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### **We Know Where We're Going!**

We thank everyone for their input on where and when to go on our next Education Experience Trip and... we know where we are going!

Do you want to join us?

OEF has over 1,200 schools in 11 countries...and we are taking a trip to visit some of them in July 2014. We will announce the trip destination in July...stay tuned!

Want to learn more? Email: [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and we will put you on the list to get trip updates. What can you expect on our trip?

Take a quick video vacation to learn more.

<http://www.opportunityeducation.org/videos/load/ugandashort/>



## Just Add It To Your Favorite...

list of websites. You might not have time before the year ends to utilize the growing list of resources we provide to help promote letter writing both as a fun and "standard" fulfilling activity. Just save these links to your favorites and refer to it anytime you need help with a letter idea or global education goal.

[Click Here for Letter Ideas & Resources](#)

[Click Here for Letter Lesson Plans](#)

We also have two options to stay up to date with our international pen pal program.

**OPTION 1:** Unable to get on Facebook? No worries.

[Just CLICK HERE for our Sister School Blog.](http://opportunityeducation.wordpress.com/)

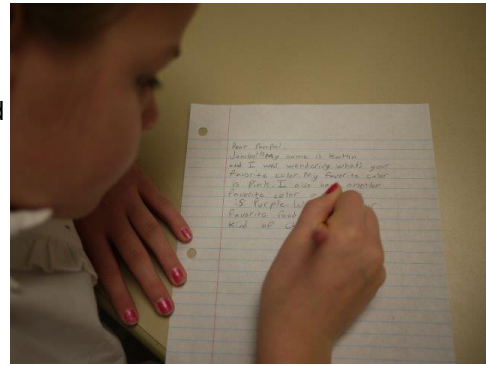
**OPTION 2:** To keep up with our "Friends" - we also have a Facebook page just for you!

[Click Here for Facebook Page](#)

Both the Sister School Blog and Facebook offer interesting ideas, stories, and links to help generate enthusiasm and discussion about education and integrating pen pal letters into your mission and curriculum.

Simply "Like" us and we will randomly select winners who show up on our Facebook page for a gift certificate drawing!

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## Do You Have Pen Pals in Ghana?

We leave June 14th with a diverse and talented group of people to visit OEF schools in Ghana. If you have a pen pal school in Ghana and would like to send letters or something special to your pen pals, we will personally deliver it to your school. Contact [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and we will make arrangements for a special delivery to your pen pals in Ghana.



## Miracles Do Happen

OEF offers great resources on our website to help you learn more about our operations and mission. The universal impact of education offers the best hope for our world. This video features an inspiring educator who strives to serve all those who come seeking an education.

<http://www.opportunityeducation.org/videos/miraclesdohappen/>

<http://youtu.be/p9jkryGZ8-g>



## Start Writing to This School Now!

### Shree Shankha Devi Secondary School in Nepal

Want a quick start to a pen pal partnership? We have pen pal letters in our office from Shree Shankha Devi Secondary School in Nepal.

Think your school is over-crowded. This school currently has 14 teachers using 10 classrooms for 565 students from pre-school to grade 10.

Aside from meager assistance from the village and government aid for teachers' salaries, the school has no regular source of income. Shree Shankha Devi Secondary School has many challenges.

It needs laboratory equipment for science classes, fencing or walls to help keep grazing cattle away, and a larger playground.

While it may be poor in school resources, it is rich in student enthusiasm to learn. The beautiful location of the school could literally take your breath away, as the high altitude only adds to the stunning landscape.

Shree Shanka welcomes opportunities to create sister school relationships.- email [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and you can start writing today!

If you already have a pen pal, refer a friend to our [OEF Pen Pal](#) link.

If you would like a different school, simply email [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and note what grade you would like to write to and we can get you writing, right away!



## Welcome New Schools



Welcome West Orange Cove in Orange, Texas. We also thank two sister schools already in our program that have signed up for new schools - Elkhorn Middle School in Elkhorn, NE and Jack Robey Jr. High in Arkansas. We appreciate all our schools' commitment to our pen pal program!

## **Featured Sister School & Gift Certificate Winner**

Congrats to Mrs. Gabriela Davila  
at St. Joseph's School in El Paso, Texas!

On behalf of your pen pals from Nepal,  
thank you and congrats on winning  
our monthly drawing for schools that send letters.

Want to win next month? Just email  
[schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org)  
after you mail your letters and you are entered to win!



## **Need Help Finding Your Sister School?**

Whether you need the name, address, or mailing instructions...  
you can find it on our website or by emailing:  
[schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org)



## **Refer A Friend and Get a Gift Certificate!**

[CLICK HERE](#) to share a link to refer your friends!

**Click Here for OEF Sister  
School Search Link**

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