May 5, 2015

Dear Meg,

I am very grateful for your concern regarding me and my family’s well-being in this dire time. Fortunately we are safe and well.

As you might already know, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on 25 April at 11:56 local time creating large scale damage and many casualties. Strong aftershocks, including a 6.7 magnitude quake on 26 April, continue to threaten the lives of thousands of people and to further damage buildings and infrastructure. Consequently over 8 million people are affected in 39 of Nepal’s 75 districts. Thousandshave lost their lives, thousands are injured, hundreds of infrastructures (school, hospitals, markets, etc.) have been damaged, many of our cultural heritages have been destroyed, millions are homeless and so on.

On the bright side a lot of aid and relief efforts have been pouring into Nepal. People from all over the world have been trying to help my grieve stricken nation in one way or the other. The Nepalese people are also trying their best to help each other in this dire time. On my part, being the former mayor of Dhulikhel, I am also trying hard

to help people around me. I am focusing on helping Dhulikhel Hospital, a community hospital as I am the current chairman of this institution. Unlike other hospitals, it is neither government owned, nor privately owned. It is an institution created by the community for the community. Yet it is one of the best hospitals in Nepal. But now,

Dhulikhel Hospital, which has saved thousands of lives of people from eight of the most severely affected districts, needs as much help as possible. More than 18 outreach clinics of Dhulikhel hospital, though badly damaged, are helping people in remote areas as well. Even the doctors, nurses and all the medical staff, all of whom are very well trained, of Dhulikhel Hospital are working round the clock to save lives and help people. Currently the hospital is providing free medical service and medicines to all of people affected from this disaster as well. Not only that the hospital is also providing free food for all the injured people and also their families. The local people of Dhulikhel are also helping the hospital in any way possible. People have been helping out with free food, clothes and transportation service to the hospital and the affected people. The service provided by Dhulikhel Hospital is so noticeable that international agencies like Al Zazeera, Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. Now this institution is becoming a center of hope for thousands of people here.

I, on the other hand, am trying to collect funds to ensure that Dhulikhel Hospital is able to help even more people form the affected areas. I believe it is my duty to help this institution. I am proud to say that I could be of help to establish this hospital decades ago, which now is saving thousands of lives.

Now I would humbly request all of my dear friends abroad to help me rebuild my town, my city and my nation. Any amount of contribution you can offer can save lives and help people. You can rest assured that the help you send will be used to help my nation get back on its feet.

If you feel you can contribute even in the smallest way possible, please email me at belprasad shrestha <bpstha@hotmail.com>

Thank you very much!

Ps: For more information on our relief effort please log on to: [www.dhulikhelhospital.org](http://www.dhulikhelhospital.org/)

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