



STIFTELSEN BRÖDET

Newsletter to friends and supporters

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*Dear Friends
and
Supporters,*

Bhutan

Now and then over the years, the SB Foundation has given aid to the School for the Blind Muenselling Institute in Bhutan. Right before Christmas it happened again. The school wanted a loudspeaker with an amplifier and a microphone enabling the students to learn to talk before an audience, organize a quiz, as well as a song and music competition, concerts and parties. And they also desired a Victor Reader for blind people which gives free access to sound books. Bhutan is a fairly closed, strictly Buddhist country, but recently a slight opening towards the rest of the world has been shown.

The blind teacher, who delivered the requests to the SB Foundation, recounts; when he was a child, he got the possibility, thanks to a missionary, to read some books from both the Old and New Testaments in Braille text. Now 40 years have passed, and he would like to read the Bible again. The problem is, that even if he could get hold of a Braille bible, the books are so large and impractical that there would be no space for them, neither in his small room at school or in his own home. But when he discovered that there is something called Victor Reader, he found that God had answered his prayer. If he got one of those, he would be able to listen, wherever he was. He turned to the SB Foundation for help, and writes that, when the SB Foundation in 2005 gave him a portable computer and scanner, it led the Bhutanese authorities to understand that blind people can use IT equipment, which made it possible for many more to use the technique. Maybe, he says, also Victor Reader could become such a



milestone, giving blind people in Bhutan access to books and thereby he'd be able to read the whole Bible. Such a desire to have access to the Word of God, we could not but accept with the greatest pleasure.

Victor Reader has to be ordered from Australia. It took quite some time for the packet to arrive from there: not only crossing oceans and other countries, but also way up among the inaccessible mountain ranges, illustrated by the above picture. But at last it arrived, and the teacher tells us: "The parcel arrived today. It is really a fantastic device. Besides reading books, you can listen to radio streaming. To begin with, I downloaded both the Old and New Testament. I also tried listening to some Evangelical channels, which was really fantastic. Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift", the blind teacher concludes.

A warm thank you to each and every one who, in one way or another, supports the charity work of the SB Foundation!

Regards,
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