

ACCOUNTABILTY

Institutions Visited in Sikkim

District	Institution	Groups	Participants	
			R.N	ANM
Gangtok	S.T.N.M.H *	12	* 82	36
	C.R.H	1	12	
	Military	2	5	
Shingthom	District Hospital	1	8	3
Gyalshing	District Hospital	1	6	8
Namtchi	District Hospital	1	9	4
Mangan	District Hospital	1	4	2
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Total		19	126	53
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* PB.Bsc 1
 PB.Bsc IGNOW 3
 DCHEA 2

82 GNM's out of 118 with 5 attending a 2nd sessions for Charge Nurses
 36 ANM out of 98 all demonstrated a keen interest.

Donations Received

Maj. Gen. (Miss) V.M.M.Game, Pune	Rs.1, 000.
Mrs. Rojimit Lepcha , S.T.M.H. Gangtok	500.
Nurses Association, Namchi District Hospital	1, 500.

Total	Rs.3, 000

These donations represent the willingness of Nurses to help each other and have been designated to help Nurses in Arunachal Pradesh.

NWAD Resources Donated	Total	Value in Rupees
Sets of six Modules donated	206	Rs.72, 100
Odd Modules (Approx.)	130	Rs. 7, 800
Song Books	500	Rs.10. 000

Packing, cartage and air freight of resource materials Rs. 8,716 . +

Gideon's International

Nursing With A Difference appreciated the effort Gideon's International representative in Gangtok, who at very short notice was able to get 2000 New Testaments in Nepali, from Kalimpong.

The ready acceptance of this additional resource, available to Nurses all around the world, by so many Nurses in Sikkim proved once again that most Nurses are deep thinking, do want resources that are of proven value in Nursing, and have the capacity to select what each one believes to be essential to help her fulfill her responsibilities in all areas of life.

Goodwill That Is Beyond Price

Goodwill

Comes from the goodness of God

It is manifested in the heart of man in a strife worn materialistic world.

It is that which endures in the mind and heart bringing the joy of material and spiritual blessings.

It brings encouragement and the desire to give of one's best.

The State of Sikkim

Secretary for Health and Family Welfare

Having tried unsuccessfully through conventional Nursing channels to contact the Deputy Director Nursing for the State and to be finally assured by the Resident Commissioner Sikkim House that there was no DDN in Sikkim it was a joy on contacting the Secretary for Health and Family Welfare to find the post both existed and was filled and then to be given the incumbents name and contact number.

The Deputy Director Nursing with another Nurse Administrator had left home at 8am to travel to Bagdogra airport, only to be confronted by 'Border problems' causing them to return. Their very warm welcome at the Helipad in Gangtok, escorting me to the Circuit House, staying with me until 6.0pm. and subsequently extending every possible assistance, reflected something of the expectation and goodwill of all the Nurses I had the privilege of interacting with in Sikkim

A Shocking revelation brings unprecedented privilege

To find that I was the very first official guest for Nurses in Sikkim was indeed a painful shock.

One wonders why the Deputy Director Nursing to the Government of India, the Registrar of the Nursing Council of India and the Secretary General of The Trained Nurses Association of India had never made a point to visit, considering the STNM hospital was opened in 1935.

In 1972 when Sikkim became a State in its own right, one would have expected it to be among top priority on the agenda of scheduled visits.

This revelation makes the invitation by Nurses to bring a group of Nurses to Sikkim in 2007 an important professional responsibility that must not be neglected.

Unexpected but very much appreciated provision

Having no prior indication that mine would be the very first official visit to Nurses in Sikkim and to be recognized as such by the State Government was very much appreciated:

1. A Helicopter flight from Bagdogra to Gangtok due to the Border problems.
2. Food and Lodging for 18 days at Circuit House
3. Protected Area permit arranged for 15 days plus the initial 3 days issued at Bagdogra

This response shows the hitherto untapped goodwill of the State towards Nursing and requires that Nurses continue to take the initiative to ensure that invitations are extended and received by Nurses to further develop goodwill. and bring positive gain to Nursing.

To Help Is Our Great Privilege In Life

Though weak and sinful, we can by God's grace contribute to the building of His Kingdom in and through the Health Services.

Therefore, we must take heed to ourselves as the Holy Spirit has entrusted us to oversee and shepherd the health services of the peoples in each State.

Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When we receive in order to give there is no debt, just the manifestation and fullness of God's blessings of which we are all the joyful recipients.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorji initially welcomed me to their home and family in Sikkim, as a Nursing colleague of Maj. Gen. (Miss) VMM Game Mrs. Dorji's sister, later organizing a magnificent Sikkimese dinner to introduce me to significant people in Gangtok, thus providing opportunity to gain a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the State as a whole. Their home was to become a haven of loving care for my last 10 days in Sikkim.

Mr. P.J. Pradhan a very busy gentleman, challenged first but once satisfied gave significant prayerful practical support by providing key contacts throughout Sikkim and by introducing me to Mrs. Tsering Lachungpa and Mrs. Kaymit Lepcha whose Nursing knowledge and contacts in the Districts was invaluable.

The many helpers who willingly gave time to carry the boxes of modules and other resources from the SON to the venue of operation, the one who walked me up the hilly streets to get the final extension for the Protected Area Permit, the hospital cook who used his private taxi and so many more.

Never let it be forgotten that whoever, and in what-so-ever capacity gave assistance, significantly helped me to better help the Nurses of Sikkim

Nurses going the 2nd Mile

While the many different forms of assistance by Nurses was very much appreciated, Mrs. Tsering and her husband Mr. Achong Lachungpa **deserve** special mention. To provide hospitality, give 7 full days to travel with me, arrange transport as well as to discreetly meet substantial travel costs that were not possible to estimate, was indeed a magnificent contribution proving yet again, God's grace and goodness through His children in Nursing with a Nurse and her family helping to build a healthy State.

“Be somebody, God doesn't take time to make a nobody”

Know,

The Bible says:

Know why you believe what you do believe.

You've got convictions,

Then find out why you have those convictions.

Support them with Scripture

If they are God instilled convictions,

Then you can remain positive and not do anything about them.

Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life.

Author Mary Crawley.

Everything we do in life costs someone else something

When we are constantly seeking to allow God to fulfill His divine will in our life and through our life in the life of others, it will cost us and it will cost many others along the way.

When, even in the 21st Century, all is done with a willing spirit the words of Malachi 3:10-12 become a reality for God's Word is old yet ever new:

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse
That there may be food in My house,
And prove Me now in this,”
Says the LORD of Hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it...
And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...
And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be a delightful land.”

The truth is infallible

Claim it Nurse and watch your dreams bloom