

Newsletter no. 5 2019 from KMCH Support Group

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Hello, Namaste och Thashi Delek

This newsletter contains a brief briefing on the school home, a THANK YOU from us and the children of all contributors and sympathizers as well as something about the politics of Nepal.

News from the school home

As we have previously announced, the number of children this spring increased by 20 so that there are now 67 children living in the school home. There are 46 girls and 21 boys. We have often pointed out the importance of giving girls the opportunity to go to school, but we have had no influence of the choice of children. However, we are pleased with the high proportion of girls.

During the year, two projects have been almost completed. Two shower rooms have been built, one for boys and one for girls. The water in the shower is supposed to be heated by solar cells. However, the solar heat unit on the roof of the shower rooms remains to be mounted. For this requires an expert and he hasn't been in Humla for a while, so the kids must wait to shower in hot water until spring when the school starts again. Similar shower rooms have been used for a few years at the nearby monastery so we know that it can work. They have also built two new toilets, one for boys and one for girls.

The shower rooms have been funded by the Olofsson Family Foundation and the toilets by the Foundation Water for All.

This spring, as we told in the previous newsletter, the school home was visited by some of us in KMCH SG. We were, as always, delighted with how well-managed it was and of all the happy children we met.



The showerbuilding and the toilet as they looked like in August.

In 2018, the school home's water problems, that had been around for a few years, were solved. This meant that we saw an opportunity to build shower rooms but also that the planting apple trees and irrigation in our greenhouse this year could happen without

having to carry water from far away. The plant nursery that one of our teachers has started down in the village has also developed well as the plantings associated with this.



In autumn you must be well coated even inside the school

The year has passed as expected. The children have been healthy and have done well at school. The winter came early to Humla this year. The youngest children therefore left the school home in early December the older children had some tests left to do but now they have now also left the school home.

Our three children who graduated class 10 last December are now all in Kathmandu to study further. Now in December, eight of our children graduated class 10, five girls and three boys. They will their SLC (School Leaving Certificate) exams in April. If they do well on this test, they will also be eligible to study further. Since the school in Yalbang now teaches up to class 12 in some subjects, some may remain at the school home and continue their studies at the school in Yalbang. We'll see.

Our students

Between 2014 and 2018, 11 children from KMCH have graduated from class 10, 9 boys and 2 girls. Everyone has performed so well on the SLC-test, so they were eligible to continue their studies. Everyone has also wanted to do that, and everyone is still in some form studying. Most of them do it in Kathmandu. We hope that some, when they are finished with their studies, can get job in Humla. We'll see.

All of them have, to varying degrees, received grants for their studies from the Family Ofofsson Foundation (9) and the Society for Street Children in Nepal (2).

We are addressing a great THANK YOU to all our contributors and sympathizers for all the support we have received this year and hope for continued support next

year both from you and hopefully from several new contributors.

We've received a lot of Christmas greetings from the kids. They really have knowledge of our Christmas and New Year celebrations. Our knowledge of their celebrations is probably much less. A Christmas greeting and a thank you from Pema Khando Lama, who graduated class 10 this December, is shown below. The copy is not so easy to read but with a little patience it is possible to decipher the text.

Dear Sponsors,

First of all, I would like to say Tashi Delek and Namaste to all the supporter group of KMCH. We are fine here and also hope that you all are fine there. At same way we wish Nepali family wishing you a merry Christmas Day, and also wish you long and big festival embelishing that once again very merry Christmas brings i hope

happy life. May this Christmas bring you special in your life, you always wanted wish you very Merry Christmas Day. This many happy in your life - best wishes from one and only Pema Khanda class 10

And in this occasion, we all class 10 students want to express thanks to KMCH for their big help. We all are poor poor family and remote area where, taking a good education is only a day dream for us, but you all gave us your hand and help us to change our dream into real. This years 2019, we left the hostel and gone away but we always remember your big help you know. your help make a strong basic of our life for live and your helps and contributions is very precious and expensive for us. KMCH support group is our second parents who gave us many facilities and opportunity for do better in life and we don't have any words to express our feelings ~~and~~ ^{to} your big helps and once again, Thank you so much. and we remember you forever. Bye.

Full of Prize

The Politics of Nepal (By Italo.)

Things are happening at the school hostel. During this summer we build showers and two new toilets. Not only the school hostel moves forward, the local public school also see positive changes coming. It is hard to say the same thing about the development in Nepal. When the elected members of the federal government and the provincial governments now set out on their path to change Nepal in a positive direction they face a number of problems. The people gave them all an important job to do, but they don't seem to be able to deliver.



There is not a lack of progressive ideas, but to move ideas from paper to effect everyday life for the Nepalese people is not an easy task. We are used to when the government and parliament decide to change something the change takes place. It does not always work that way in Nepal. Ideas too often get stuck on paper. One example of many is the plans to encourage pregnant women to attend health clinics for medical

checkups. The women would get financial aid if they just went to the health clinic. But for women in “our province” Karnali it was just a lot of empty words. “It will soon be adjusted” said the responsible minister of the Karnali province.

At the RYI institute where I studied Nepali last year, I always took the chance to discuss Nepali politics with the Nepalese teachers and students. One word they were particularly tired of is “soon”. “It will soon be ready” is something Nepalese politicians often say. And “soon” too often becomes “never”

In Kathmandu and its surroundings, the road infrastructure is horrible. It has been totally neglected for many years, spite many promises from the leading politicians to do something about the sorry state of the roads. The mayor of Kathmandu promised four years ago to “fix” the road leading through Boudhanat. Now four years later the road was still filled with big potholes. The roads are muddy during the monsoon months and very dry and extremely dusty during the winter months.

Prime minister Oli is heavily criticized from the opposition. Oli's party The Nepal Communist party has almost another four years before the next election. They have an

absolute majority in parliament and so they have every chance to change Nepal or at least start the road to change Nepal into a better society. But sadly, to say, very little has so far been achieved. On social media several people make total fun of Oli, especially after he a few months ago said that Kathmandu now is a “dust free zone”. Anyone who has spent one hour in Kathmandu knows this is a joke.



In Nepal the fiscal year is from 1st July -30 June. Always at the end of the fiscal year several projects start. This practice gives corrupted politicians and civil servants a good chance to enrich themselves. When many projects are initiated just at the end of the fiscal year it is hard to keep an eye on how all these different contracts are distributed and to whom. The minister of infrastructure in the Karnali province certainly managed to land several big road projects to his construction companies. This man is now prosecuted for participation in corruption. The leading newspapers write every week about corruption and how it affects the daily life of Nepal. The people of Nepal certainly deserve better!

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