

# Newsletter No. 4 2020 from KMCH Support Group

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## **Hello, Namaste and Thashi Delek**

In this newsletter you can among other things read, that the school home since July 30 again is full of children, that KMCH SG's postponed annual meeting is held on September 13, that we plan to have an exhibition about KMCH at Ekebyhov Castle on 15 November and about how Covid -19 has affected Nepal.

### **The annual meeting for KMCH SG will be held on September 13 at 2 p.m.**

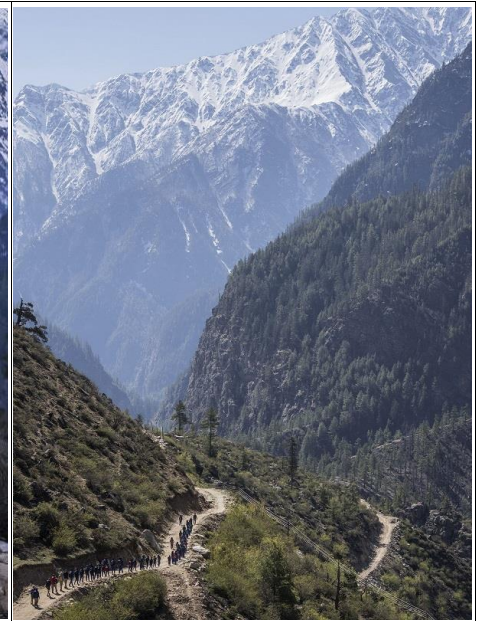
We will be in the garden on Jungfrusundsvägen 60 on Ekerö. The meeting is held outside. In bad weather, we can move under cover while maintaining corona distance. Notice has been sent by email to members. This can also be read on our website [kmchumla.se](http://kmchumla.se).

### **From the school home**

Our children's school was closed in March at the same time as the lockdown of almost the whole of Nepal. The children had only been in school for a few weeks before they must go home again. The school was not opened until 30 July, so now the school home is full of children again. Given the eagerness to learn that our children have demonstrated, the joy must have been great when the school reopened. Any distance learning via the internet has naturally not been possible.



The school home in the evening.



Going to school.  
Photos:J Stenvall.

The border with Tibet is still closed so the food has now been purchased from Simikot. According to Lakpa Lama – who is responsible at the school home – they now have food in stock so that it will last all the year. It feels good.

### **New showers and toilets.**

Now the children can take advantage of the showers that were completed in the spring. Being able to wash in sun-heated water is a clear improvement. In the past, bathing and washing have taken place at water taps or in a stream about 15 minutes walk from the school home. Until 2015 all water to the school home came via a standard garden hose. There they washed both clothes and themselves. Now we have a house with four walk-in showers and good outdoor seats for washing clothes, etc.

As we also reported earlier, a new toilet was ready in autumn 2019. Both investments have clearly improved the living conditions for the children. Now we have toilets at either end of the two large buildings where the children sleep. We thank the Family Olofsson Foundation (shower rooms) and Water for All (toilet) for this.



The house with four walk-in showers



The new toilets at the gable of one of the sleeping houses.

### **TPP- Tree Planting Project**

The work on KMCH's nursery for plants and plantings of fruit trees is continuing within the framework of our project TPP. TPP is a long term project, and in our opinion an important one, not only for the school home but also for the future livelihoods of nearby villages. Our hope is that the project can be developed in cooperation with the education in agriculture that now will start at the school.

### **The SLC- School Leaving Certificate**

2019, eight children from KMCH graduated from class 10. They have now been able to get their SLC results. These are in this corona-year not based on specific tests, which are normal, but on their previous performance during the year, which have been assessed centrally in some way. All our children got particularly good results and will be able to study further if they want and can finance them. However, the authorities have not yet decided when they can start their studies. It is not entirely impossible that one or more of the children can stay in the school home and continue in grades 11 and 12 in their regular school. Since last year, the school has been teaching for these classes in some subjects.

**Exhibition about KMCH at Ekebyhov Castle on 15 November.**

The KMCH exhibition at the Taragaon Museum in Kathmandu has, as previously announced, been postponed. We will get back to you on this when we know more.

However, we have had the opportunity to practice a bit with an exhibition at Ekebyhov Castle on Sunday, November 15. We were committed to give a talk about KMCH, as we have done many times before but, in these corona times, the likelihood is low that we will be able to give a talk. Therefore, we are happy to be able use two rooms at the castle for a small exhibition about KMCH.

The castle is open between 12:00 and 16:00. In addition to the exhibition about KMCH, ordinary art exhibition is taking place in the premises upstairs.

**Well met**

**News from Nepal.** (Italo)

The Corona virus certainly has Nepal by its neck. Nepal do not have enough ventilators and by far not enough hospital beds. So far there are very few deaths in Nepal because of Covid-19, but more than thirty thousand People have been diagnosed with the virus. In mid-January there was only one person with confirmed Covid-19, and it took several months before Nepal started to see a significant increase in confirmed Covid-19.

Even if for several months there were very few People with the virus Nepal knew that the country would eventually be hit very hard. The government imposed a strict lockdown in the end of March, a lockdown that was lifted in July. All schools closed and are still closed. A few schools are open though, the local school in Yalwang is open since a month. So, the KMCH Children are back to their studies. The Humla district is one of a few districts with no or only a few confirmed with Covid-19.





Boudha Stupa in Boudhanath  
Kathmandu



Street view from Kathmandu. Note the  
tangled wires

During the months of lockdown, the government had plenty of chances to prepare for the expected increase of Corona patients. It has been sad to see how the government instead focus on internal struggles. The prime minister Oli has been under a lot of pressure from different groups within the Nepal Communist Party. The leading politicians spend their time fighting for power. Oli's main opponent, Dahal, the leader of the former Maoist party, has demanded Oli's resignation so he can strengthen his own powerbase.

The monsoon has been quite bad this summer. The monsoon normally enters Nepal in mid-June and lasts until September. Every monsoon brings several landslides. This year the newspapers write almost every day about houses and sometimes whole Village being swept away in landslides. Many People have died.

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Two children in April 2019. Photo Jonathan Stenvall

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