



into action, working with men and women in a remote community to turn a disused pond into a thriving fish-For most of us it's simply a saying, but Caritas Nepal, supported by Caritas Australia, has put these words raising business so that together they can share food for life.

just enough food for their families. Unemployment is high, and few people have the skills to develop new Life in rural Nepal is difficult. Many people are poor, and survive by farming small plots of land, growing businesses Mother-of-three Sarita attended school until grade eight, making her one of the most educated women in her village. Yet her family still struggled to survive. They were not able to grow enough food on their small family farm. "With the produce from the land we did not meet our food and basic needs," Sarita explains.

With hard work and dedication they have developed a hugely successful business which now produces So when the Kolkatla Fish Raising Group was introduced in her community eight years ago, Sarita was one of the first to join. The Fish Raising Group of eight men and four women learnt how to run a successful business breeding and selling fish. With a low-interest loan, along with training and equipment, they leased a natural 8,000 kilos of fish a year, most of which is sold at nearby markets. pond.

"The program has provided our family with good health and hope," says Sarita. "And it has become a platform is proud that she can now afford to educate her children, so that they will be able to create their own futures. A steady income has enabled Sarita's family to buy more land where they raise animals and grow fruit. She for the unity and growth of the community."

Sarita's story was shared during Project Compassion 2015. Visit <u>www.caritas.org.au/schools</u> for more resources.

