



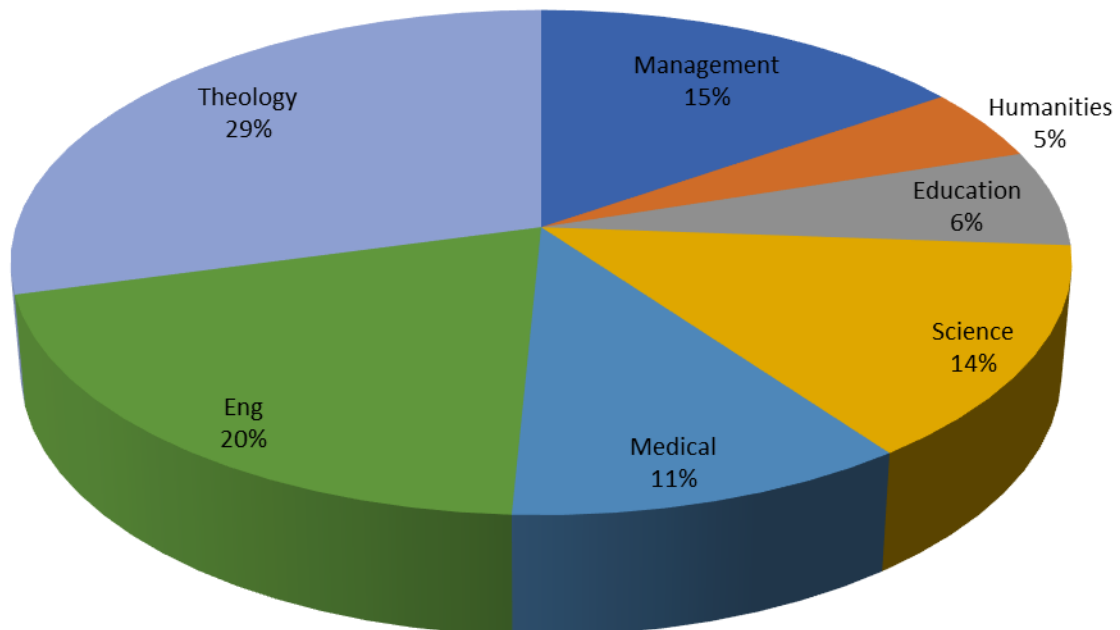
ANNUAL NEWSLETTER MINORITY FOCUS

2020

We are pleased to send you our Annual Report for the year 2020. Thank you so much for your prayers and support for the work of Minority Focus in Nepal. Please keep praying for an effective functioning and impacting lives and communities from our work we do for the glory of God in this nation.

Since after our proposal was approved from Social Welfare Council. We managed to pay the scholarships to the students. There were 92 general and Result Based 42 was sponsored by 6 partners. The partial scholarship was provided for general and result based studies which were engineering, medicine, vocational courses with no further courses aiming to engage on job and occupations. There were few courses aimed to be foundational courses for future job-oriented courses.

Faculty wise status



Total students on study
faculty wise - 134

Nepalgunj (West Nepal) Graduate-Student Workshop; February 2020

We had a workshop in mid-western region of province 5, Nepalgunj was a very effective workshop. There were 51 participants. The focus of the workshop was to monitor academic progress, identify the support and roles of local partners in sustaining the scholarship program at present and future. The participants expressed their concerns in helping FOCUS for the mission of facilitating development of qualified and honest leaders (becoming salt and light) required at all levels and sectors of our nation. Our prayer is for making difference for opening the doors *in restricted communities* to come to the knowledge of the divine truth. We know our graduates are ready to encounter the challenges to serve and share the divine love to the unserved communities.



Chitwan Graduate Workshop November 2020

There were 15 participants. The progress report of our FOCUS scholars was updated. The participants and local partners expressed their commitment to contribute towards the scholarship project. Despite of pandemic situation, the workshop was successful.



Scholarship Payment

After the proposal of scholarship was approved by the government (Local government-ward, metro municipality and Social Welfare Council), our office started to pay scholarship in time. The remaining scholarship has also been paid since the Lockdown was lifted up in most of the districts. We are in regular contacts with our students, graduates and local partners as well.

Covid-19 Relief Support Services

Since the time of Lockdown, the management team started to work from home till. The consequences of this epidemic situation, people stranded in the capital, on between the way and in the Boarders have been suffering from hunger and sicknesses. People were jobless and no works. We are praying for the situation.

There has been traumatic effect on people. There is increasing rate of suicides because of hunger and desperate, helpless situation and there were incidences of casualties while crossing the fences. As Lockdown has been extended, there is possibility that will further extend. The crisis will increase further. We helped 42 scholars in acute need facing crisis of food stuffs, gas and soups etc.

One of the students doing +2 educations is facing critical problem. He does not have mobile to operate the online session. His father is handicapped, using wheelchair and seats on the road with a measuring scale. His mother is a domestic cleaner. Because of Lockdown, they cannot earn any income. He needs an electric wheel chair urgently. They have to pay rent as well. We provided relief package for a month. We are thinking to provide another package for another month since the epidemics is increasing. The little public transportation is in operation with increased ticket rate. We also kept receiving request for help from the students and recent graduates without jobs as well. Now the Lockdown has been lifted up with strict restrictions though the epidemics was increased. There are risks everywhere. We approached to our partners for funding for the relief and public health support.



Public Health Support

On the day of 27th of July 2020, we the FOCUS management team with some volunteers started to provide PPE (Personal Protective Devices), Masks and Sanitizer to the taxi drivers. Since they are very much vulnerable to Corona epidemics/pandemics. They carry sick people to the hospitals. At this time the taxis are frequently used since the public vehicles are in few numbers and there is no regularity. The publics are using the taxi for the urgent works. This year 2021 Minority FOCUS has decided to provide 71 students selected (56 totally new and 15 promoted from previous scholars) according to selection policy and guidelines. The notice was advertised in national newsletter. The applicants were interviewed physically and mostly from online. We had a company regular Board Meetings and AGM at the end of 2020.



Supporting for Coaching center (Our Study Place) **Naya Gaun, South Lalitpur**

Bhattedanda is a village situated in southern part of Lalitpur district and former Village Development Committee that is now part of Bagmati Rural Municipality in Province No. 3 of central Nepal. The distance from Kathmandu to Bhattedanda is 35 km (1 and half hour by 4 wheeler vehicle).



Nayagaun-03, Bhattedanda, South Lalitpur where school students from this very area is getting financial support for their coaching classes. The place is a way remote area, students have to walk a long distance to reach their education institute from their shelter. Around 21 students from different schools and different grades are getting coaching classes in regular basis. Coaching teachers have allocated the students with different grades according to their preferable potential to run the classes.

One teacher handles 5-6 students from different grades at a time in a 1 hour of time period. It is a real good initiation to start coaching classes for school students in such a remote area where general facilities such as water, education, health are not in proper access to the localities. Volunteers are actively performing their responsibilities even though they have certain challenges on their way. We visited there for discussion in the coaching class room regarding their experiences, challenges and how are they tackling with it. Some of the alternatives and suggestions also came up during for the betterment of the coaching classes.



Success Story

Amos Ale Magar, 26 of age from Ramechap District. As I was planning to continue studying for the Bachelor in Civil Engineering, my financial status was not good. So, I was planning whether to continue studying or not. I prayed to God & consulted with my leaders & Pastors of our church (Shalom A.G) about my problem. They encouraged me to continue studying and also recommended me to Minority Focus Organization for scholarship which turned out as a blessing for me. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, my exam was postponed but recently I was appeared in the exam.

I am engaged as a “Trainer” in Peace Technical Training Centre (PTTC) from 2019 A.D which is located in Gwarko, Lalitpur and recently started a company named Biswasniye(Trustworthy) Engineering & Construction with my uncles where I am overseeing the technical part of the company.

As for my work, I teach trainees of different trades like Mason, Aluminum Fabricator, Welder etc. as a core trainer while subjects like drawings, measurement and mathematics to all trades as a guest teacher. It's quite a joy to be able to teach hundreds of people. I am grateful to God for speaking in the heart of the Minority Focus team and sponsors as in Mathew 7:7 of Bible tells that “Ask and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you:”. I am also engaged with the Youth & Children Ministry of our Church and I hope God will use me further in his kingdom.



And once again thank you Minority Focus and sponsor for your great & wonderful support. This team has a wonderful vision supporting students like me and I believe that you will be given too with the abundant blessing from God because in Luke 6:38, it is written that “Give and it shall be given to you”

Thank you

We express our thanks and appreciation to all our partners abroad and local, Board, graduates and local government that are ward and metro municipality, SWC, Tax office and other related government officials for their support and cooperation in implementing our programs as planned. We highly appreciate you so much for your continued concern, care and prayers for Nepal. Thank you for joining hands to equip and empower students becoming transformed (salt and light) leaders in Nepal.

Prayer Request:

- i) Exploring new abroad partners for funding.
- ii) Physical office facilities.
- iii) Sustainability of FOCUS
- iv) Successful completion of courses or studies.
- v) Improve funding situation of partners affected by the pandemics.

Contact Address:

Minority FOCUS

Phone No: 9810033767 (office)

Email: official@minorityfocusco.org/ minorityfocusco@gmail.com /