

Thresh the Mountains (Isaiah 41:15)

NEPALI FAMILY PROJECT UPDATE

Political Chaos added to earthquake damage and a minor tremor today. Sadly, as we had predicted, food, fuel and transport have become very expensive due to the earthquake and also to a blockade of food, medicines and fuel caused by Indian border residents who feel disempowered by the new Constitution. India is making the best of the chaos for political purposes. School exams may not happen. Winter is coming. It will be a hard year for the poor. However, the good news!



The Blind students at Kagi Powaa

Land has been purchased thanks to a very generous donor and we are registering plans for the hostel for 35 blind and other disabled students only a few metres from the College. The almost blind organizer of the Creative Association for the Disabled (pictured left) received the AUD \$40,000 cheque for the land. It will be a wonderful improvement on the mud and rock dilapidated house that was destroyed in the earthquake. Plans proceed!

Sherpas triumph

Proud widowed mother Deborah (centre) who teaches school to children in the Pediatric Ward celebrates the double success of her daughter Priscilla (left) in passing her Nursing degree supported by Nepali Family Inc and in being appointed a tutor at Tansen Nursing School. Sister Rosie is employed as a teacher (paid by Nepali Family) at the school that our Silom children attend near the Hospital.



Town kids from Silom Hostel were taken to meet the very poor orphans at Chahara in West Palpa, a desertified area where we support 28 orphans with six in the new Hope House Hostel where we also stayed. After games and church worship, we all had a meal. Pastor's wife Sunita sent daughter Elisha and a friend to buy fresh eggs. We also met the Principal and the Chairman of the local school, where our assisted children are taught and trade training is also available.



Orphan children from Silom enjoy a day out and a picnic in the school holidays. Pabitra batted well. Boys played soccer with the town boys. Some are very skilled. (The girls then retired from play and sat and watched the boys.



The mid-year holiday season is over and all the children are back at school preparing for the end of year examinations on which their futures depend. We are working with teachers in various schools to improve the facilities in which they learn. We not only buy equipment and books but fund several teachers' salaries. Australian JCU 3rd year student teachers Emma Strong and Simone Miller are bringing new ideas to the school staff at Bhushaldanda (*Hospital area*) School where we fund teacher salaries. Senior teacher Kay Graham from Cairns has come especially to support English teachers, particularly at the St Capitanios Catholic School.

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