

Thank you!



German Lutheran Church Sydney Inc



Dear Members of Sydney German Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your wonderful donation of \$975.00 to help families hurt by poverty in Nepal.

(Your donation receipt is attached. Your gift is also matched with support from the Australian Government, with ALWS committing \$1 to each \$5 from the Government.)

Your donation will focus on helping people who are too often in danger of being forgotten – people with disabilities, people from groups suffering discriminated, the poorest families, and women overlooked because of their gender.

Now, as the COVID crisis threatens, your help is more important than ever. You support direct action for the front-line of the pandemic, including masks, sanitiser and hospital supplies. At the same time, you continue to help struggling against poverty and injustice. This includes teaching practical skills like improved agricultural techniques, how to set up and run a business, how to work in cooperatives. These enable families to grow their income, and grow in confidence to demand their human rights from the government.

You can see proof of your impact in flourishing fruit and vegetable crops, new businesses like bike-repair and candle-making, communities working together against COVID. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Krause".

Jonathan Krause
Community Action Manager, ALWS

for

Many thanks and blessings to you all.

This is an official receipt for your gift. (Non tax deductible)

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Reaching out in love... for justice!

'Lots of better!'



It's hard to imagine it now, but this group of villagers from Tuol Pongro Village in Pursat Province, Cambodia, weren't smiling 2 years ago.

Most villagers are rice farmers, and during the dry season, there just wasn't enough water. Each family needed to pay regularly for pumping the water from the dam to their fields, about 2.5km away. This sometimes caused problems in the village, because those with more money could afford to do more pumping, leaving less water for others.

If they could afford to pump, many farmers had healthy crops, but no money left. As farmer Ms Seang Kea explains:

"This farming is just good-looking, but in fact, there is nothing left. I have to borrow money from the bank to buy oil, buy fertilizer to get the results, then return it to them, very tired, nothing left, just for a meal a day."

That's when you stepped in to help through ALWS and partners Life With Dignity.

Through a Village Partnership, the village decided they needed a canal to bring the water to their fields. Along with the support through ALWS, the community raised their own funds to contribute, developed a budget, and timeline – and made their canal a reality!

The canal helps to irrigate over 200 hectares of rice fields, in both dry and rainy seasons for more than 80 families. And rice yield has improved – in one hectare they can earn at least \$1270 per season!

The farmers have so many good things to say about your help:

"Lots of better! Save more energy, save more time, do not have to be tired like before that I have not slept enough in the past because of guarding the water pump for fear of being stolen."

"The money is left to feed the children to study and pay off debts owed in the past".

"I would like to thank all the donors for their financial support and thank you LWD for facilitating this development project".

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