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**A stretcher to provide
access to medical care
for a remote community**



Dear Suzie

This Gift Has Been purchased on your behalf from:

Matthew

On behalf of the community you are supporting, many thanks.

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Nepal Factfile

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Nepal is one of the world's least developed economies and also one of the poorest countries. Nepal suffers severe environmental, health and educational problems. Nepal has been described as a "country of villages", with 95% of the population living in rural and remote mountainous regions. Only 27% of the population have access to adequate sanitation. Every year 35,000 children still lose their lives due to diarrhea. 76% of adult females are illiterate.

A stretcher to provide access to medical care for a remote community Project Reference: 27.01

How will this project help?

In rural Nepal, health clinics are often the only access that local people have to a medical facility. These tend to cover large areas and people have to travel many miles to reach medical help. Supporting this project will provide one stretcher that will be allocated to one of the villages served by the Baglung Health Clinic. In cases where the patient is seriously ill, or heavily pregnant, it is essential that the community have access to a stretcher so that patient can be transported safely to the clinic. Many of these villages have no road access and so getting to the clinic by stretcher is the only option. These are very poor communities who rely on farming and have little income. At present, the villagers are using long woven baskets to transport people, but this provides little support for the patient and can inflict further injury. These stretchers will be given into the care of a local women's groups who are especially concerned about the transportation of pregnant women. This health clinic needs 10 stretchers in total to provide safe access for all of the surrounding villages. The stretchers will be transported to the clinic once all ten have been purchased. Your support with this project will improve access to medical care for some of the most isolated communities in Nepal.

Who needs help with this Project?

Communities living in surrounding villages around Baglung Health Clinic, Nepal.

Where is this project needed?

Mid west Dang, Nepal

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- ◆ Often described as the "country of villages" with over 80 % of the population living in over 40,000 villages, some of which are located in remote mountainous regions.
- ◆ Only 28% of the population have access to adequate sanitation
- ◆ Every year 35,000 children still lose their lives due to diarrhea.
- ◆ 76% of adult females are illiterate

Did you know...

The population-per-doctor in Nepal is about 18,000, in the UK it is about 800. Not only is there a massive shortage of doctors, but also, 90% of the doctors in Nepal are based in the cities and yet nearly 90% of the population lives in rural areas.

