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Hello, Tashi Delek, Namaste

We hope that the summer has been good. Many of us here in Sweden have had summer holidays not to mention those like me who have "perpetual" vacation. In Humla, however, business continues as usual during the summer. In Humla the schools have a break in winter.

A large part of the summer Chembal has been in the United States and Canada Chembal to visit friends and to inform about KMCH, to meet people with an interest to help us and/or to hike in Humla. In the United States, they still work with the formalities of starting a group that financially can to be able to support KMCH. It seems that this process goes very slowly.

When Chembal came home to Nepal in early September we got some information about what has happened at the School home and at our health clinic, NCC, during the summer.

In mid-September Chembal and Eva Holmberg Tedert from **The Society for Street Children in Nepal** visited Humla and the School home. We welcome Eva's and her Associations interest in Humla and for their support to our student Sonams further studies to be a nurse. More about this later.

In addition to the news from KMCH and about our students, Anton informs us about the actual political situation in Nepal.

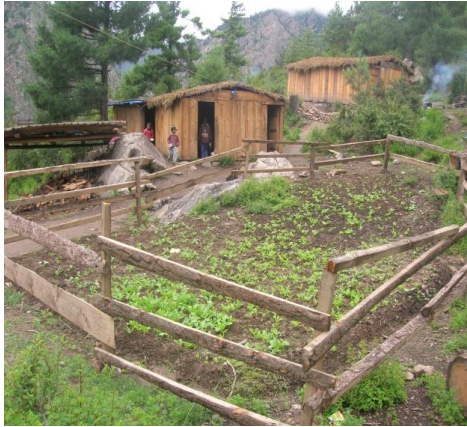
News from the School home.



Some new Apple seedlings in front of one of our houses

In KMCH they work as usual and as we can see from the pictures it seems that they have advanced well with the new cuisine. We can also see that we have planted new Apple trees.

This year, we hired an expert to help us with the plantation, because the experience from the plantation previous year was not so good. The new kitchen measures 31x12 ft. and is built as the other houses. See the pictures below of the old and the new kitchen. In the new kitchen there is a room that our Cook can sleep overnight.



The old kitchen in a cold wooden shed The new kitchen in a solid stone building.

Problem with the water supply in Humla

At the same time as we almost have completed our water and sanitary projects we have encountered problem with the water supply. It is totally new for this year. This winter it came much less snow in Humla than normally. The same happened with the rain in spring. This has made that our water source in the mountains ran dry in early September. The problem of dwindling sources applies not only to KMCH it has occurred in large parts of Humla. Many have now to collect water much farther from home than usual.

The School home now takes its water from a stream, to which it takes about 20 minutes to go. There the children go to wash themselves, their clothes and to get drinking water. We hope that they also are able to take water to the new Apple trees and to the greenhouse.

We hope that the source in the mountains will "regenerate" itself soon. If this becomes a long-term problem, it may be difficult to ensure a safe water supply to the home. We just have to hope for the best now.

Last spring they feared a very bad harvest because of the drought in Humla. Now I do not know the outcome. We will come back to you on this in the next newsletter.



New jackets for the cold season. A gift from ADATA..



Football game in new sport clothes

Our students Sonam and Gangshar

Now our two students are installed in Kathmandu. Gangshar have begun his studies to become a teacher in science. He has already shown good results and received some type of scholarship. What this means financially, we do not know yet.

Sonam, who are going to study to become a nurse, must take some sort of bridge course before she can start her ordinary studies. This she does now.

The current political situation in Nepal.

Anton tells us about the political events in Nepal during the summer. Read, reflect and wonder.

It is with an astonished smile as I now again after the summer dive in Nepal's political life. Even though I continually try to follow the Nepalese newspapers and keep me somewhat updated around the dysfunctional Waltz that is Nepali domestic politics, it is always wonderful to realize how incredibly much that manages to happen in just a couple of months. It must be marvelous to be a Nepali that never really can be sure whether the same parties that yesterday ruled the country also will do it tomorrow or next week. I guess that people get used to it.

The last three months have been tumultuous. No more than usual, perhaps, but bewildering, nonetheless. In the last newsletter I wrote about how Prime minister KP Oli, a leader of the Communist Party-Leninist CPN-UML, worked to have their budget of the State approved by the Parliament, a work that was complicated by the constant carousel of broken alliances, political intrigue and power games creation. Early in June the coalition of Communist parties, which supported prime minister KP Oli's Government was shook, when the Maoist party headed by former rebel leader Pushpa Kamal Dahal tried to remove KP Oli as Prime minister. KP Oli's Government sustained until the end of June, when a new coalition between the

Congress Party and the Maoist Party dismissed Prime Minister Oli and thus brought down the Government.

So who rules the country now? Now the prime minister and head of the Government is Pushpa Kamal Dahal, the leader of CPN (MC) (Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist-Center)). This extremely interesting gentleman, we will have reasons to return to in subsequent newsletters. He is better known by his Nom de Guerre Prachanda ("the fierce one" in Nepali), now this former guerrilla leader reigns with the support of Parliament's largest party, the Congress Party, whose leader Sher Bahadur Deuba has been Prime minister on three separate occasions. Prachanda has only been Prime minister once before, so he may be seen as a novice in this context. As a further example of this almost comical dramaturgy, Bahadur Deuba once, when he was Prime minister during the civil war, put a price on Prachanda's head on \$ 50,000. Now, together this duo has now instead dismissed a Government.

The former enemies now govern the country with an agreement to rotate the post of Prime Minister between them. After six months the Maoist Party leave the post of Prime Minister to the Congress Party, which under the agreement shall have the post of Prime Minister in 9 months before a new rotation is taking place. Whether this becomes a reality and if the cooperation remains is to be seen. Local elections are to be held, the reconstruction of the infrastructure and villages damaged by the earthquake 18 months ago have to take off, the new Constitution should be seriously implemented, relations between ethnic groups in the southern parts of the country and the power center Kathmandu will have to be improved, the relationship with Nepal's main trading partner India should be normalized and with this the country's economic development. This has Prachanda promised. This had reasonably been made easier if the Government shouldn't be replaced so often.

The above description may perhaps be a bit teasing. This is also the case. Indeed, it is hard not to laugh a little at this maze of parties, people and shifting loyalties. For this is the lowest common denominator: the persons do not seem to be replaced. The same names and the same parties appear time to time up in different formations and positions. Nepal has had 24 Prime Ministers in the past 26 years. Or more precisely the post of Prime Ministry has changed 24 times in the last 26 years. How many people that actually have held the post I do not know, but old Ministers have a strong tendency to recur. You can say a lot about this, but the fact that the country's former guerrilla leaders and soldiers today are using the parliamentary process instead of military means, is undeniably a success.

Please note that we will tell about KMCH at “Ekebyhovs Slott” on Ekerö on Sunday the 20 of November at 2 pm.

Then we have recently returned from a visit to Humla and the School home and thus have brand new information and photos. The quartet “Kvinns” will sing.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

Greetings from the Board of KMCH SG

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