



Newsletter November 2017

CWA Children's Home, Pokhara, Nepal

We are very pleased to once more send you the latest updates from the CWA Children's Home through this newsletter and to report on our work.

The annual birthday party

In June, shortly before our return from Nepal we celebrated the annual birthday party of all children. This is always a special occasion for all of them. This year too we spent the morning in an outdoor pool. After a fortifying snack, in the afternoon the children enjoyed themselves with games in which they played for points for their respective teams. Then a knowledge quiz was held and afterwards everyone enjoyed a special dinner and a delicious birthday cake.

A review

As for now, Barbara and me have been back in Switzerland for almost five months and have taken up all the amenities and obligations in the Western world. With great joy, we look back at our 10-month stay in the Children's Home and the time we spent with the children. In addition to expanding the existing organization and to training the staff-members, we were able to focus our attention on initiating the education of skills (to the children) and to establish the necessary structures to make this possible. The children participate enthusiastically and create great games and objects that give them a lot of pleasure.

Information and photos on the website

At the September GM of our association we presented our work and the situation of the children, detailing all with many photos. To make this presentation available to all who support us, it was recorded with the simplest of means and talked in German. The presentation takes about 40 minutes and can be accessed through this [link](#).

Thanks to the tremendous effort of Lorenz Peter, who has maintained our website for years on a voluntary basis, a new photo gallery has been created containing 12 categories that hold more than 800 photos related to our Home. Click this [link](#) to go directly to this photo gallery.

New Admission in the Children's Home

Two weeks ago a little girl with the name of Roshani was admitted to the Children's Home - she is a mere 2½ years of age and was going through hard times. She lived alone with her mother without permanent accommodation and the father had deserted the family. Roshani was kidnapped by traffickers, but was rescued by the police and brought back to her mother.

She then abandoned her daughter in a forest where the little girl spent a few days alone before being found by forest workers.

Since her mother has no permanent residence and could not be found anymore, we were requested by the local youth welfare office to admit Roshani in our Home. The picture shows her with a staff member after her arrival at the Home.



Together with Roshani 29 children 2½ to 19 years of age now live in the Home. Besides our resident children, we support 17 children from the surrounding area by sponsoring the school costs, medical care and sometimes staple food.



Disaster Risk Management

We would like to draw your attention to our current disaster risk reduction project. In recent years, Nepal has been hit several times by natural disasters like earthquakes, landslides and floods. As the disastrous experiences show, existing state institutions lack proper functioning crisis management structures. Therefore, a dedicated and tailored emergency aid program is urgently needed. On request, we will gladly send you a detailed description of this project.



Upcoming markets and their dates

This year we brought various new products from Nepal. Among the products you can purchase, for the first time, the art created by the children in the workshops. We will attend the winter market of Saturday, December 2nd in the village of Riehen. On Saturday, December 9, we will conduct a big Christmas market in our garage at Grenzacherweg 155 in Riehen. As always, all proceeds from the sales will go straight to the Children's Home.



News from Nepal

Heavy monsoon rains have caused major floods in many parts of Southeast Asia this year. Besides Bangladesh and northern India, southwestern Nepal has been hit hard. Whole villages have been washed away and rice crops destroyed. Over 200,000 people have lost their homes, and in Nepal more than 300 people have lost their lives and many are still missing.

Since it is very rare that government aid reaches remote areas, our manager Bijay has, together with two other Children's Homes, organized direct relief supplies. In the village of Narainapur in the Banke District, many families have lost all their belongings. We supplied clothing, food and medicine to them. The Gangapur Primary School was severely damaged and we gave new writing materials, exercise books and school bags to their 200 children so that their schooling could resume.



After the floods and the destruction of many cultivated areas in the south of Nepal, further substantial price rises are expected. The forecast of a 15 % rate of inflation for this year will certainly be exceeded. For the coming year, an increase in the cost of living of 20 – 25 % is currently expected.

The new challenges do not keep us from continuing our work for the needy children in Nepal. With a skilled management team and well-trained staff, we have - over the last few years - made many advances for the benefit of needy children in Nepal. All this has been achieved with the great support of you, our sponsors - many thanks for all your support!

We wish you a happy Advent and a Merry Christmas and send you our greetings

Barbara Rentsch und Peter Vecker

