



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION

NEWSLETTER

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About Accountability and Delegation at DB4N

- ED ANTOINE
President & Founder, DB4N

Namaste All !

Back from France where I was welcomed by Omicron B5, and had to consequently truly slow down... Our **teams** continued to operate with **Treasurer Craig Frischling** handling the last conversations about our Kathmandu University **School of Education** new agreement, as we will start monitoring results we get from the 3 CLECs installed, in Sotang, Manang and Mustang districts. And project coordinator **Ojashwi Sharma** stepped up to coordinate the team's bimonthly projects meetings. Our Nepal team continued to finalize the projects with the Social Welfare Council. **Board member Dr Bhaikunta Chaulagai** continued to engage conversations with the Nepalis in the Baltimore area to make our next CLEC happen. Proof that our Accountability value where all our stakeholders feel co-responsible to fulfill our mission is alive! Very grateful to all! Thanks to all our volunteers, and please remember to direct friends and family to join our mission to *Strengthen Communities through Education*.

JOIN US THIS NOVEMBER for an Extraordinary trip, check details below.

NASON STUDENTS ENJOYING CLEC

- by Prakash Shrestha

The school in Nason has been implementing collaborative learning at least four times a week. Our Nepal team is organizing a weekly zoom meeting to fill the attendance sheet with the CLEC teachers. The students are engaged in peer-to-peer discussion and have been actively participating in research on topics and vocabulary.

"The collaborative learning method makes the students interdependent and makes the learning process more meaningful and interesting.", says Yashoda Gaire, English teacher at the school.

"When students are working in groups, they do not feel separated from the rest of the class. Some students have problem with English language, but this approach helps them to learn gradually by listening, watching and talking with their friends. I have seen tremendous improvements in students who were passive previously. The active ones are becoming even more active and always ask to go CLEC room and ready to get to work. This approach has helped to improve relationships of students and made them more inquisitive. They are establishing group goals and values, and most importantly, they are learning leadership, and self-management skills which are crucial for every student."



INTERVIEW

- by Nitesh Prasai



He finds it an exciting story how he met with our President Mr. Edmond Antoine. He was searching helping hand from abroad and connected with Mr. Edmond. Back in 2015 AD, while they were having a call in Messenger, an earthquake of 7.2 Richter scale hit Nepal and created a catastrophe. So, along with people from France and other countries, Pasang and Edmond held relief programs in different areas for the affected people. Due to this, it helped to build a large network in different parts of Nepal.

- PASANG TSHERING SHERPA
Founding Board Member of DB4N

After I climbed Mt. Everest with many difficulties and hard work, I bought my first Laptop and that laptop helped me to learn and connect with different people around the world. So, CLEC will be a life-changing project for a new generation of developing countries like Nepal and no one has to do the hardship as I did to buy their first laptop. Our organization has already set up hundreds of computers and more than thousands of students are getting benefit from it already.

In my opinion, CLEC will really help Nepali students to connect with the world and they can communicate and learn from the teachers and even students. Even though there are few schools using CLEC projects, it has shown better results and performance of the students. DBForN needs to connect with the best donors and supporters; proper guidance and monitoring of its team can result in the exceptional growth of education in Nepal and can achieve its mission of "Strengthening Communities through Education" in rural areas of Nepal.

SUPPORT

ED ANTOINE, President of DB4N & DAVID MARTIN, a DB4N Volunteer and Nepal lover as they attempt to collect additional funds for one **DB4N CLEC (around \$18,000)** in their quest to reach GOKYO RI (5357m) in a 12 day trek into the Everest National Park

(- And If you feel like, join us as well, we have one more double room reserved!)

TREK to Gokyo Lake and Gokyo Ri Nov 6 (arrival in KTM) to Nov 20 (return to KTM) details below and more if you email edantoine@gmail.com

Thanka Inn Lodge, Gokyo



Gokyo Ri Summit



Namche Bazar

Gokyo Lake is located in the Sagarmatha National Park, home to Mount Everest. Gokyo Ri (5,357 m) is at the same altitude as Everest Base Camp. The Gokyo Lake trip follows the same route as the Dudh Kosi River and the Khumbu valley up until Namche market. The path splits just before Tengboche, ascending over the Monjola pass. The serene view of four 8 thousands from Gokyo Ri: breathtaking views of Mt. Everest, Lhotse, Mt. Cho-Oyu, Mt. Makalu, and other snow-capped peaks.

- DURATION:** 12 Days
- DIFFICULTY:** Challenging
- HIGHEST ELEVATION:** Gokyo Ri - 5,360m
- ACCOMMODATION:** Lodges
- WALKING HOURS:** 4-9 hours per day
- MAXIMUM ALTITUDE:** 5375m 17643ft