health camp
* View photos of CONCERN's aid being distributed
* Meet the 2015 Fellows in Nepal and elsewhere.

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