



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION

# NEWSLETTER

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This morning when I was coming back from running a few errands, I saw, at a distance, a man with a bird of a pigeon's size on his right shoulder. Intrigued by it, I scanned his approaching demeanor. He looked Tibetan or Nepali or Asian. I was wondering how the pigeon did not fly away? As I was now a couple of feet from him, I realized it was an illusion: a black mask that was opened on one side and floating on the other. I was mesmerized by the fact that my brain had created that.

One of the values we promote at Digital Bridges is **Co-creation** so we construct together our future to serve our mission of Strengthening

- ED ANTOINE  
President & Founder, DB4N

Communities through Education. It helps us deal with challenges and sometimes, yes, illusions. When we decided to hire a new operations manager, **Sanika Rai**, her and I co-created both her job responsibilities, so we could

both use our growing needs and her many talents. See the article below. Our team is **co-creating** with the teachers of our Collaborative Learning Environment center in Nason Rural Municipality. Finally David Martin and I (and a few others!) are **co-creating** this extraordinary fundraising trip. Check our campaign and support me to get me to the Gokyo Ri summit at 17,585ft! See **David's interview** as well.

<https://www.flipcause.com/secure/fundraiser/MTU2ODM1/74038>

## DBForN WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Digital Bridges For Nepal (DBForN) welcomed Ms. Sanika Rai on 20th of September as the Operations Manager of Nepal. The signing ceremony was held by a close group of Board of Directors and staffs of DBForN in Kathmandu with the chairmanship of Nepal's Chairperson Mr. Jhabindra Subedi. The ceremony was followed by Indian cuisine dinner later on. Ms. Sanika Rai, residence of Lalitpur, Nepal is not new for DBForN as she was involved in Teacher's Training and Facilitation program last winter. She herself is an Educator

and comes from News/Media background. She has a sound knowledge on the education system of Nepal and understands the priority of need of Collaborative Learning Environment Centers (CLECs) in rural Nepal. She is a dedicated, self-driven personality who describes herself as an empath, sincere and a doer! DBForN wishes her best of luck for her amazing tenure and believes she will bring quality results in future.



## UPDATE ON NASON

- by Prakash Shrestha

School principal in Nason is also engaged in CLEC. For the safety of the equipment, the school principal installed the voltage stabilizer coordinating with DBForN team and also manages carpet on the floor so that the equipment will be protect from dust.

Yasodha Gaire and Rabin Sharma, teachers from CLEC are trying their best to implement collaborative learning and engaging their students in peer-to-peer discussion. Our CLEC teachers are currently using CLEC room to transform Nepali based education to

English based system so they are focusing more on English subject. Our DBForN team are continuously in follow up process with school for its better utilization, progress and organizing weekly zoom meeting with the CLEC teachers. Teachers are filling the google sheets like students' attendance sheet and course sheet created by DB4N team. In September 4, our future operations manager, Sanika Rai also attended zoom meeting and talked with the CLEC teacher and provided suggestions.



## INTERVIEW

- by Nitesh Prasai

Let's meet one of our distinguished donors and supporter of our mission "Strengthening Communities Through Education" Mr. David Martin. His first visit to Nepal was in November 2013, based on trekking from Ktm-Lukla- basecamp of Ama Dablam. The majestic sceneries, beautiful landscapes, green hills, and the kind and loving gestures of the people really helped him to gain life-changing experiences and overcome his inner sufferings.

He has supported and believed in DB4N's mission since its establishment. He finds it very practical and meaningful what we are doing in the rural areas of Nepal. Nepal is a developing country and providing this kind of access and opportunities will really help to develop the community and produce good leaders and skilled manpower in the future.

He is planning to visit Nepal in November this year with our president Mr. Edmond Antoine to do a trek to Gokyo Ri to raise funds to support more CLECs. While on this trip he intends to explore CLEC in detail and know how it's giving opportunities and access to the modern world through its mission. He believes that change is inevitable in this technological world so, we should be curious and accepting, as it's an amplifier to become a better version of ourselves.

