



Newsletter October 2016

CWA Children's Home in Pokhara, Nepal

We are very pleased to send this newsletter directly from the CWA Children's Home. We have been in Nepal for two months now, continuing our voluntary work here.

Our new children

One of our priorities is the integration of the eight new children, who have been admitted to the children's home since last fall. They all have had painful and bad experiences and need a lot of attention and further psychological care to deal with their traumas.



Sagar, Susmita, Pratik, Sanjeep, Kumari, Binaya, Simran, Milan – the eight new children in the home.

The workshop and workshop lessons

Immediately after our arrival, we realized the expansion of the workshop. In order for the workshops to be taught regularly, some rebuilding measures and additional work materials were still needed. The children are ubiquitously very happy learning in the workshop. In four separate groups, they have already sawn many stars and Christmas motifs with their fret saws from Switzerland. For the upcoming Tihar Festival (Festival of Light), they are now preparing lanterns made from local Nepali paper and our own bamboo.



The hostel

This summer, four teens from the Children's home have passed their 10th grade. Together with two girls who had finished school last year, they moved into our hostel in early August. They now have to buy, cook, clean and organize their daily lives by budget.

With a lot of support from the children home management team the six teenagers make their first steps into an independent life. They go to various colleges for training in different professions and attend extra 'computer', 'Montessori childcare' and 'cosmetics' training courses.



Sophia
(Business Management)

Dikshya
(Social Worker)

Meena
(Hotel Management)

Isha
(Teacher)

Mamata
(Labor-Assistant)

Pooja
(Hotel Management)

The annual birthday celebration

Last week we celebrated the birthday of all children with a big feast. As in previous years, we first went to the swimming pool. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a nice ice cream and we had team competitions in various games and a quiz.

After a special dinner, we finished the day with birthday cakes and then small presents for each child. All the children, but in particular the new children, were thrilled and thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful day.



More awards for CWA Children's Home

For the second year running the Department of Education awarded the children home the "Grade-A" status. The annual General Assembly was attended by many representatives of the authorities, and the CWA Children Home got lots of positive attention in the press too. The credit for this "Grade-A" award goes to all our staff but in particular to our manager Bijay. This achievement has been made possible only by the financial support of our donors! Thank you all.

The general situation in Nepal

Sadly, even 18 months after the earthquake, only little evidence of reconstruction can be found in the country. Many people, whose houses have been destroyed during the earth quake, have also spent the second rainy season under plastic tarpaulins and in makeshift tin huts. The USD 2000 in reconstruction money that has been promised to each affected family have not yet reached them.

For Nepali standards, this summer has been unusually hot. Rain did not bless the country in great amounts and it is feared that the rice crop will suffer greatly from the lack of water. This will drastically affect prices.

The National Bank of Nepal has reported an average price rise for all goods of 23% compared to last year. In all, living costs have doubled over the last five years in Nepal!

Yet, the new challenges we are confronted with do not keep us from continuing our work for needy children in Nepal. Together with our highly qualified management team and our well-trained staff, we have already attained many targets, over the last couple of years. We have --as an example-- been able to steadily increase our support to the 33 children that we presently give a home, and to support a further 17 children in the surroundings so that they can attend school and get medical care.

All this was achieved thanks to the great support of you, our sponsors - many warm thanks for this!



We wish you a beautiful, colorful autumn and send our greetings to you from Pokhara

Barbara Rentsch und Peter Vecker