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The founder and Honorary President of Luklass association departed this world on 26th August 2022. Tremendous emotion here and in Nepal !

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On 25 October at Orsières, an evening event in memory of Denis Bertholet will be organised with a musical accompaniment to his film : "Sky, rock and ice".



PURSuing THE MISSION OF DENIS BERTHOLET

He was the soul of Luklass association. He had created the schools in 1984 in tribute to the Sherpas who had enabled him to lead an expedition in 1983 to the summit of Kangchenjunga, the 3rd highest mountain in the world. Denis reached for eternity on 26 August in his 92nd year.

As a visionary, he had insisted that the children learn English from the first grade and that the girls be integrated in the school. Today, the village of Lukla, which has become the key location for treks towards the base camp of Everest, is managed by locals who have become the actors of their own region. They manifest a great deal of recognition and do not hesitate to say that Denis offered them liberty through education, that he is their "Buddha".

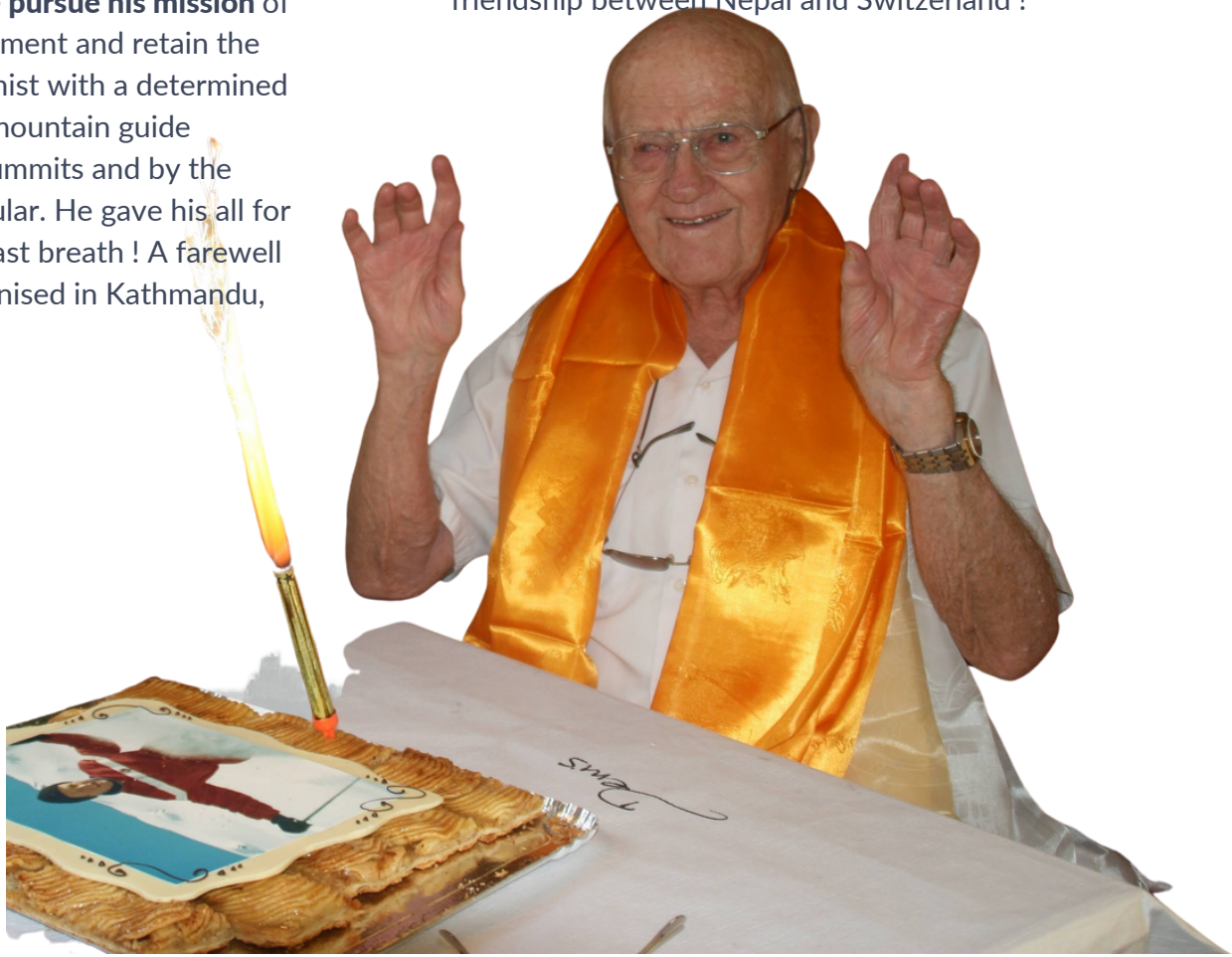
In his footsteps, we pursue his mission of sustainable development and retain the souvenir of a humanist with a determined character and of a mountain guide fascinated by the summits and by the Himalayas in particular. He gave his all for Nepal, up until his last breath ! A farewell ceremony was organised in Kathmandu, Lukla and Verbier.

Born on 13 November 1929 at Chaulin above Montreux, Denis was fond of peaks from a very early age. At 17, he already walked up the Grand-Combin with his friend and member of the association, Richard Mury. They left Montreux by bike and Denis had even saved the life of his climbing companion during a fall on the glacier.

As a mountain guide, he radiates totally in his principal passion. Thanks to his talents as a photographer and film maker, he achieves beautiful images and wins prizes at the Trento mountain film festival, and equally publishes books. He founds the ski school and guide office, "La Fantastique", with a few friends.

When he decides to support education in Nepal, he is encouraged by his faithful clients and friends who give him their total confidence and precious assistance without which nothing would have been possible.

Thanks to him, thanks to you, the "large family" of Luklass, for having believed in his dream that has become a huge history of friendship between Nepal and Switzerland !






PURSuing SOLIDARITY

A PLUNGING EXPERIENCE
LIVED BY ANNE-SOPHIE
CAPRÉ, VOLUNTARY TEACHER
AT LUKLA.

"Thank you for having honoured me as your representative today at Lukla. I am really touched and hope I have succeeded in playing the part of your voice and your presence. Very many thanks for your confidence and for giving me the opportunity of such an experience !"

Anne-Sophie Capré,
Lukla, 14.08.2022 - Inauguration day of the teachers' apartments.





PURSUING THE JOY OF LEARNING !

A meeting with Anne-Sophie, back from Lukla, has led to understanding the need for improvement in quality of the infrastructures and of the teaching.

Anne-Sophie Capré has listened attentively to the needs of Lukla school management concerning the improvements to be made, such as the repair of the buildings and furnishings, the needs of lighting in the classrooms and of a professional copying machine. The school would also like to acquire a plot of land to install a playground.

Anne-Sophie reports that the very traditional teaching methods could be reoriented towards more creativity.

Inspiration could be found in other villages which have developed more holistic and modern forms of teaching,

She also notes that the teachers would like to reinforce their knowledge of English in order to improve their teaching, since all the subjects have to be taught in English according to a government decision.

She would really like to return to Lukla for a longer period in order to work towards this evolution. We assure her of our heart-felt support !

PURSUING THE SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

With the financial support of the “Graine d’Espoir” (grain of hope) association and of Luklass, the NGO Action for Nepal supervised the construction of new apartments for the teachers at Lukla School. In all, 12 teachers will be able to benefit from this accommodation. The apartments have been built according to anti-seismic standards and are suitably insulated.

They were inaugurated in the presence of Anne-Sophie Capré (photo top of page) who represented Luklass association at this event. We thank her kindly for her commitment and her generosity !

Testimony of Krishna Kumari (adjacent photo) :

“Today, I can’t believe I have my own apartment with so much space. I have my own bedroom, and enough place for my activities, reading and writing. I would never have imagined living in such a lovely apartment.

I am so happy and can even invite my family when they want to come and see me. Before, that was just not possible with the lack of space.

These apartments really encourage us in our work, we work hard for the school children. We no longer need to walk for hours to go to the school every day.

We gain time that we can devote to education. In addition, we live in a community with the other teachers. We can help each other when necessary. I feel safe and protected.

Thank you to Luklass and to Graine d’Espoir who understand our problems and who help us with better accommodation !”



PURSUING THE CONSTRUCTED HERITAGE

The building works for the canteen of Chaurikharka School will start this month of November.

It happened that a piece of land between the school buildings and the dormitories for the school children could be purchased. It will enable the new school canteen to be located in an adapted and calm spot without disturbing the classes and the accommodation.

We had renounced on the original position for the canteen, because it would have restricted the extension of future buildings for the students and teachers.

The canteen will be able to welcome over 60 people, not counting the terrace for use in warm weather.

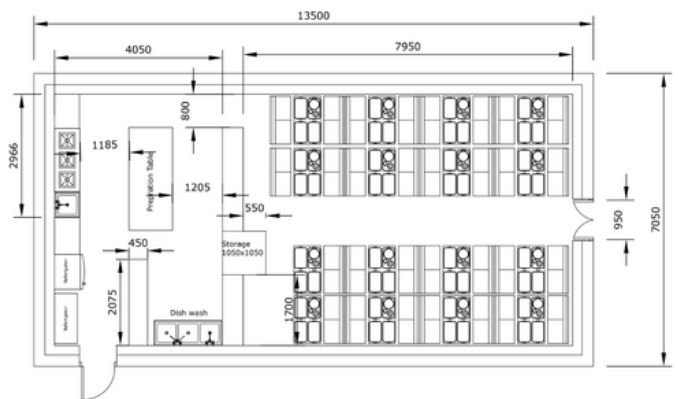
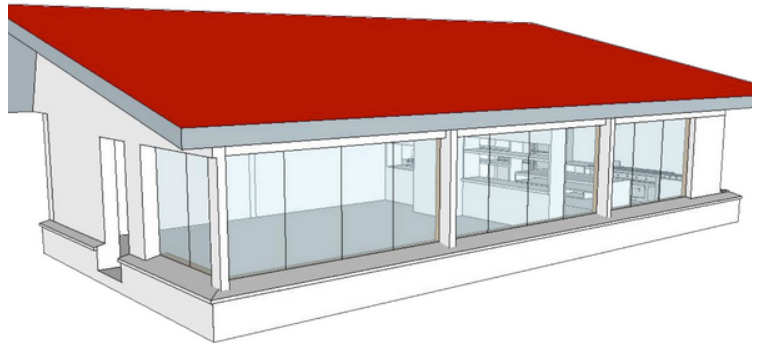
The photovoltaic solar installation at Chaurikharka must be reviewed completely and the batteries that have not functioned for a long time will be replaced. At the same time, the solar installation at Lukla, which was heavily damaged during a major thunderstorm last April, will have to be modernised. The relevant works will thus be coordinated between the two schools.

New accommodation for the teachers at Chaurikharka is being studied.

At the inauguration of the teachers' apartments at Lukla, the Chaurikharka School committee put forward a request for support of the construction of similar accommodation.

Indeed, the teachers live in very small rooms which lack any comfort.

We are currently planning the project, together with its budget.



Kitchen Dining Plan



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INTERACTION !

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19 h 30, vendredi
25 NOVEMBRE

CINÉ-CONCERT

SUR FILMS MUETS :

LE VAGABOND de Charlie Chaplin (1915)

CIEL, ROC ET GLACE de Denis Bertholet (1965)



IMPROVISATION AU PIANO PAR LUCAS BUCLIN



HOMMAGE À DENIS BERTHOLET

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