

Newsletter No. 4 2021 from KMCH Support Group - correct version

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Hello, Namaste and Thashi Delek

We regret the long break between newsletter number 3 and 4. There has not been much to tell because of that the school has been closed since March and did not open until September 7. So, up to now the children have been studying only for a couple of months this autumn and will hopefully be able to continue their studies until the middle of December. They have a lot to make up for this year as they had last year. 2020 and 2021 have been incredibly special years.

As we have heard the children have brought some textbooks with them home, which has allowed them to do some self-study. To what extent this has happened, we have no knowledge of.

Our students in Kathmandu have been able to continue their studies online while those studying in Simikot and Surkhet have been at home with their families. Now everyone must keep fighting and trying to make up for what they lost this year and last year.

KMCH Nepal founder and chairman Chembal Lama, who lives in Kathmandu, had Covid-19 in May. This meant a certain interruption in contacts during the summer. He is better now, and we can only hope that he will be fully recovered as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to get any new photos and detailed information about the current situation at the school home. We expect to be able to show new pictures and tell you more about the situation at the school home in the next newsletter that is expected to arrive before Christmas. The images below are reused from previous newsletters.



It won't be many weeks until it looks like this.



Now the snow is only on the surrounding mountains.

From the school home and school



A beautiful school route

As we wrote in the previous newsletter, since the spring there has been full focus on the investments for which we have sent money. These include reading lamps for the children, a new greenhouse, fences for our nursery, storage boxes for rice and flour, among other things, as well as the purchase of a food processor and a wood splitter. Not everything will be ready this year, but some projects are underway.

All our children are doing well and studying diligently as usual. As before, they receive help with their homework and extra teaching at the school home both before and after the school day from our teachers. This year, the school was open for teaching even during Dashain, one of Nepal's most important holidays, which is very unusual.

In the spring of 2020, the school had planned to start teaching agriculture. Covid-19 meant that this did not happen. Now, however, teaching has started for students in grades nine and ten. Finally, we in KMCH Support Group say who have raised this issue every time we met the school's management.

Now a few of our apple trees have started to bear fruit. We look forward to more apples in the coming years when our plants will gradually start to bear fruit.

We can also tell you that Sonam Dolma, who lived for ten years at KMKH's school home and who after graduating from grade 10 started studying to be a nurse in Kathmandu with the support of The Society for Street Children in Nepal. This training is expensive in Nepal. Sonam has almost finished her education, and we hope she can come back to Humla and work as a nurse at the health clinic in the village of Yalbang, which the authorities opened in 2017. This made it possible for KMCH to close its health clinic, which since 2008 was run in collaboration with the monastery in Yalbang.

My statistics show that a total of thirty-one children from KMCH's school home have left Class 10 since 2014. Twenty-six of them have continued their studies. The Society for Street Children in Nepal has sponsored two and the Olofsson Family Foundation eighteen. Six has funded their studies themselves or received support from other organizations.

Exhibitions about KMCH

As has we have told in previous newsletters, we have had two exhibitions in the pipeline. One at the **Taragaon Museum** in Kathmandu and one for various places in Sweden. The work on these had to be paused due to Covid-19. There is currently a great deal of uncertainty about when and if the exhibition in Kathmandu can be realized.

However, we will urgently restart the work on the exhibition intended for Sweden. It was planned to be shown at **Ekebyhov Castle** on Ekerö November 2020. Now we hope that we can show it at the same place in spring 2022. Regardless, we will make it ready for potential future engagement.

Up-to-date information on politics and more in Nepal (Italo)

In October Nepal celebrate the Dashain festival. Dashain is one of the most important religious festival in Nepal. The butchers have a lot of extra work during the festival. Only in the Kathmandu valley more than 70 000 goats are slaughtered. During Dashain many people try to visit their home villages. More than half a million people left Kathmandu during the first days of the festival. The authorities were afraid the big movement of People would result in a big increase of Covid-19 patients. Right now, Nepal sees a slight decrease of people getting sick. Vaccinations are taking place, but so far about twenty percent are fully vaccinated.

It took about three years for prime minister Oli to make such a mess of his government that he finally had to be removed from power. He went against the Constitution twice when he dissolved the parliament. Now Nepal has a coalition government with Nepal Congress leader Deuba as prime minister. It is the fifth time Deuba can call himself prime minister. It has taken almost four months for Deuba to present a list of ministers.

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Greetings from the board of
KMCH Support Group

By
Hans



Soon such passages will be a thing of the past. In a few years you will be able to drive from the school home to Simikot.

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