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Hello, Namaste and Thashi Delek

"No news is good news" is a proverb in Sweden. I may invoke this as an explanation for this newsletter which not includes so much new information.

The School home

Chembal has not reported anything particularly from school home. Happily, are all healthy and the children do, as I have told many times before, good results at school. For eventually new readers, the kids in Humla go to school all summer. Their "summer vacation" is in the winter. In winter there's usually so much snow that it is difficult to walk between the villages. That is why schools are closed during the winter months.



In the previous newsletter we told you that they planted fruit trees in and around the school home in the early spring. These plants have developed well, probably depending on the education in planting and care of fruit trees which we, with the help of New Hope, let some villagers from Humla attend last year. We believe that the plantings made in nearby

villages also have performed well. It grows well in our greenhouse too.

We have not heard anything about problems with water supplies that we had last year. We just keep our fingers crossed and hope that our source will not reduce its flow more.

Our water source is just over 300 meters of altitude above the school home. As you can see in the picture to the left, it's very steep behind school home. The distance to the source is in meters perhaps not more than two or three times the difference in altitude. The photo was taken when we inspected the source in the fall of 2016. If we should be forced to find a new source we have to pull new wiring for at least 2 km more in this very steep and rugged terrain. This is a tough work that we hope to avoid.

Our students

Two years ago, our first two pupils at the school home past class 10. Gangshar Dorje has now completed his studies to be a teacher in Kathmandu. He is now back in Humla

to meet his family that he had not seen for two years. We have no information about his plans and about any opportunities for him to get a work in Humla. Sonam Dolma, who passed class 10 at the same time as Gangshar is still in Kathmandu preparing her studies to be a nurse. Her studies are sponsored by The Society for Street Children in Nepal. Gangshar's studies were sponsored by The Family Olofsson Foundation.



Last year four students – all boys - passed class 10. Two of them are studying in Kathmandu and two in Simikot. One of the boys in Kathmandu is sponsored by The Association of street children in Nepal. The other three are currently studying without any support except from their families. It may perhaps change during this year.

Regular gifts to KMCH go to the children's schooling - today to grade 10. Costs for further studies are always met by other volunteers. We hold these contributions outside of KMCHs regular posting even if we, if necessary, transmit student financial aid to the students.

This spring, we had two students who wrote the final exam after class 10. If they have made a good result on this test, they will become eligible to further studies. We are still waiting for their results. *(The picture to the right shows the village of Yangar as it looks like when you have climbed down a bit from the school home.)*

Politics in Nepal

It is not easy to keep up with all the tours in politics in Nepal. I am a not so good to follow the developments via the Nepali press. But **Italo** is and below he gives us a brief comment on the current situation.



Elections in Sweden is approaching and perhaps waiting for complex intergovernmental negotiations. Nepal had parliamentary elections at the end of 2017. Before the elections the Nepal Communist Party and the Maoist Party made an election alliance. The election brought these two parties of the left to the power. Nepal Congress Party suffered a major defeat.

Before the elections, the two parties to the left promised get together to form a government. After many negotiations and sometimes a rather exorbitant tone they managed to agree on a common platform. Nepal Communist Party (NCP) now heads Nepal's future over the next five years. In Parliament, they have a reassuring two-thirds majority. On board there is also a smaller party, with support mostly from voters from the Terai, the border area of India.

Some weeks ago, the Government's launched their first budget with promises of doubling the per capita income in the next five years and major investments in agriculture, infrastructure and tourism. Nepal Congress did as opposition parties mostly do they criticized the budget to be focused on the wrong things and too defensive. It will be interesting to follow the development in Nepal politics over the next few years. The proposed budget will as we can see easy pass the Parliament. *(The picture shows the Buddhist shrine/stupa Boudhanath, one of Kathmandu's most common goals for tourists.)*

Those who have forgotten to watch the video by Gustav Nord from our visit to the school home in October 2016 makes it most easily by clicking on this link:

<https://vimeo.com/209726942>

WE WISH ALL OF YOU A NICE SUMMER

KMCH Support Group

by

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(This image, taken by Richard, has been showed before but worth show multiple times. A powerful and beautiful landscape meets the wanderer in Humla. Well worth a visit.)

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