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Dear Friends and Supporters of CWA Children's Home

This year we send our newsletter after arriving back from Nepal. We have had seven great weeks with the children at the home.

We were able to organise a lot and would like to inform you about the changes in the Home and about the situation after the earthquake.

### **Category A status granted to CWA Children's Home**

Government in Nepal has implemented a system in which children's homes and other organisations are being evaluated on the basis of 400 criteria, such as hygiene, financial transparencies of the organisation, good governance, therapeutical care of the children, qualification & training of the staff and organic farming. Last year we had been scaled in category B. This year, though, CWA has been classified as category A and we came second best of all 63 children's home in Kaski district. This is to the credit of our manager Bijay and all staff members and has only been made possible by the financial injections of our great supporters! Now it is our aim to establish and improve on this level.



### **Our annual birthday party**

This year too we celebrated the birthday of all our children with a big party. First we went swimming in the swimming pool. In the afternoon the children formed three teams to play competitive games and then ended with a quiz. Later on we all enjoyed a great dinner with birthday cake and the kids rejoiced at the small gifts. The birthday party is always a very special occasion for them.



### **Update on the children**

Fortunately, we can inform you that all children are healthy. The six children that were accepted in our Home last year have integrated well and are fine. Since the beginning of the school year in April, these new children have also started classes in the Balodaya Boarding School.

This year three girls attended final school examinations. Mamata passed and will start her three year training for laboratory assistant soon. Pooja and Isha had to resit some of their examinations and are still waiting for the results. They have received extra training and we hope that they will also have passed. Pooja's aim is to start training in hotel management and Isha would like to become a teacher. From October, these three young women will become the first residents of our new hostel.

### Staffchanges

In May Prem Sunar resigned from his job as accountant and administration officer in order to start his own business. To replace him Prakash Giri was hired. Prakash is a young man with excellent qualifications who by now has already been employed by us as homework teacher for four years. After finishing his studies he is now employed full time and lives in the home. Because of his presence, we have a man in the house and don't need to employ a night watch to guarantee safety at night.



Ganga Sunar has also left the organisation. For three years we have repeatedly called upon her to cooperate with the management team. Regretfully, she wasn't willing to do so. She became more and more dissatisfied with her situation and finally resigned from her post. To finance the education of her children we have given Ganga a compensation for her many years of effort.

The three young women - who are going to the hostel - will help in the kitchen and will help with cleaning the home. After moving into the hostel in autumn a new staff member will be employed.

### Running projects

Because Prem Sunar resigned from his job and moved to another place, a small house with four rooms has become vacant at our Home. After few changes to the building we will here establish the training workshop for our children. We have plans to later offer courses in electricity skills, photovoltaic knowledge and a women's workshop focused on producing Nepali handicrafts.

One week ago the big ground tank for rain water was finished and installed. After a thorough cleaning of the tank it is now being filled with rain water. We hope that in the next dry season this tank will provide sufficient water supplies for both Home and farming.

By the way, last year we have been able to supply 85 % of necessary vegetables for the children from our own organic farm! We were also in the position of enjoying our self-produced delicious oyster mushrooms, that are a welcome change on the daily menu of the children.

To improve production output of our biogas system we built a second plant next to the cow shed. In this way we try to increase the production of required cooking gas from 75 % of our own consumption to over 90 % in the near future. The aim of increasing our gas production is to reduce our dependency on never ending price rises of lpg cylinders.

The area for washing clothes behind the house is being reconstructed, as it was too small on wash days and the children would crowd together. We are therefore enlarging the space they have.



*the workshop-house*



*the new clothe washing place*



*cultured oyster mushrooms*

## The consequences of the earthquakes

It is very depressing to experience how little aid received by the government has reached the earthquake victims. The rampant corruption is extremely alarming.

People who lost their houses have been reimbursed with the staggering amount of NPR 15'000 (£ 90). This isn't even sufficient for buying corrugated iron covering their temporary houses.

Rumours abound that a part of international aid money has already been distributed among the leading political parties. There are daily reports of police seizing whole trucks of food, corrugated iron and tools from private persons and companies.



This monsoon the number of landslides seems to have gone up, probably caused by the earlier earthquakes. Recently, in a neighbouring village 12 people died, 18 houses were swept away and 3 bridges were destroyed by a huge landslide. 900 children can now only reach school by negotiating a 180 ft wide river by foot. After strong rains this river changes into a torrent that is very dangerous to pass. The government refused to build a provisional walk bridge for the people, on the grounds that they don't have enough money. Rather they plan a road bridge, which of course will not be ready within three years.

In order to improve the situation of these villagers and their children, CWA and the Children Home Network Kaski support them in building this highly needed walk bridge now.

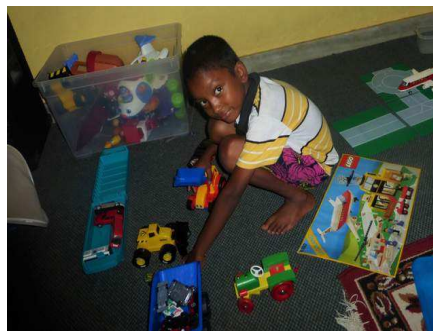


## Admission of new children

Up till now government did not give any permission to admit children from the earthquake areas. Regrettably, there was a big surge in child-trafficking from the epicentre and many children were put in newly established homes to earn money with them as 'token' orphans. Presently, 215 children have been rescued and reunited with their families in their home towns.

Now, four months after the earthquakes, the status of these children is being examined and the needy ones can be placed in appropriate homes.

As CWA is qualified, very soon we will welcome our first child, a seven year old boy coming from the earthquake's epicentre. Moreover, we will welcome further children referred to us by government.



## Lots of pleasure with new toys

Last year we sent from Switzerland a container containing solar equipment, 93 boxes packed with children's clothes, school and tinker items and also many games. As reported, unfortunately 70 boxes with clothes have been confiscated by customs.

However, to the joy of all children we could this summer assemble the tabletop football table and give them many of the donated games. Also the scooters were enthusiastically received. Both smaller and bigger children enjoyed the numerous plush toys. As musical highlight the donated drum set was put together and used immediately.



In the name of the children, all members of staff and us, we sincerely thank all sponsors for their valuable support to the CWA Children's Home.

Many greetings from Switzerland  
Barbara Rentsch, Peter Vecker and all the children

