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CWA Children's Home in Pokhara, Nepal

At the end of March, the school year ended and the children had to prove their knowledge with the final exam. Most children were able to maintain their good position and some could improve. Only Niruta failed one subject, but passed to the next class nevertheless. Now she receives extra tutoring for this subject.

After two weeks of holiday the Nepali New Year 2075 started in the middle of April and thus also the new school year. The children are all looking forward to school and to learning diligently. Rojina, the youngest child in our Home (who is only 3 years old), and who was admitted in our Home last fall, will from this point onwards, daily be attending pre-school.

We are happy to introduce to you two new girls who, these last few weeks, have found a new family in our Children's Home. Ajina (left) is 8 years old and comes from the vicinity of Pokhara. Her father has for years been out of contact and her mother has passed away. Ajina lived with her grandmother, who recently disappeared without a trace. Villagers notified the police who handed Ajina over to the Youth Welfare Office.

Puja is 6 years old and comes from the Parbat district. According to the admission documents, her mother died and the father left the family two years ago. Puja also lived in the care of her grandmother, who however, is addicted to alcohol and sent her granddaughter out begging. Puja only occasionally went to school and was taken to child care by a 'Child Right Officer'.

The youth welfare office (called the District Child Welfare Board in Nepal) requested the CWA-Home to accept these two girls. Both are healthy and well. They immediately made friends with other children and are already well integrated. Since last week they also attend school.

Bijay, our manager at the Children's Home, informed us that the youth welfare office has already requested admission for two more girls. Currently their documents are being processed.

Five teenagers will leave our Home this year. Dikshya will finish the two-year college she is attending and is looking for a job to support her family. Sophia will move in with her mother in Bhaktapur, where she will continue her bachelor's degree in business management. Mamata has to finish another year of training as a laboratory assistant. She too will move in with her mum and continue to attend college from there.

Likewise, Bishal and Santosh will leave the Home after completing Grade 10. Bishal will move to his sister's family and Santosh is expected to share a room with a fellow student in the city. Both will be supported by us until completing their two-year college education.

In March, Peter visited the Children's Home for three weeks. He checked all CWA-Home's invoices and receipts for the year 2017. The effort to work through 12 folders of data is formidable, but for the financial transparency of the organization absolutely essential. Like in previous years, Peter has not found any accounting complaints for the year 2017.



Peter also started to set up the 'Disaster Rooms'. Above the underground water tank, a special room will be equipped with all the necessary tools to prepare for future natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods or landslides. The tents have been ordered, and blankets, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and battery-powered solar lamps have already been purchased.



A water filter, salvage tools, cooking and eating utensils and a food supply for 4 weeks will follow. With a sealing machine, all sensitive articles/products will be hermetically sealed to protect them from the high humidity in the monsoon season.

The emergency program also includes several exercises in “best practices” in the event of another earthquake. Peter has practiced this program several times with the staff and the children, so that in case of emergency, everyone knows how to protect themselves. This way, we hope that panic can be avoided in an emergency.



From the middle of June, we will both be in Nepal for eight weeks and continue our work in the Children's Home. In cooperation with George, Barbara will continue to expand the workshop, and Peter will focus on finishing the emergency room.

In collaboration with Bijay and Ganesh, our organic farmer, plans have been drawn up to build an extra greenhouse; to expand the biogas plant; and to investigate how best to expand the land under cultivation in order to produce more fruit and vegetables. Last year, we were able to harvest 90% of the vegetables we needed from our own garden. Only rice, potatoes and onions had to be added to from outside.



During the summer we will go for excursions and trips with the children again. In July, we once again plan the 'big party' celebrating the birthday of all children.

And naturally, we are looking forward to meet the children again and especially to get acquainted with the new CWA family members, Ajina and Puja.

We wish all friends and supporters of the CWA Children's Home a beautiful spring time and send our best regards



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