

Newsletter October 2018

CWA Children's Home in Pokhara, Nepal

In this newsletter we are very happy to again send you up-to-date information from the CWA Children's Home as this summer we spent seven weeks in Nepal continuing our volunteer work.

New children in the Home

So far, four girls have been newly admitted this year. The 6 year old Puja and 8 year old Ajina both lived with their grandma's who sent them out begging and did not sent them to school. Rejina [11 years of age] worked as a housemaid in a family. Her father is unknown and the mother is unbalanced. Rejina also did not attend school regularly.

Aliya became 11 years old only in July. Her father had died of kidney failure and her mother has severe thyroid disease and diabetes and can neither work nor really care for her daughter.

Fortunately, at this moment, the girls are already quite well integrated into our Home and have made new friends while they regularly join all the other children in attending school.

Change in the hostel

This summer there was change in the hostel. Dikshya, Mamata and Sophia have finished their college education. Dikshya has moved out and shares a room in Pokhara with a friend while working in a hotel. Mamata has completed her training as a laboratory assistant and now has another year of internships to attend. Sophia moved back in with her mother in Kathmandu and will study business management there.

Santosh and Bishal have, on the other hand, moved into the hostel. After completing the 10th grade, both now attend a college specializing in science. They are very much looking forward to their joint living quarters under the aegis of the Children's Home's management. Very happy about their independence, they invited us to a dinner - prepared by themselves - before we left the Home.

Disaster Risk Management

A major focus of our work in the summer was the completion of the disaster risk reduction project. We properly trained the children and staff on how to behave appropriately in the event of a disaster. We were able to complete the 'Survival Room' setup. And after labeling all tent poles in a for speed-building conducive manner, we practiced building the tents, with all staff members taking part in the drill. Now we are hopefully well equipped and prepared for possible future natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods or landslides.

Extension of agriculture

Currently, a project for extending the amount of available land for agriculture is planned. The property of the Children's Home comprises another 400 square meters of land strewn with rocks and boulders left there after the road construction, which up till now could not be used practically. By removing the stones and adding good potting soil, we presently want to make this land available for cultivation.



We also have plans to construct a pond with the idea to biologically breed fish in it. And in order to grow vegetables in the rainy season particularly, the purchase of two more greenhouses is planned.

The expansion of agricultural activity is an important part of increasing the self-sufficiency of our Children's Home.

To support our farming team, we hired Bimal (who is a former CWA-Home child). After graduation, Bimal worked two years in Dubai but was not very happy there. Now he has found his way back to his homeland.

Our stand at the Basel Autumn Fair, October 27th to November 13th

After in May receiving a refusal of our request, we have after all been assigned a stand at the Herbstmesse [Autumn Fair] in the Peterplatz in Basel. We have received the confirmation at short notice only, because a previous exhibitor has died.

Preparations for the Fair are running at full speed. We are very happy to be given the chance to present the CWA Children's Home to a broad public and to hopefully be able to sell as many products from Nepal as possible for the benefit of our CWA projects. The sales team of volunteers is almost complete and left are only small gaps in the deployment plan. Anyone interested in supporting our sales effort at the Fair, feel free to contact us. We of course look forward to lots of visitors to our stand.

The current situation in Nepal / price increases

According to the new constitution and the regional elections last fall, the federal structures for the administration of the new seven provinces are being created. This is happening so fast in Nepal that no workplaces have yet been created for the many new government employees, even though they are already employed and are receiving their wages.

In order to make these spendings possible, various taxes were increased and new ones created. That drives up prices even further. At this moment, price increases are expected to top 24 % for the current year. We too had to adjust our budget for the maintenance of the Children's Home accordingly.

With our qualified management team and well-trained staff we have in recent years been able to realize much progress for the welfare of deprived and underprivileged children in Nepal.

This has only been possible with the great support of you, our sponsors - many thanks go out to you for your help!

We wish you a nice autumn and send you greetings from Switzerland

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