

NEPAL 1 YEAR ON

Part 1 upper Sindupalchowk

Whilst checking on YYY Foundation projects in Sindupalchowk I took the opportunity to go north towards the Tibet border there had been very little news from the north. This region, well known for its instability had been in the middle of the two earthquakes and the countless aftershocks, thousands landslides had left the main highway blocked for several months, it is still blocked on the Tibetan side of the boarder so it wasn't really surprising that the general perception, in Kathmandu, was that the north was inaccessible.



This landslide was biblical and left more than a quarter of a mile of rubble behind

Sadly, as a result little or no aid had reached the people. They were still living in temporary tin shelters, sweat boxes under the summer sun but ice boxes when the winter winds blow off the Himalaya. In desperation the people have started to do what they can to help themselves, bulldozing dangerous roads to get access to the outside world. and rebuilding with the same materials and methods that failed in the quakes.



Sweatbox or Icebox this has been someones home for the past year

Despite the situation the people were still singing as they worked to plant crops or clear the rubble, everyone was in the same situation rich or poor and as one villager put it, "Everything's gone, we have nothing more to loose, so why worry?"



This 81 year old gentleman, had given up on help ever reaching him so was rebuilding his house himself by hand

