TBS Commences construction in Dhading

On 27 November, TBS representatives, Safe Steels (our contractors), and our engineers travelled to Dhading Besi to see the progress of the rebuilding works. We are excited to announce that we have started construction at all three of our partner schools and are one step closer to the day when students from Gayatri Devi, Khanigau and Shree Rudrakanya Primary Schools return to permanent classrooms once again. *(Right- Dr Moore presents the classroom plans to staff of Shree Khanigau Primary School)*

We visited all three schools to see how the construction was progressing. We also met with the headteachers and community leaders of all schools to confirm that they were happy with the rebuilding progress and to discuss any other issues that have arisen. Everyone was extremely pleased with the progress that we are making and expressed their gratitude for the rebuilding works that we have started. *(Left- Dr Moore discusses our rebuilding plans with the local community at Gayatri Devi Primary School)*

We met with delegates from the Dhading Educational Authority at Gayatri Devi primary school to conduct a stone laying ceremony to celebrate the beginning of the construction. *(Left- Builders hard at work at Gayatri Devi Primary School)*
We also met with Safe Steels (our rebuilding contractor) to see if they had any concerns about the rebuilding process. Due to the fuel crisis, both the availability and cost of building materials has increased substantially. We are working together on a solution to minimise the impact that this will have on our building works. *(Left- Discussing plans with Engineers from Safe Steels)*

The construction supervisors employed by Safe Steels are currently undergoing extensive training on construction of earthquake resilient buildings. This training incorporates many updated and modernised techniques that can be used with traditional architecture here in Nepal.

Once this training course has finished, they will then be passing their knowledge to the local communities and workers that we are working with in Dhading. By running training sessions in the local community, we hope that they will be able to incorporate earthquake resistant features into their own construction practices. *(Right- Construction at Shree Rudrakanya Primary School)*

It is with great satisfaction that we have taken another step towards the rebuilding efforts of educational facilities here in Nepal. The community leader of Shree Rudrakanya Primary School asked us to pass on his thanks to all of our donors around the world. He said that education is the ‘Light of Life’ and without TBS charity's rebuilding efforts he would not have a school for the children in his community.