São Paulo

The question is, how did we lose the focus on being human? How did we lose the focus on peace that we have always admired and turn it to one of destroying each other? It’s never too late! That’s what awakening is. If we can fight with such devastation, we can also have peace with remarkable results.

Taylor’s University, Malaysia

When you were first learning to walk, you failed, but you didn’t accept failure. Finally, you started walking, and that was no ordinary feat. What did you do for yourself? You unlocked the world.

Now when you fail, you accept failure. That’s the only difference. Knowing the good in you and not accepting failure is the core. That is the foundation of emotional strength, physical strength, mental strength! That’s what clarity is.

British Film Institute, UK

As human beings, we never lose the ability to have compassion. We never lose the ability to better ourselves. There is a lot of good in this world, but maybe we are not on the right track. If we don’t want to let the cycle of destruction continue, the only way is to break it—not get used to it.

Sebokeng, South Africa

Most people think that forgiveness is accepting someone’s mistake. That’s not forgiveness. Forgiveness is not setting the perpetrator free; it is setting yourself free from the perpetrator. You are no longer a victim. The day you decide to move on—that’s forgiveness. And that’s the kind of forgiveness that is needed not only in South Africa but in the world today.

Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

Peace is in people, not in things. When peace illuminates every human being, there will be real peace. Who makes war? People! And who needs peace? People! Everyone has war in them and everyone has peace in them, anger and forgiveness. Which ones do we practice? Practice peace, and peace will be mankind’s finest achievement.
I am proud and humbled to be part of the vision of TPRF and its founder.

As I look back on 2016, I am inspired to see how much has happened in every area of the Foundation’s work in just one year.

**The Peace Education Program (PEP)** is becoming self-propelling, in a wide variety of populations from universities to police officers, seniors, and abused women. By the end of 2016, PEP had been presented in 71 countries.

It has also been having a remarkable impact in prisons. The Correctional Services Departments of South Africa and Ghana have approved PEP for implementation in all their prisons.

**Food for People** provided children and ailing adults close to 400,000 meals in 2016 alone. The number of meals served in Nepal doubled with the addition of two new schools badly damaged by the 2015 earthquake. The Ghana facility has added a new school to their program, and the local school built 3 new classrooms to accommodate increased enrollment. With regular nutritious food, all the Otinibi School students who took the tenth grade School Leaving Exam, passed it.

Most of all, it is so encouraging to see the heartfelt response of so many people to Prem Rawat’s message of personal peace that forms the core purpose of TPRF. In 2016, TPRF sponsored peace-centric events in South America, Europe, Southeast Asia, and Africa. I have been able to attend several of them and to see firsthand the commonality of people from different cultures and situations.

**As human beings, there is such hope in the understanding that peace is within reach, right inside each person, wherever or whoever they are.**

– Daya Rawat
For the last 15 years, TPRF has sponsored events with its founder to promote the understanding of individual peace as the basis for world peace. This year was no exception, as TPRF supported forums with diverse groups of people in Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America.

**United Kingdom: British Film Institute**
TPRF partnered with the Tutu Foundation UK to co-host an event at the British Film Institute in London with Prem Rawat and a distinguished panel of leading voices in law enforcement and criminal justice. Their discussion highlighted the potential of the Peace Education Program (PEP) to reduce inmate recidivism and associated costs. The event featured a screening of *Inside Peace*, an award-winning documentary film that chronicles how PEP has had a profound impact on the lives of inmates in Texas.

**Côte d’Ivoire: Gathering of Kings**
This forum brought together hundreds of chiefs, kings, and government officials in the West African nation of Côte d’Ivoire to consider the theme of “Traditional Wisdom in Service to Peace.” The event at the prestigious Palais de la Culture focused on cultivating long-term peaceful solutions to this conflict-ridden country. In honor of Prem Rawat’s 50 years of peace advocacy, the Chamber of Kings and Chiefs designated him as an honorary chief and citizen of the ancient former capital city of Grand Bassam.
Malaysia: Taylor’s University

At Taylor’s University in Malaysia, Prem Rawat spoke to students, professors, and staff, followed by a lively question-and-answer session with students participating in TPRF’s Peace Education Program. Several students commented on how insightful the event was. “He reminded us that we are human beings. Being alive is something very special, and it is the most valuable gift,” said Taylor’s University student Saw Kai Xuan.

Brazil: Explosion of PEP

Prem Rawat spoke in the city of São Paulo to nearly a thousand Peace Education Program participants and facilitators who came to the event from around the country. He reinforced several of the same themes that are emphasized in the PEP workshops, encouraging people to tap into their own sense of inner strength as they navigate life’s challenges. Governmental and NGO leaders interested in the program also attended.

Volunteers are making PEP programs available in a wide array of settings across Brazil: in prisons, universities, law enforcement, clinics, senior centers, and corporations, as well as government, civic, and cultural centers.
The Food for People (FFP) kitchens in India, Nepal, and Ghana have continued to thrive, as have the students and elderly who eat there. The provision of one nutritious meal in the local cuisine has proved to be a life changer, not just for those served but for their entire villages.

**Nepal**

FFP Nepal served 189,220 meals in 2016 to 1,238 students from seven area schools. In this extremely poor area where no one went beyond grade seven before the opening of FFP, 92 students graduated from grade 10 in 2016. Of those, 90 passed the state School Leaving Exam, all with grades exceeding the national average, and all of them went on to grade 11. This is a stunning phenomenon for indigenous areas of Nepal and continues to attract attention from education officials.
Ghana

FFP in Otinibi, Ghana serves a culturally and geographically different area from the one in Nepal, but the results are on a similar trajectory. The Otinibi school has doubled its student population, necessitating the addition of three new classrooms. In mid-2016, students from the nearby Aisha Bint Khalifa School, many of whom are orphans, joined the program.

While hunger debilitates, nutritious food clearly opens many doors. Improved health of the children is illustrated by their now joyful participation in sports, an area that had suffered from the lack of energy experienced by many potential athletes. In 2016, 100 percent of the tenth graders taking the national School Leaving Exam passed the test, making it possible for them to go on to higher education.

in its first decade, FFP has provided 2,183,293 meals for children and ailing adults.
TPRF’s Peace Education Program (PEP) was introduced in July of 2012 as a pilot project. A multimedia course with ten themed videos and supplementary print materials, it has helped thousands of people to explore their own inner resources and potential for individual peace.

The demand has been growing beyond all expectations. Enthusiasm was contagious, as the feedback from the first participants spread. Participants became volunteer facilitators in order to offer the program to people in their own areas of interest. Both civic and government organizations began to see the potential of the program for their constituents.

In 2016 over 9,000 people participated in 779 Peace Education Programs in 59 countries. PEP was available in 26 languages. Organizations using the program include educational institutions, community centers, veterans groups, police and law enforcement organizations, adult learning centers, and health and wellness groups, to name just a few.
here is what PEP participants have to say…

“This course is so good for the heart. It is about the real things that matter the most in life.”

JAA Wetter Juvenile Detention Center, Wetter, Germany

“This has helped me during my chemo and recovery. It helped me to find the joy within myself, peace, acceptance, and appreciation of imperfection.”

Cancer Support Center, Westlake Village, CA

“I really enjoyed the Peace Education Program. It makes me appreciate that I exist now. As a result, it has enriched my inner soul and daily life!”

International Women’s Assn. of Prague, Czech Republic

“It is true: you can find inner peace, even in prison.”

Adelaide Women’s Prison, Australia

“Dignity is one of those things that goes hand in hand with peace. It took me being incarcerated to find this peace.”

Florida Men’s Prison, Orlando, FL

“PEP helped me recognize that I am a human being. Now I know the tremendous power I have inside for creating my own happiness and fulfillment, and I am committed to produce love and peace around me.”

Professional Printers Center, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

“PEP has given me the tools to unlock the potential in me. You have given me hope and an appreciation for joy that I will carry for the rest of my life.”

Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, Clinton, New Jersey

“A wonderful reminder for a hospice worker that it is all about the process between the bookends of life and death.”

Staff member, Evergreen Hospice Center, WA

“This addresses anybody who has a wish to focus on their own human resources and find inner peace and balance.”

Adult Education Class, Copenhagen, Denmark

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“I would like to thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the development of workplace peace culture.”

Professional Printers Center, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

“This is the most important experience of my life.”

Professional Printers Center, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
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TPRF’s revenue and expense trends over the last fifteen years...

Through 2016, over 11,000 unique donors have contributed $25.5 million to support TPRF programs and initiatives. Of these, 2,600 regular monthly, quarterly, or annual donors have provided a median donation of $40.
The Prem Rawat Foundation (TPRF) addresses the fundamental human needs of food, water, and peace so that people can live with dignity, peace, and prosperity.

Inspired by Prem Rawat’s vision that peace is both an inner resource and an innate right and that world peace must be built upon personal peace, TPRF co-sponsors forums introducing his message to community and civic leaders. The Foundation has also developed a Peace Education Program (PEP) that provides people with materials to explore inner peace in group settings or individually.

The Foundation’s Food for People program has been successful in helping to reverse the downward cycle of poverty for villages near Bantoli, India; Tasarpu, Nepal; and Otinibi, Ghana. The aim is to give people a second chance in life while respecting their dignity and their local culture.