

2014

Newsletter no. 2 2014 from KMCH Support Group

Hello, Tashi Delek and Namaste

Annual meeting in KMCH Support Group

The annual meeting was held on March 30. As in previous years, we were in the Ekebyhov Castle on Ekerö. We were 12 persons at the meeting. The Board was re-elected and Pär Nord was elected as a new Member. He lives in Härnösand in the north of Sweden, but with good will and using modern technology it will work fine. The same is true with Caroline, who recently moved from Järna to Karlskrona in the south of Sweden.

The Board now has the following composition: Hans Alm (President and Secretary), Eddy Sandberg (Vice-President), Richard S (Treasurer), Peter Nord, Italo Pilotti and Kathrin Steinmetz (members) and Caroline Prising (substitute). We shall fight on the best of our ability to support the children of Humla. Unfortunately, we could not cope with a possible rule of gender balance on the Board. We in the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee are working on this and ask for tips from our donors. Some who feel called?

At the annual meeting, we thought of and honored Member Torsten Walander with a minute's silence. Torsten was one of our absolute greatest contributors. Without his support, we had for example neither dared nor been able to start the construction of the new school home. Torsten died in late February.

Thanks to the great gift-200 000 SEK- the day before Christmas Eve, as we informed of in the previous newsletter, our economy was very strong at the end of the year. However, if we ignore this gift and gifts from Torsten Walander we got less gifts during 2013 compared to the years before. This trend appears to continue in the current year. It's a trend we must try to turn.

Photo exhibition at Café Mariaberget

Tuesday, April 29, opens a photo exhibition with photos from Humla and from KMCHs projects there. The exhibition will be open until 11 May. On 8 May at 18:00 there will be an Open House. Then you can come and ask questions and hear when we inform about KMCHs activities and about the life of Humla. Please spread this information to friends and acquaintances.

We recommend lunch, dinner or coffee in a pleasant environment at the same time, as you can see our photos and maybe read a booklet that provides a bit more information than the short captions.

Cafe Mariaberget is located at Blecktornsgränd 4, Södermalm - Stockholm. Opening hours: Saturday and Sunday. 11:00-17:00, Tuesday to Friday. 11:00-18:00 (closed on Mondays.) See www.cafemariaberget.se

Board trip to Humla in summer

Summer 2011 the men of the board of KMCH SG visited Humla. This summer, it's time again. This time, we five guys will be joined by three members. We look forward to see the children again and see everything that has happened since we were there in 2011. Then we dragged stone for the new school home and had our campsite where the greenhouse and kitchen garden is today. The school home is now materialized with two floors and eight rooms.



Dragging of stones in July 2011



After the volleyball match in July 2011

With the strengthening of three members — all younger than we guys of the board – we hope to be able to give the monks at the monastery a better resistance in volleyball than last time we were there. I'm guessing that the monks are training hard now.

News from Humla

The children have been back from the winter break for some weeks and the school work is in full swing as well as some of the investments in the investment plan for this year.

Chembal announces that the bunk beds for all children soon will be ready and that they already have started to build the Assembly Hall. When we get there in July, they've hopefully already completed the Assembly Hall. Both these projects are included in this year's investment plan. This plan also includes stoves for heating the rooms in the hostel. It's tough to both live and sleep without heating in times when it is below freezing outside.



It is growing fast in the greenhouse and the kids get vegetables to all meals. The goat and the kid are doing well and the children also can taste some fresh milk from the goat.



HIDDEN HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

This is the name of a travel agency in Nepal that Chembal plans to start. Chembal gets no salary from the KMCH and must think of his and also on the future livelihoods of some children when they finished school. An alternative could be a travel agency. There will be a concentration on hikes in the Humla, maybe even walks around Kailash. Everything is still just plans, but hopefully it can

turn to be reality. There are journeys that we highly recommend for reasonable trained travelers.

Approved recipient

Now the Tax Authorities has approved KMCH Support Group as Approved recipient. This means that donors to the KMCH Support Group are granted tax deduction for gifts of at least 2 000 SEK and for at most 6 000 SEK per year. Tax reduction is 25% of the gift. This is of interest only for Swedish citizens so I stop here.

Membership in KMCH Support Group

We would like to point out that anyone who has paid 100 SEK for the year can become members. It is just to indicate this on the talon. Please remember this for you, your relatives and friends. We would like to have a lot of members.

Best regards from the board of

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