

We are very grateful to our God for His faithfulness for successful implementation of FOCUS 2015 plan.

We want to express our appreciations to all of you for unceasing supports in accomplishing tasks of focus Nepal. It is our joy to share with you about our activities during the year.

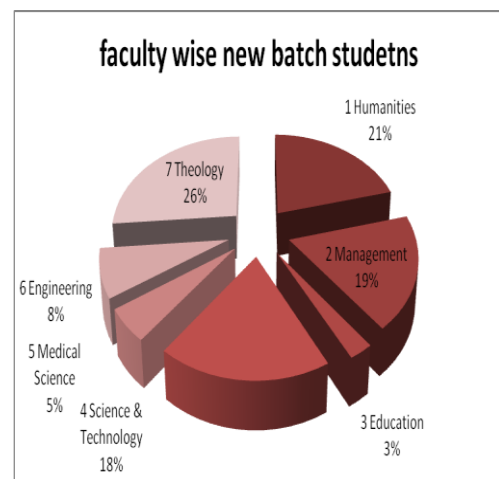
## Year 2015

In the year of 2015, 77 students were selected. FOCUS was able to provide scholarship. There were 110 students from the previous batches. The total number of students was 187. Out of the total, 43 completed studies in the year 2015. At the end of the year the number of students remained 144, who need funds to continue their studies.

In the year 2016, a new batch of 100 new students was selected. Currently we are supporting 244. Out of the total 123 falls under normal category, so the students under sponsored categories are 121.

We want to draw attention of our members, Alumni graduates, FOCUS friends and Board Members that FOCUS has to make additional efforts in raising funds for normal category. We thank and appreciate you for your donations. To clarify about the sponsor category, the donors already have made financial commitments for the designated students. But normal category having A, B and C do not have, we have to make efforts for it.

The estimated amount required for normal category is about 35 Lakh of NC for a year. It is open to all of you for your sponsorship and donation toward it. It is a challenge. We trust our mighty Lord will provide from his divine provision and simultaneously He will raise deep concern among His people to generously give to meet this financial need.



## Project Approval & Monitoring

SWC approved new FOCUS scholarship proposal for the year 2014-2015 (March to December). We have processed a new proposal to SWC for the year 2015-2016. Please pray that SWC will approve it without any hindrances. This office of the government has been monitoring the works of FOCUS annually. The last report made two recommendations: one is seeking more local funds and other income sources to sustain the program and secondly to initiate to provide scholarship to students from other faiths. We are seeking donors who are also interested to donate towards students from other faiths (to be recommended by SWC or DEO based on FOCUS policy decision).

## Annual General Assembly 2015



Our AGM took place on the 1st of Asoj 2072 (September 18th of 2015). The plan and budget for the year 2016 (2072-2073) was approved with few changes.

## Faculty student Gathering (Science and Technology, Engineering and Law)

The assembly was organized on 13 April 2016 opened with prayer; the meeting began with an introduction. Rebecca Sinha, Board Secretary welcomed the participants. It was wonderful participation. Prof. Dr. Rajendra Rongong delivered a message on building new Nepal by transformed citizens. Academic progress and stories were presented. Some of them were crying while



sharing their confrontations at the time of financial difficulties. We consoled them that we will try to help them depending on the availability of the fund. Some of the notable reports from the participants are worthwhile to write here. Suman Shrestha, a recent graduate in Hydro Electric Engineering working in a Hydro Mechanic Electric Company, shared the need of policy change in Hydro management. Mrs. Draupadi Rokaya, Treasurer shared that student life



is a life of struggles. Mrs. Sinha expressed her concern on the grievances of the students needing counseling. Dr. NP Maharjan, Vice Chair reported some of the changes from Oct 2013 to April 2015 were: application of Gold version software, sponsorship policy, counseling, introduction of sponsor category, creation of emergency fund and helping graduates for job placement. We request you earnestly for your prayers for FOCUS students and graduates on the jobs so that they grow as leading citizens for this nation being light and salt in transforming society.

## Counseling and Visiting

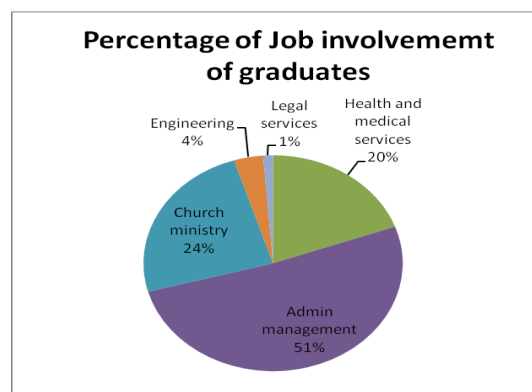
Most of the students visited offices have been given counseling. We visited few students to their home and met with their families too, needing close monitoring with the purpose to see good progress on their studies.

## FOCUS Partners' Visit to FOCUS Nepal

Anni Takko, Scholarship Coordinator and Mandira Awale Ast. Sch. Coordinator from FELM Nepal, our partner visited our office. This team also visited some of the students on the spot. Jeanie Herbert, Regional Team Leader from BMS, partner visited our office on Feb 27 of 2015 with the purpose to monitor as to how the BMS fund has been used. Few of the students supported from BMS also attended the meeting, was interesting to hear their progress on studies.

## Graduates engaged on Jobs

Focus helped over 2000 students from AD 2085 to date, who have been engaged on the services after completion of their studies. Many of them have been working in leadership positions, working in NGOs, INGOs, church and mission organizations..A survey shows above job status of job engagement done five years ago. We are working to update the graduate job engagement status.



## Success Stories

**Padma Jirel** ; She comes from Jiri mid regional part of Nepal. Jirel ethnic community is still known as a backward and minority community. FOCUS provided Padma Jirel a scholarship for staff nurse course. After she worked for number of years as UMN hospital staff in Tansen. She was privileged to do her Bachelor in Nursing from Vellore. After she completed was placed in a position to lead the Post Basic Nursing course of the hospital .Presently she is doing her MSc in Nursing at Birgung of Nepal, will complete by June and will join the hospital job. There is most likely that she will be promoted to higher position in her organization in near future.



**Suman Shrestha** : He is from Rasuwa one of the most Earth Quake affected districts with terrible landslides. Focus managed to have full scholarship through FELM for his Bachelor in Engineering, (specialized in Hydro power) since last year he started to work in Sanjen Jalavidhut (Hydro) Company Ltd. In our last faculty student gathering, he reported that he participated in a Hydro policy making workshop. He is one of the emerging leaders in hydro power, has started to donate FOCUS toward scholarship program.





### Mr. Rabindra Gomja, BDS

I express my gratitude and lot of thanks from the inner core of my heart for financial support for my Bachelor in BDS (Bachelor in Dentistry Study). The support was very valuable for my study. In those days, I used to think that after I joined a job I will be able to support the needy and poor students for their studies. Thank Lord for enabling me to fulfill my dream. Recently, I joined Dentistry job in Chaurjhari Community hospital (as a dental assistant). From my income, I have started to donate a small amount from my income. I am optimistic to continue it in future

Ms. Sneha Basnet, Lb Technician : She is from Gorkha district. Recently she completed 3 years Lab Technician course. During her study, she worked in different clinics and hospitals as a part time basis. She initiated her own private Laboratory in partnership with Uma Maheshwor community health center under ward no 14 of Lalitpur. She is happy and satisfied with her work. She has committed to donate focus scholarship programs.



### Emergency Support

This year we were privileged to provide small amount of funds to FOCUS students and graduates whose houses were destroyed by Earth Quake. Lacks of proper housing their families and communities as whole are facing much difficulty. We are very thankful to ICSF alone extended donation toward the emergency support. Of course we informed and reported other partners about the need. There is still acute need to help in constructing proper houses before the rain come. The recent cyclone (horrible winds) destroyed the shelters of the EQ victims. There are over 30 houses belongs to FOCUS students known to us.



## Membership Renewal

Out of 591 churches registered, 300 have renewed this year. We are working hard to remind members to get membership renewed. There is a tradition and tendency that, when the member churches have students needing scholarship they feel urgency to renew. Otherwise many of the members do not renew regularly though they are reminded. We are trying to explore ways to improve this situation.

## Alumni Update

We have yet to complete the updating of Alumni. We also reminded our graduates to fulfill their financial commitments. Some of them have made contributions with appreciable amount towards FOCUS Nepal. We appreciate them for their valuable donations.

## Completion of studies:2015

Humanities & Social Sc	5	Education	4	Medical Sciences	6
Mgmt & Admin	17	Sciences & Tech	8	Theology	3

Than

k you once again for your unceasing partnership with FOCUS Nepal in developing leaders for multi services and developmental works of this country.

We look forward for your prayer and financial support for required resources for all that FOCUS has planned for 2016.



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