

# Let us build a house

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE 2016



Just before noon on Saturday 25 April, 2015, was when the first earthquake struck. Lasting just 45 seconds; causing devastation, changing lives forever.



### MAY

General Assembly instructs WMC to support a 3 year initiative with the United Mission to Nepal: 'Instruct the Council to develop resources that will encourage congregations to commit their support to a three year initiative for the long term rebuilding of communities.'

### OCTOBER

Presbyteries, congregations, Guilds and BBS start to respond to the challenge



### JANUARY

Masons' training begins

### MAY

Church of Scotland Presbyteries raise over £135,000, enough to build 200+ houses!

2015

2016

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United Mission to Nepal begins relief work in Dhadingto a three year initiative for the long term rebuilding of communities.'



### SEPTEMBER

Let us build a house launched - World Mission Presbytery Conveners challenged to challenge every Presbytery in Scotland to raise £500 to build 1 house

### NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

United Mission to Nepal distribute blankets and food to those struggling through the bitter winter

### MARCH

Building of 'sample houses' begins





## 2015-16: Raise £500 to help construct a house.

Encourage fundraising initiatives at congregational level and send funds to WMC either directly or through the Presbytery. WMC committed to UMN to raise the equivalent cost of 50 houses by the General Assembly of 2016 (that is one for each Presbytery and a few extra!).

## 2016-17: Building the community

Our partner, UMN will continue their work with communities to build houses and develop area around them, e.g. footpaths, bridges, community buildings etc. They will send information which we will make available to congregations to track progress. Funds can still be raised at this point.

## 2017-18: Nepal Visit

A visit to Nepal for interested people from congregations will be arranged, to see the work of UMN and to meet the people who have been affected by the earthquake and benefited directly from the Church of Scotland funding.

Presbyteries, congregations, Guilds and youth organisations in Scotland have all responded to the challenge and have raised money in all sorts of creative ways!

## Prayer Points

- Pray for people still living in temporary shelters.
- Pray for the 250 masons who have been trained and for the 125 who will graduate in the coming months.
- Pray for the work of the 486 people who have been trained in mental health services as they support those who lost their homes.
- Pray that UMN and the district administration can negotiate an agreement that will allow building work to begin.

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