

Our partner the United Mission to Nepal (UNM) has just completed the training of the first 125 stone masons who will support the re-construction of damaged rural houses in Dhading district.

They are the first of a planned 500 traditional and locally based masons who are receiving practical training on Earthquake Resistant Building Construction Techniques. The training has been carried out to nationally agreed standards and will enable these men to support the re-construction and gain much needed employment.

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Yampa Tamang and her family of ten have just moved back to their land after spending the last eight months "camping" in the fields near Thulo Gaau. She is glad to be back "home", even though their house is just a pile of rubble. She knows that snow will soon cover the fields of Thulo Gaau, but their land is a little more sheltered. It will still be dreadfully cold though, and she is grateful for the warm blankets she has received from UMN.

As well as the initial emergency relief materials and the blankets, Yampa also received a bag of agricultural tools and a seed bag. Yampa is looking forward to planting crops and having the satisfaction of seeing the green shoots appear - but that won't be till spring. In the meantime, there's the winter to get through.



Prayer Points

Pray for people still living in temporary shelters, as the cold of the winter comes.

- Give thanks for the newly trained stonemasons; for their enthusiasm and commitment to the reconstruction.
- Continue to pray that UMN and the government can negotiate an agreement that will allow all building work to begin.
- Give thanks that the border dispute has been resolved and building supplies can now get through.

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