

# Newsletter July 2019

## CWA Kinderheim in Pokhara, Nepal

Dear Friends and Supporters of CWA Children's Home

We are very happy to send you this newsletter directly from the CWA Children's Home. We have been back in Nepal for three weeks now and have been able to work a lot with the children.

### New resident in our Home

Since the beginning of June, a new boy joined the CWA Children's Home Family - Prabin Thapa is eight years old and comes from the neighboring village of Sarangkot. His mother left three years ago and his alcoholic father disappeared six months ago. Since then, several families in the village had been taking care of Prabin, but he only occasionally attended school. Eventually, the youth welfare office was informed, and they prepared the appropriate documents to submit a request for Prabin's admission in our Home.

Prabin was admitted and he quickly found new friends in our Home. He now also attends school with the other kids on a regular basis.



### Change at the hostel

This spring, Binod [20] and Bibek [18] passed their 10th grade exams. Both passed with good marks and at the end of June, moved into our hostel. There they are currently living with Santosh and Bishal.

Binod and Bibek both have started a two-year educational training at a College for Hotel Management.

### Nepali New Year 2076



Mid-April the new Nepali calendar year started. Meanwhile, the new school year has also started. All children passed their final exams and were transferred to the next class. Most were able to keep their grades at a good level. Now also our little 4-year old Roshani attends preschool. Here she proudly presents her school uniform.

### Expansion of farming activities

The additional fields developed and readied for farming in the spring are now being cultivated. The first tomatoes have already been harvested from the new greenhouse. In the summer holidays, the older boys started to dig out the fishpond.



Pokhara suffered heavy hailstorms in May, destroying most of the seedlings and the entire corn crop. As the rainy season started late this year, the children could help planting the rice during their summer holiday. That was fun for everyone.

### Renewed "Grade A" award and audit

For the fourth year in succession, the CWA Children's Home has been awarded "Grade A" by the relevant authorities. Meanwhile, the CWA Home in Gandaki Province counts as the best run home (out of 69 Children's Homes). The success we achieved was only possible with the support of our sponsors and through the excellent work of our management team.

Regardless of the classification by the Nepali authorities, we ourselves check all records and accounts of the Children's Home on a regular basis. We can attest to 2018 being another year of flawless bookkeeping and transparency by the management team.



### Our stand at the Basel Autumn Fair Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Thanks to the volunteer work of many, our participation in the Basel Autumn Fair in St. Peter's Square was a great success last year. We are very happy to have received a confirmation for this year too so that we can again sell beautiful Nepali handicrafts for our Children's Home. If you want to support us with sales activities, you are welcome to contact us.

We are, of course, very happy with every visitor to our stand.



### Visit from Riehen, Switzerland

At the beginning of July, two families from Riehen (our hometown in Switzerland) visited our Children's Home where they stayed in our guesthouse - the [Happy Sedi Lodge](#). These guests, the Home's children and us went on a short trek to Dhampus, at an altitude of 1,660m. Although this is the monsoon period and the clouds blocked a perfect view of the 8,000-meter high Annapurna Range, young and old greatly enjoyed trekking through the gorgeous nature.





Turkish Airlines offers each of our mediated travellers to Nepal to bring 10kg of extra luggage for the Children's Home. Thanks to the support of the two visiting families, an additional 100 kg of children's clothing, shoes and games –all in good condition—were delivered to the home. Thanks too for the many donations of clothes and contributions in kind in Switzerland!

With a qualified management team and well-trained staff, we have over the last few years accomplished scores of advances for the benefit of needy children in Nepal. All this has been achieved with the great support of our sponsors - many thanks for that!



We wish you a nice summer and send you greetings from Nepal

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