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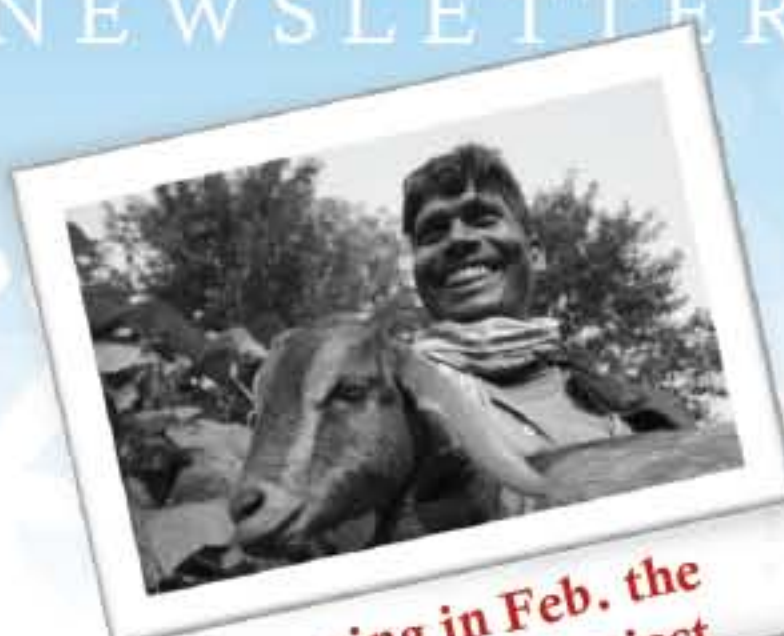
Photos from Parasi NEWSLETTER



Women Police Unit in Parasi, 2012



SONO Table Top Model for Sioux Reservation



Coming in Feb. the Living Gift Project



Waiting in Kathmandu for bus to Parasi, June 2012



Hitesh, Linda, Kelsey preparing dinner, June 2012



Meeting with local villagers and government officers at the field office filter factory



Sharmila and Dhannu getting ready for a meeting with the local government office in Parasi. May 2012



Keriosis from Arsenic poisoning in a local Brick worker.

## 122° F, Hives, Personal Monsoons, and Smiling Children

Summer in the Terai was almost unbearable, the hottest temperatures in eight years broke our digital thermometer at 122° F. We constantly doused ourselves with menthol white powder for short cooling sessions and to dry the perpetual personal monsoon our bodies gushed every day. The summer team was amazing there was absolutely no complaining by anyone. Projects were completely early, allowing us to bus back to Kathmandu for cooler temperatures and attend more government meetings. Browse through the newsletter to see the wonderful projects and the special people who are helping Filters for Families in Nepal and Pine Ridge S.D. Sharmila and I focused on holding meetings with local and national government officials bring the filter requests from the villagers to their fiscal agendas. Some fruit has blossomed from the meetings, the local Parasi government added SONO filters to their 2013 budget. Some funds should be available in late March.

A Wonderfully Merry Christmas to All of You, Linda

### Save the Date!

**Jazz for Peace**  
February, 2013

Look for details coming in January concerning the Benefit Concert for FFF by Jazz for Peace in Denver [info@jazzforpeace.org](mailto:info@jazzforpeace.org)

**Living Gift**  
February, 2013

February newsletter will feature Karen Flewelling's "Duck, Goat and School" project with FFF Nepal. Mathew Pearson Memorial Project installs two wells and filters in schools.

**Conference**  
May 18-23, 2013

*"Heavy Metal Exposure in Economically Under developed Communities"*

*The Art and Science of Professional Judgment*  
Montreal, Canada  
[www.aihce2013.org](http://www.aihce2013.org)

# A Tale of Two Brothers



Melanosis



SKIN ULCERS



In April 2011 Filters For Families Nepal received a call for help from Ward 9, Manari, Nawalparasi. A health worker reported that villagers were very sick from arsenic poisoning. Among them was Ram Chaudary, a 40-year-old man diagnosed with cancer who later died on April 22. Ram was the oldest of three brothers with 8 children among them. Ram's brother, 30 year old Ramesh was examined by Dr. Smith and found to have 3 skin ulcers, extreme melanosis, severe kurtosis, additionally he was diagnosed with stomach cancer a month later. Dhanus, FFF Field Manager, tested the well water that the Chaudary family shared with 6 other families and found the arsenic values were very high, 600 ppb. A survey

of some of the local people identified several with several cases of arsenicosis. A woman in her 40's living nearby suffered from severe melanosis and keratosis.

The two filters brought to Manari that day were installed in the Chaudary's home and the home of the women with keratosis. The same day an emergency meeting was held with the villagers where FFF Nepal promised to bring more filters in 3 weeks. A special call went out via email for donations. These donations provided funding for 22 SONO filters. Dr. Munir helped by sending internal filter parts from Bangladesh.

Sadly, a few months after this visit, Ramesh died from a heart attack. His home, Manari Village, still needs 85 more filters.



Community Meeting



Keratosis



SONO in Manari