

August 2021 #2

Dear Friends,

In surprising and happy news, we've had a quick turnaround in circumstance.

First of all, the floodwaters have been receding for 2 days now and are expected to continue to do so. We are very relieved that only 2 inches of water covered the ground floor of the school. This created little difficulty for us since our ground floor is just an open assembly space . . . nothing more than a cement floor. And, although the river rose almost to the doorsteps, the majority of homes in our students' neighborhood stayed dry.



And, thanks to some donations we received after the previous email, we have been able to give assistance to the few families whose houses were flooded. We appreciate the heartfelt support that allows us to serve in this way.

Secondly, just last night, a final agreement was reached with regard to our purchase of land. We anticipate making payment for the property on Monday. We are excited to finally get past this first step in building our own school. I will write more about this when it is truly final.

Finally, we received a few more donations for Saroj Sir's family. We now have enough to support his children (educationally) all the way through 12th grade. They will be extremely grateful for this sizeable help. Thank you so much to all of you who helped make this happen.

I've included two photos. One shows families standing in their doorways assessing the water situation. The water level rose another 2-3 inches after this photo was taken. You can see that their houses were just spared! The second photo shows Asha Deep with the river level with the front gate (just below the arrow). We are grateful that the water rose no further.

love,  
Connie

