

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: APRIL



This family has been admitted in December of 2016. They stem from a remote village in Myagdi.

Beneficiaries age at the time of admittance :

Mother: Name Withheld aged 29

Rita (name Changed), 16 years old (Daughter)

Ram (name Changed) 1 and half year old (Son)

Maya (name Changed) Newly born (Daughter)

Name Withheld's parents owned a small farm and she received primary education at the local Government school. At the age of 18 her parents arranged a marriage to Bir (name Changed), 20, a farmer's son from the neighboring village. The following year, Rita (name Changed), their first daughter was born followed by Indra a year later. Life with the in-laws became increasingly difficult for them and they decided to migrate to Pokhara, where Bir (name Changed) found a job as a construction worker and with his regular income their life was improving.



After the birth of the first son Singh (name Changed), Bir (name Changed) decided to migrate to Saudi-Arabia where he worked for several years.

Bir (name Changed) managed to make regular transfers for the support of his family and he was able to save money to buy land in his village. In Nepal “Land is wealth” and all who are going abroad to earn money are aspiring to buy land and build a house.

When returning to Nepal six years later he was very sick and frail and he was diagnosed with cancer. Over the next two years he received treatment for his cancer and all their savings were spent to pay for the medical costs and the Hospitals. Their land too had to be sold and this in the hope that his life could be saved.

It is not unusual in Nepal that people are losing all their property to pay for Hospitals and medical treatment when sick, and this is leading to a **“New Rural-Poverty”** in Nepal.

In the year 2015, one year after his second son Ram (name Changed) was born, Bir (name Changed) passed away leaving his pregnant wife, and four children in a desperate situation.

They had lost everything and the mother had no other choice but begging for food to feed her children.

Indra, at the tender age of 15, eloped and got married, and Singh (name Changed), aged 12, migrated to Kathmandu to work in a brick-factory.

In the year 2016, Name Withheld came to know about **“BEF”** and she applied for support, and in December this family was supported by our organization.

Rita (name Changed), the oldest daughter after finishing her education was referred to our partner **“LP4Y”** where she received three months vocational and empowerment training. After successful completion of her training she found a job as a teacher. She currently is living with her family and she helps in supporting her mother and her siblings.



Eight year old Ram (name Changed) and six year old Maya (name Changed) are both attending Government school and they are receiving all the care and benefits that **“BEF”** is providing for the **“EduCare-Families”**.

The mother too is doing considerably well and the whole family is happy and thriving!

This family, once desperate and on the brink of disaster is now living a decent life in safety and dignity!

“It’s simple, it’s simply BEF “

Surendra, Raymond & the TEAM