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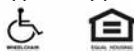
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SUPER SHERPA. Apa Sherpa, center, hands over a computer to Chakra Karki, a representative of a school in Dhuske, Okhaldhunga district, Kathmandu, Nepal. In the past few weeks, members of Sherpa's foundation and trekkers have hiked to six schools to drop off supplies. They also distribute supplies to monasteries. (AP Photo/Niranjan Shrestha)

Famed Sherpa climber helps Nepal kids reach greater heights

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Sherpas are the first to reach Everest each climbing season and the last to leave. They set up the camps, carry the equipment, and cook the food for climbing parties. Most importantly, they fix the ropes and ladders over the crevasses and icefalls that enable mountaineers to scale the peak.

The work has earned the Sherpas prestige, as well as income far above average wages in Nepal. Experienced guides like Sherpa who take climbers all the way to the top of Everest make \$10,000 or more, while porters or cooks at mountaineers' camps average between \$3,000 and \$5,000 during their three months of work. That's a huge amount compared to Nepal's \$1,035 annual per capita income.

Sherpa himself was able to move to the U.S. state of Utah in 2006 so that his children could have a better education. But Sherpas also bear the largest brunt of the danger and death that go hand-in-hand with the industry. In 2014, 16 Sherpa guides were buried by an avalanche on Everest as they carried supplies. The following year, another 10 were among those killed when an earthquake triggered an avalanche that tore through Everest base camp.

After the 2014 disaster, Sherpas refused to work, prompting the government to introduce new rules for better wages, increasing insurance payouts, and improving rescue operations for Sherpas.

Sherpa himself had many near misses, having survived blizzards, frost-

bite, inadequate oxygen supplies, and the deaths of fellow mountaineers. Given a choice, he said, many Sherpas would probably never take up the work.

In the past few weeks, members of his foundation and trekkers have hiked to six schools to drop off supplies. They also distribute supplies to monasteries. As Buddhists, Sherpas often send their children to live and study at monasteries, a tradition that also relieves parents of the burden of having to feed and educate them at home.

In addition to making sure children have access to school, there is also the issue of ensuring teachers are hired. Of the eight teachers the government says are needed at the village school in Thame, it says it can only afford to hire three.

Sherpa's foundation helps to pay the salaries of another five teachers who have not been formally hired.

"It is really difficult to find qualified teachers to move to remote villages and we don't have enough money to pay all their salaries," said Khagendra Shrestha, the chief education officer for the district in charge of Thame.

Sherpa's foundation mostly collects funds from donations, talks, dinners, and screenings. Last year, it raised \$80,000. It also has sponsorship from outdoor equipment supplier Thule thanks to Sherpa's fame.

"Apa's vision was that he wanted the children to have a choice through education," said foundation board member Valerie Littleton. "He is very passionate about giving back to the country he loves."

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