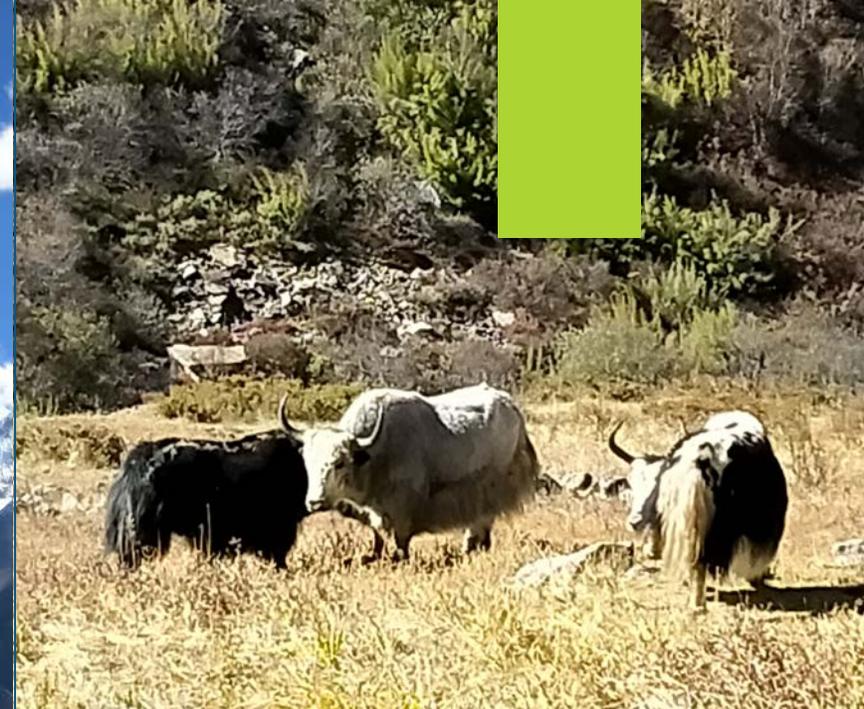


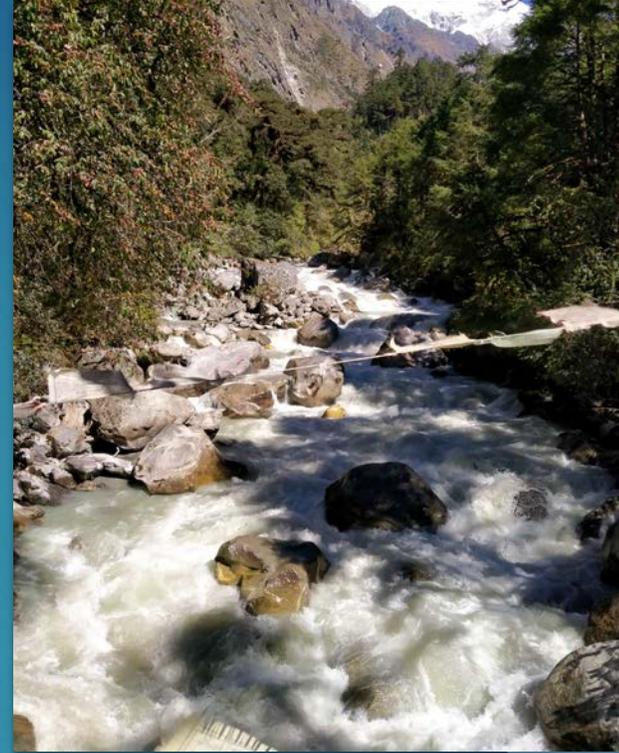
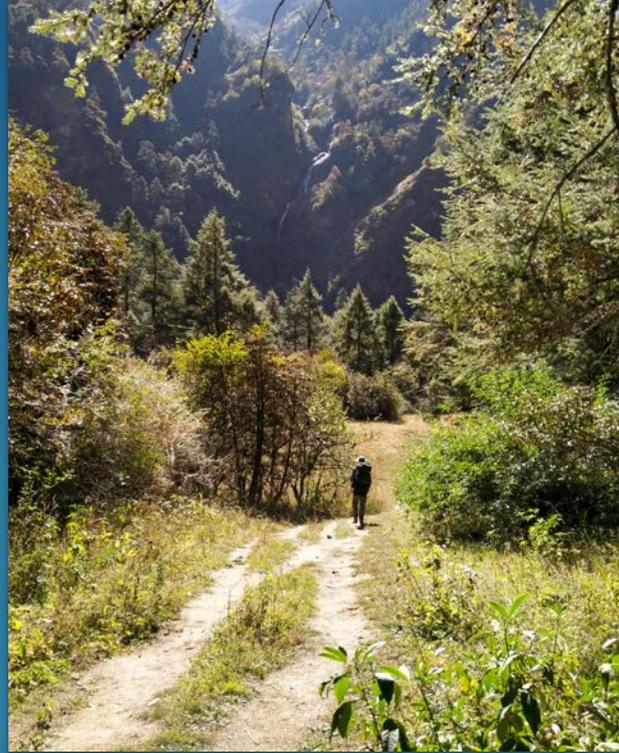
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Langtang Valley trekking





Langtang – we reached nearly 5000m!
Before this trip, I hadn't travelled further than
5 miles away since late March.

UMN hospitals

- ▶ Lockdown = Sudden drop in patients = loss in income = **Save our Hospitals!**
- ▶ More **serious cases arriving** due to delays from lack of transport (See videos of *Operation Tansen* and *Okhaldhunga's Lockdown Patients*)
- ▶ Then getting **patients refused from other hospitals**, whether or not they had COVID-19.
- ▶ **Isolation wards** required to serve non-sick COVID patients = pressure on the hospital staff and resources, but an opportunity to show love and give meals!



Gift samples for this Christmas

Here are some sample targets:

\$50 (£38)



Surgery supplies for a day (Tansen)



\$80 (£60)



Meals for a Covid-19 patient's 2-week stay in our isolation ward



\$250 (£200)



C-section operation, for an expectant mother who can't afford to pay



\$450 (£340)



A nurse's wages for a month in our Covid-19 isolation ward



£38 Surgery supplies for a day

£60 Meals for a COVID-19 patient for 2 weeks in our isolation ward

£200 C-section operation for an expectant mother who can't afford to pay

£340 A nurse's wages for a month

Jobs impacts from lockdowns

- ▶ Many people work as **daily wage workers**, and lost their work.
- ▶ Thousands work abroad and had to return.
- ▶ Thousands have lost jobs or lost income from their businesses due to the lockdowns.
 - ▶ But... there was **no Furlough Scheme and there's no unemployment benefit**.
- ▶ **Many had no money for food or rent.** Some left their homes and walked for days to the village. Some despaired – increased suicides.
 - ▶ **Food distribution schemes and livelihoods support**, including through UMN's work with single women, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities etc.

Travel impacts

- ▶ **Public transport** was closed for months. Still limited.
 - ▶ expensive ambulances
 - ▶ Impact on jobs and businesses.
- ▶ **District and international transport banned** until August/September
 - ▶ UMN's work was done from a distance
 - ▶ Some expats stuck abroad and still can't get back!
- ▶ **International Postage** from Nepal is still shut.
 - ▶ Can't post newsletters, 2021 calendar sales etc!

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Mental health in COVID times

COVID-19 crisis, as people's mental health is affected by building the technical barrier staff and members' isolation, as well as supporting income generation, financial and legal support is required.

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Prayer points

1. Give thanks for fewer COVID cases than many countries, and for USD 1 million already raised for our hospitals.
2. **UMN 5-year Government agreements** are being renewed. Pray we can continue the same type of work in the same districts.
3. Pray for **visas** which run out this weekend/ next week. Some hospital staff may have to stop work for a week or two til they get new ones!
4. **Court case** about UMN Headquarters property due in court on Sunday 22nd November (could be postponed)
5. **Post office** re-opening
6. **Health systems** and discrimination
7. Loss of **jobs and income**.

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