Khanday: Hope – One child, and one generation at a time

In the last decade, Khanday village has had two massive landslides which destroyed much of the local barley and buckwheat fields and displaced about 80% of the inhabitants. The Khanday people have lost most everything in their lives, but what they cherish most of all is their school. With the support of Sun Valley (Idaho) ‘villagers’ and students, Khanday will have a new school in 2007. About a dozen of CAI matriculated students in Khanday are now teachers, nurses, in the military, an engineer and more. Thanks!

The literacy rate in Hushe valley is about 15%, up from 5% a decade ago. With your support, in the next generation we hope to raise that up to 40% and in two generations up to 80%.

UNICEF estimates there are about 145 million children in the world (age 5-14) that are deprived of education due to ignorance, hatred, racism, gender discrimination, religious extremism, poverty, slavery and much more. In the third world, it only cost about $1 per month per child for a child to get an education – as is the case with the approximately 24,000 students supported by CAI. A penny buys a pencil, and the uniforms in the photo cost about $3-4 each.

Photo: Ghulam Parvi 2006
Khanday Schoolgirls with new uniforms
Hushe Valley, Karakoram Mountains, Pakistan

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