

A kind

## *Namaste*

To all our friends, sponsors,  
members and donators

„*Love is not what  
we expect to get,  
but what we  
are prepared  
to given.*“

Katharine Hepburn



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Dear reader,  
Please, forgive us possible editorial deficiencies – we do our best voluntarily.

## FOREWORD



*Dear reader,*

almost 10 years of project work in Nepal, one or two visits each year, a lot of impressions, encounters, experiences on other projects, and now active support for the Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe for five years, and since this year I have been a committee member of the FNH-board.

A way that has led to its final destination and it makes me thankful that I have reached this destination, being able to contribute somehow. In an annual letter years ago, I already described the children's village and the hostel as an "oasis in Nepal", becoming a hiding place and shelter for children and staff whose life was characterized by poverty and loss of family so far. A loving care, school education and vocational training help children grow up and become self-assured adults with a highly social competence.

Looking back on more than 20 years, the charity can be proud of their achievements. The work done in the children's village was honored by the government through an A-category evaluation in the Kaski district. The educational and vocational concept being integrated into the Nepalese culture and spirituality is tried and tested, respects the children's individual talents and skills and is embedded into a loving, familiar atmosphere that is characterized by a strong sense of belonging together. In this period, the FNH has also become the

employer for more than 30 people who can dispose of a safe income, which is not a matter of course in Nepal. A private primary school was built where extreme qualified and committed teachers teach the children, helping particularly traumatized children with learning deficiencies with a special concept. After having left school, young people benefit from a professional vocational counseling that helps them manage the transition to an individual and self-responsible life.

All that should be safeguarded and possibly be improved. Apart from the challenges for the future, some circumstances remain unpredictable and without any influence. The political roughness alone and the missing reliability on the part of administrations with often arbitrary decisions will always make the mission of the charity difficult and challenging. Sometimes communication is extremely difficult because of cultural differences. The low estimation of a practically technical training compared to a university degree bases on a social background and complicates our efforts to create an economic basis for those young people leaving the hostel.

However, owing to our commitment, the constantly increasing experiences and the reliable partner FWHC we can optimistically face the future of our children's village and hostel.

*Dr. Fred Prünte*





## 20 YEARS OF FNH

### ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNIVERSARY BEING CELEBRATED IN BONN

After having celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe and the FWHC in the children's village in Nepal, a celebration should also take place in Germany now. The weekend of the 2nd and 3rd July was a perfect date for members and supporters to come together at the Pauluskirche (St. Paul's Church) in Bonn-Friesdorf.

The merry coming-together started with the annual meeting on Saturday afternoon. 42 of 322 members at present filled the hall. After welcome speeches held by Alexander Schmidt, the founder and President, as well as Raj Kumar Shrestha, the manager of the project in Nepal, there was a video message from the children's village. Members of the charity who has passed away in the last two years were remembered through lightening a candle. In the following, there is a summary of the most important news since the last meeting held two years ago.

#### CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

34 children were newly accepted so that there are 92 children in the children's village now. Originally, it had been planned that 20 children were to live in each of the four houses as a maximum. After the earthquake we purchased furniture, mattresses and tableware for five additional children per house. In order to see that the burden is not too high for our housemothers, it is our long-term effort to decrease the number of children again to 80.

The Nepalese government has passed various laws regarding the protection of children from abuse. This is why we have – among others – employed

a gate warden who is aware of all people entering the premises of the children's village. After having separated the guesthouses through a fence, guests can stay in the children's village overnight again. Our project is seen as a role model and was again rewarded by the Nepalese government with the best evaluation as an A-category in the Kaski district.

Our own primary school in the children's village is ready to start. Nine teachers teach 60 pupils there. The photovoltaics plant on the school roof guarantees an electricity supply independent of the state supply. The electricity generated is not sufficient for the entire children's village yet. Messrs. Solar World has donated 20 more panels, however we have still to find a transport possibility for them to Nepal.

#### YOUTH HOSTEL

In the youth hostel in Kathmandu offering possibilities for 34 people, there are 13 young people now. Sponsorships for vocational trainings respectively our vocational training-fund helps us to support 20 more young people who already stand by themselves. Three young adults are studying in Germany. In total, already 58 young people have

left the project, 17 of them within the last two years. Some got married and have become parents.

#### STAFF MEMBERS

22 staff members are employed in our project in full time, 11 ones in part time. There are as many female employees as male ones. All staff members paid fair salaries that also take into consideration the price increase of 10% in Nepal at present.

#### FWHC

It is our intention that ten percent of our budget will be raised by our Nepalese partner FWHC on the medium-term. This is meant to help them improve their independent acting. Our objective is almost reached through increasing donations and interest payments in Nepal, the sale of needlework as well as the rent of rooms and the bus. Moreover, in the children's village they have started breeding goats that shall then be sold profitably.

#### EDUCATION AND JOB

Our main focus is really set on improving our children's school education and to thus provide them with better opportunities for a successful professional future. This is why we have continuously developed our primary school in the children's village and we realize a lot of activities with regard to professional counseling. At the hostel, we have had for the very first time a professional support through the young enterprise Career Disha this year. Interviews and workshops shall help the young people find a suitable job for them. Part of the future is the ability to properly work with computers. The Nepalese school authority requires computer lessons to be held at school, however, without providing the schools with the necessary financial means for such lessons. While we have had computers in our project for quite a long time, many other schools in Nepal still do without them. This is why we bought 10 PCs for the school of the mountain village of Maling.

Even during our leisure activities, we focus on educating our children to become independent and to discover their talents, e.g. in music or drama courses. Karate is still very popular. More than

40 children have acquired the black belt in the meantime and also in our hostel in Kathmandu, karate training is on the agenda.

Difficulties regarding the future deal especially with the increasing bureaucratic requirements and the instable political situation in Nepal. But "koi baat nahi" (no problem) – we are convinced that we will manage any future challenges!

#### LOW ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The program continued with the financial report which had been described again as an ideal one by the auditors. In detail, the treasurer Marco Hanssmann reported about the fact how much money had been spent for what purpose. In particular the low administrative costs of the charity should be underlined. Impressed by the positive development were the charity members Marlen and Friedhelm Jaspert: "This is true for the increasing number of members as well as for the increasing financial means in the form of donations. It was proved in detail how much money had been spent on individual projects as e.g. the provision of construction material for emergency accommodations and community buildings in the earthquake regions".

#### ELECTION OF THE FNH-BOARD

According to the statutes, the new FNH-Board was also elected during this general meeting. Unanimously, the board so far was re-elected and fortunately completed by another member: We are glad and thankful for the support granted by Dr. Fred Prünte from Bonn.

#### INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING EVENING PROGRAM

After the general meeting, the participants found time to look at the photo walls in the entrance hall showing laughing children, to buy tickets for the tombola or needlework from Nepal. The buffet was also delicious, offering specialties from Nepal and Rhenania. The official evening program started with a speech given by Raj K. Shrestha who had come to Germany in his function as the representative of the Nepalese partner charity FWHC. He spoke enthusiastically about his job and the team working



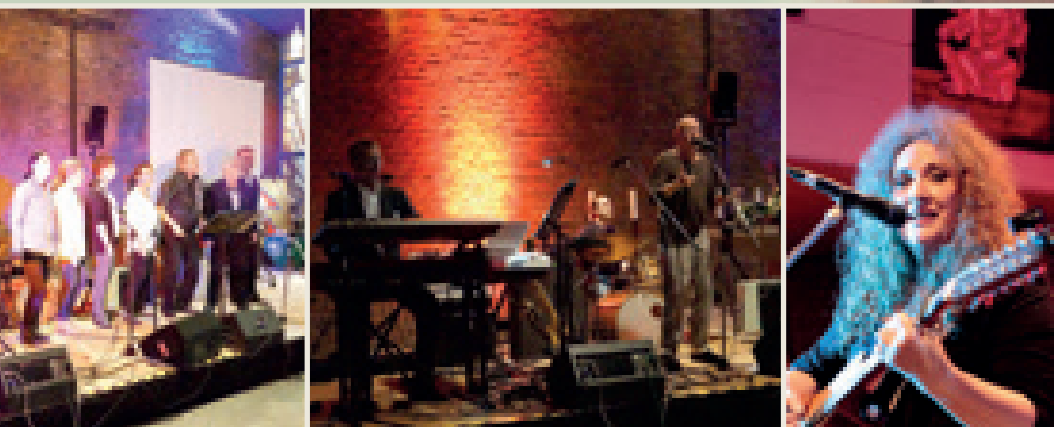
A certificate of honour for Raj



... and a certificate of honour for Alex too







from left: Choir Sing Sing, Dr. Prunte and his band, Anne Haigis, service at St. Paul's Church



ANNUAL MEETING  
AND ANNIVERSARY  
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IN BONN

in Nepal. His lecture ended by the moving wish to "support the children in Nepal until his last breath". Martin Tischer who has supported us with his "teamtischer", gave us a check amounting to 5.170,00 Euros. As the presenter, our new member Fred Prunte lead us through the evening and together with his band "Metropolitans" he guaranteed a tremendous atmosphere. Further highlights were the dancing performances by Niranjali Lama and the speech given by Bhimraj Gurung. For three years, he has been living in Hamburg studying nursing science at the Studienkolleg. With bright eyes and extremely thankful, he looked back at his carefree childhood in the children's village with numerous family members. In fluent German he spoke about the melancholy when leaving the children's village and his difficult path leading into independence.

After a great concert given by the singer Anne Haigis, the vicar Siegfried Eckert unrolled the big screen so that none of the some 200 guests had to leave the event because of the quarterfinal of the European championships.



Pastor  
Siegfried Eckert

A PEOPLE-UNITING SERVICE

The anniversary ended with a feast-day and thanksgiving service on Sunday, focusing on the Nepalese greeting "Namaste" with which people honor the divine aspect in others. What a blessing that a committed Protestant vicar celebrated a people-uniting service with us!

Alexander Schmidt remembers the celebrations happily. "There was really a blessing on the event and everybody could feel that we are really a big Nepalese-German family standing side by side. Apart from the memories regarding warm encounters, we have all been bestowed with new impulses for our honorary work and mission. I sincerely want to express my thanks towards the Pauluskirche, all helpers and guests for such a beautiful and successful celebration!"

Jasmin Siebert  
Nürnberg

DR. FRED PRÜNTE

SOME PERSONAL FACTS:

My name is Dr. Fred Prunte. Together with my dear wife Monika we live in Bonn, have got three children and one granddaughter. I'm a doctor for internal medicine and for more than 30 years I have been working in my own surgery. Since I was a child, music has played an important role in my life.

WHY NEPAL?

After a great misfortune in my life, I found the way to Nepal in 2008 and thus a new perspective for my future. At the beginning I worked as a doctor in a hospital for the poor, taught training measures and was committed in humanitarian projects. The poverty of such nice Nepalese people, the often desperate situation of handicapped and sick people and the low and poor medical

standard touched me considerably and were motivation enough for me to pay my share for improving these circumstances. "You can't look at it and then close your eyes without any reaction", this was and still is my credo.

Then I got to know Alexander Schmidt, visited the children's village for the first time in 2012 and was fascinated from this project. For my than 20 years, he has succeeded in giving children - who without him would never have had any chance - a warm shelter, security and education and training in order to live a better life. I was also very much impressed by the many people working for the Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe on an honorary basis and who keep the project going through their enormous commitment and creativity.

IN THE FNH-BOARD

In 2016 I was elected into the FNH-Board as a committee member. In this function, I can contribute to the improvement of the cooperation and formation of a network of the NGOs in Germany. In Nepal, I want to implement and coordinate my experiences made in different projects that I have cared for and I want to become a contact person for sanitary and medical problems.

MY MATTER OF CONCERN

One important matter of concern is for me to present people in our country the charity work of the FNH and to make them sensitive for the circumstances in Nepal, to raise enthusiasm for the project and to get them involved. The exclusively positive reaction and the growing number of "supporters" are a blessing and motivation at the same time.

GREETINGS FROM  
VOLUNTARY  
HELPERS



ANNA MÜLLER

... If I remember the children's village, I see laughing children and an unconcerned time ...



DANIEL SIMON

... I remember great people who lovingly cared for the children ...



INGRID PATZSCH

... It is the people, in particular the children, their laughter and the impressing landscape of Nepal. All that has motivated me again and again ...



MONIKA LEIBOLD

... I wish the FNH and all staff members a big heart, persistence and our children and young people self-confidence, helping people by their side and God's blessing for all of them ...



TINA SCHENDERLEIN

... The time in Nepal and stays there again and again, help me get my feet firmly on the ground and it shows me what really matters ...





Transport of corrugated iron sheets

Blankets for Kavre



Rubber boots for clear-up operations of our young people



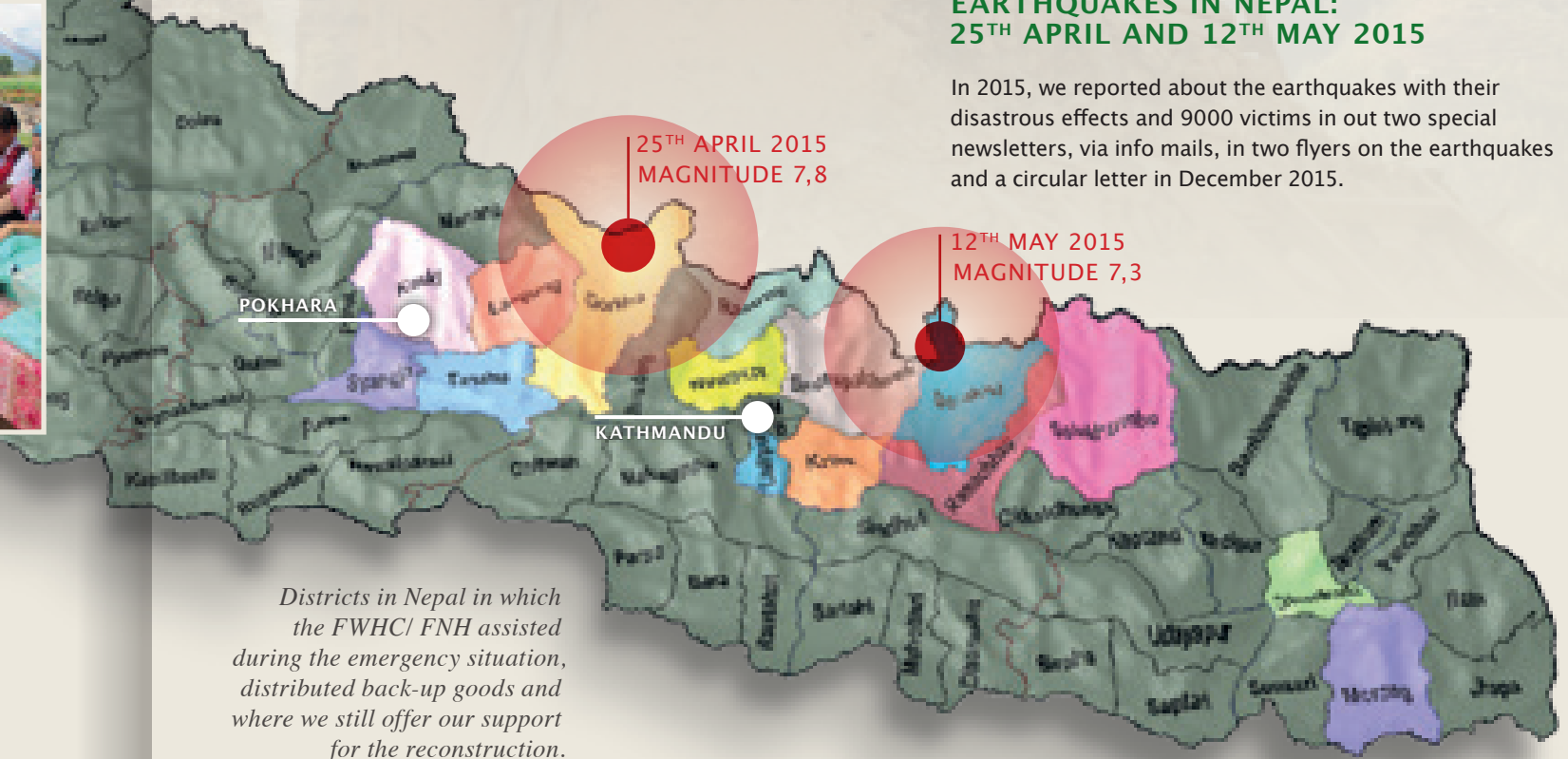
Blankets for Bunkot



Tanka distributes schoolbags and rainjackets in Gorkha

**EARTHQUAKES IN NEPAL: 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AND 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

In 2015, we reported about the earthquakes with their disastrous effects and 9000 victims in our two special newsletters, via info mails, in two flyers on the earthquakes and a circular letter in December 2015.



Districts in Nepal in which the FWHC/ FNH assisted during the emergency situation, distributed back-up goods and where we still offer our support for the reconstruction.

**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

Distributing back-up goods in 15 districts and in Kathmandu, the FWHC & FNH could assist in an emergency situation and grant help for the reconstruction thanks to your donations. 101 households and 33 schools could be supported by October 2016!

The donations received for earthquake relief in 2015 and 2016 amounting to some 370.000 Euros, have been used by the FNH to finance the following relief projects:

District	Recipient Project	Pieces	Explanation/Support	District	Recipient Project	Pieces	Explanation/Support
Dhankuta	Mangala Devi Secondary School		Water tank and retention wall, under construction	Kavre	133 households	256	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
Dolakha	Shree Jungeshwor & Guransee Primary School	7	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Chamunda Mahila Community Hall	10	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
Gorkha	School bags für earth quake victims students	99	School bags		Nasikasthan Community Hall	15	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Blankets, Bungkot	500	Blankets	Kaski	Sidha Primary School	15	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Blankets, Simjung	346	Blankets		Mahendra Rastriya Primary School, Bhalam, Pokhara	1	Computer
	Ramche Primary School, Bungkot		School building under construction		Pipal Deurali School	12	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	150 households	300	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Mahendra Rastriya Primary School, Bhalam	10	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Sahid Smriti H.S School	20	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		18 households	36	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Chandika Pre Primary School	5	Corrugated iron sheet bundles	Lalitpur	Chitra Kumari Primary School, Dukuchhap		School building & toilet
	Sahid Lakhan Thapa Primary School	10	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Indrakamal School, Dukuchhap		Toilet
	Ramche Primary School	9	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Bungmati		Boots for debris cleaning
	Rameshwori Secondary School	20	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Blankets, Bajrabahar	250	Blankets
Saraswoti Secondary School	15	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Blankets	45	Blankets	
Patan Devi Secondary School	15	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Drinking water project, Chunikhel			
Bhimsen Primary School	15	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Shree Chandi Devi Primary School, Dukuchhap		School building	
Kavre	Blankets, Narayansthan	113	Blankets		185 households	319	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Nasuri Mahankal School	3	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Adarsha Saula Higher Secondary School	20	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Shree Saraswoti Higher Secondary School	5	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Satya Uddhan Primary School, Farsidol	4	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Mahendra Higher Sec School	5	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Maharjan Samaj Community Hall, Bungmati	20	Corrugated iron sheet bundles

District	Recipient Project	Pieces	Explanation/Support	District	Recipient Project	Pieces	Explanation/Support
Lamjung	1 household	2	Corrugated iron sheet bundles	Solukhumbu	54 households, Khiraule	108	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
Morang	School in Morang	2	Computers		Warm clothes, shoes, bags for children in Kerung-8		
Nuwakot	School bags & stationery for earth quake victims	130	bags & stationery		30 KW Hydroelectric power plant for power generation, Khiraule		Is being planned
	26 households	55	Corrugated iron sheet bundles	Syangja	Tarpaulins for Syanja	150	tent plans, tarpaulins
	Shree Sarbadev Primary School	10	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		Shree Mahendra Primary School		school building under construction
	Shree Samundra Higher Secondary School	10	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		2 households	4	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
Rasuwa	Shree Shamey Wangphel Secondary School	10	Corrugated iron sheet bundles	Tanahu	127 households	200	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
Ramechhap	Shree Kalika Ishwori Primary School	8	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
	Shree Kakani Primary School	8	Corrugated iron sheet bundles	Kathmandu	Manakamana Primary School, Dakshinkali	3	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	Shree Himganga Higher Secondary School	25	Corrugated iron sheet bundles		39 households, Dakshinkali, Kathmandu	40	Corrugated iron sheet bundles
	1 household	2	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
	1 household, Daduwa	2	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
Sindhupalchowk	259 households	435	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
	Dhaneshwor Chap, drinking water project		Water Tank Under Construction				
	Shree Om Ram School	5	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
	Shree Sarbasudhar School	3	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
	Shree Balbalika Sudhar School	7	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
	Shree Rajeswori Higher Sec School	15	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
15 districts +Kathmandu	Total	2.096	Corrugated iron sheet bundles				
		1.254	Blankets				
	Households	1.011					
	Schools	33					





*A Cordial Welcome!*

## SIX NEW CHILDREN IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

We introduce our six new children to you. They were received lately in the children's village in October 2016.



**YAMUNA POUDEL** (f) \* 16.10.2007  
Yamuna's father died of a lung disease when she was just six years old. Her mother is severely handicapped and isn't able to look after her daughter and the older brother. For a short term only, both siblings could find accommodation with their neighbours who finally handed them over to a children's project. When this scheme had been abandoned, the youth welfare office of the Kaski District finally sent Yamuna to our children's village.



**SWAKKRITI RANA** (f) \* 15.02.2008  
Young, eight years old Swakkriti from Syangja had already lived hard times. She and her older sister were forced to beggary by their father while nobody cared for their handicapped mother who lived wheelchair-bound at home. Due to being abused by her husband, the mother left her family. Only eight months old, Swakkriti was taken to an orphanage where she lived for the next eight years, then. At the instigation of the youth welfare office, the girl came to our children's village.



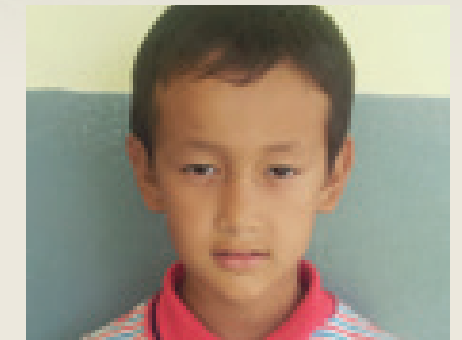
**SANTOSH GURUNG** (m) \* 01.07.2004  
Santosh's family lost their home during the great earthquake last year. Afterwards, both parents disappeared and left Santosh and his brother stranded. Santosh from the village Sardibash in the Gorkha District was taken to our children's village this year, whereas the states youth welfare office took his brother to another children's project. We hope that we will take this younger brother in, too, very soon.



**BINISHA KANDEL** (f) \* 18.09.2010  
present domicile is unknown. Binisha's mother is impecunious and cannot write nor read. Her low income from working as a day labourer wasn't enough for her and her daughter to live on. Thus, Binisha was sent to our children's village by the youth welfare office of the Gorkha District this year.



**MAYA GURUNG** (f) \* 23.04.2011  
Five years old Maya Gurung is from Samrung in the Lamjung District. Already before she was born, the father deserted the family. Her mother got married for a second time. However, she wasn't acknowledged in this new marriage. Therefore, the mother left the girl to the totally impoverished grandparents. After the grandparents' little house was completely destroyed by the earthquake in 2015, Maya came to an aunt in Pokhara who got in touch with us by help of the urban youth welfare office. Then we could take her in our children's village.



**JENISH KHATRI** (m) \* 25.07.2009  
Jenish, too, came to our children's village in 2016. He is the only son out of his father's fourth marriage. The fifth marriage followed and his father deserted this new family, too. Jenish's mother is impecunious and cannot care for the boy who comes from the town region Pokhara. On the initiative of the local regional youth welfare office we could accommodate the boy.

## CHILDREN AND STAFF IN OUR PROJECT

*Number of staff members as at July, 2016*

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE	SCHOOL	HOSTEL	TOTAL NO.
16 staff members	10 staff members	7 staff members	33 staff members* 17 women 16 men

\* 22 full-time staff members, 11 part-time staff members

*Number of Children as at July, 2016*

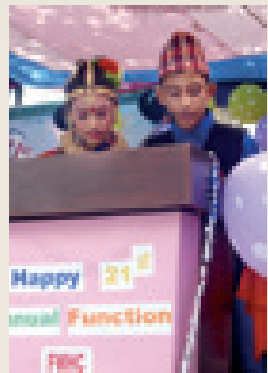
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE	POKHARA AND OTHER PLACES*	HOSTEL	KATHMANDU, BHAKTAPUR	STUDYING IN NEPAL	TOTAL NO.
95 children 46 girls 49 boys	15 children 6 girls 9 boys	13 children 6 girls 7 boys	4 children 1 girl 3 boys	2 youth 2 boys	129 children 59 girls 70 boys

\* DAMAULI, BESHISHAHAR, PALPA, JHAPA DISTRIKT, BIRATNAGAR, DHULIKEL





## LITTLE GREAT STARS! 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FUNCTION IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE



*A big challenge – the lectern. But these two manage it perfectly!*

I was lucky to have the opportunity to participate in the annual function of the FWHC during my stay in Nepal in September 2016 and to especially experience the preparations. Not only with great commitment and devotion, but also with an enormous enthusiasm did the children rehearse their dancing and singing performances. It was worth attending the spectacular performances on stage on the annual function day.

The program was presented without faults and professionally. The children's enthusiasm went

over to the audience and lead to a big applause. For me it was notable how self-assured the children performed on stage in front of a big audience! I felt nothing of stage fright or nervousness "backstage" where I made my video.

So a big compliment goes also to the teachers, especially the teachers for music and dance teaching the children with great respect and thus developing their talents and their personality. As I have done before when previously staying in the children's village, this time I also brought musical



*The genuine stars of the 21<sup>st</sup> annual function*



*First trials to play the mouth organ*

instruments with me, recorders and mouth organs and I taught the children how to use them. Again I could see that some children are extremely talented and able to learn to play a musical instrument intuitively. I hope they will continue to do so. Claudia, a professional educator, would care for it after my departure.

"Little great stars" is not playing things down. It is our task to support the teachers in maintaining the children's enthusiasm for dancing, music and drama and to develop their talents. It would not

be surprising to me if some of the children made their talents a job. In Nepal, media and film entertainment or drama is also a booming branch of the economy. Maybe we will see a former child of our children's village there one day.

*Dr. Fred Prünte*  
Bonn

## A SPECIAL DAY IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE



*Karin Oesterle with the stars*

I was very much surprised at hearing the tune from „Brother Jacob“ in faraway (from Germany) Nepal. From my job as a nursery-school teacher I had known this song in different languages, already. Nevertheless, Nepali was not on my song list up to then. I heard this song when our travel group was invited on the occasion of the 21. birthday of the FWHC and FNH.

Arriving in the children's village, we were cordially welcomed. At the very beginning, every child "adopted" an adult. There was enough time left before the arranged schedule started and we could get an impression of the little world of the children's village. My "adopted mother", Sharada, showed me

the new school and the different classrooms and a "group house" where preparations for lunch were in full swing.

Gradually the guests met for the festive gathering under the colourful pavilion roof. Flower garlands were given over to the guests in order to welcome them. Afterwards, a variegated program presented dances, songs and speeches. For lack of language knowledge, unfortunately, I couldn't understand very much. On the other hand, we were grazy about the gorgeous costumes of the different cultures and regions of Nepal. These and the children's joyful faces and the teacher's great and strong involvement assured us of the brilliant work that has been done in the

children's village. Despite we could not understand the very single words, the message of the play clearly appeared and told us very much about the performers' fate. The picture gallery and the natural scientific experiments impressed me deeply. A German-flagged solar boat veered on the water.

After sitting and watching a long show, we were very happy about a delicious lunch in one of the children's houses. The afternoon was quite relaxing with the children playing clapping and skipping games and an unhurried get-together. Towards evening the spirits were lifted up again. After tribute had been payed to the Italian and German delegations, everybody was on the sta-

ge. All children came up and everybody partied. After that there was offered a tasty buffet dinner and nobody should hungrily start back for home.

Thousand thanks for the invitation to the jubilee celebration, and let's hold in high regard the teachers, the house mothers, the tutors, the supporters and mainly the children who had got such an event going. Last but not least, a cordial thank you to Alexander who had put the foundation stone for this children's village – and therefore for this celebration – 21 years ago. It's he who indefatigably cares for these children's welfare.

*Karin Oesterle*  
Baden-Baden





# AUTARKIC ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

In May 2016 we could finally put into operation our photovoltaics system in the children's village. At the moment, the system comprises 40 solar panels achieving a performance of 10kw which means that we can connect a maximum number of 10 KWP electricity consumers. With a maximum of sun rays the system can store up to 40 KWH per day. The electricity is stored in 48 batteries with an entire capacity of 100 Kwh. The whole school, all guest houses and the children's house C are completely supplied by the photovoltaic plant (PV).

The houses A, B and D get sufficient electricity from this plant for illumination purposes. A solar company in Bonn donated 20 more solar panels which will be sent to Nepal in winter in order to extend our system. Then all children's houses will be supplied by the PV electricity net and we will be completely independent on the public net with its permanent overcharge.

Herbert Albrecht, a good friend of our charity for many years and an engineer from Germany, ins-

talled the system together with friends. During his visit in spring 2016, he taught about and introduced the use and maintenance of the system in various courses to all children and staff members. A special feature of our system is the remote control from Germany. He explained to children and staff members in how far this system can control them while using the plant. This, of course, lead to special concentration among the audience and hopefully to a durable adequate use. Our electrician and caretaker in the children's village, Maila Dhai, will be responsible for the maintenance of the system.

These days, all solar panels will be screwed on height-adjustable tracks with a solid anchoring into the ground so that they will resist strong winds passing the children's village especially in spring. The system is not connected with the public electricity supply net and thus safe from electricity variations through flashes of lightning. Lightning conductors have also been set up and will still have to be checked by one of our charity members.

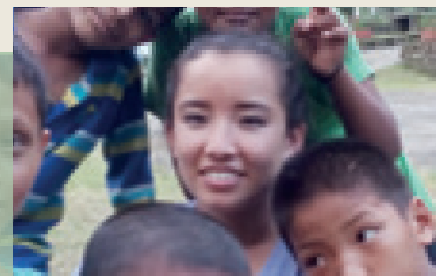
Power failures in our children's village are no longer a problem! We are glad that we can finally and in particular in our school teach without any interruptions. In the evening the children can do their homework in adequately lighted up rooms, the rice cookers can be used during daytime via solar electricity and the PCs at school can be used at any time. This system is an enormous progress for our project and in addition, it saves electricity costs arising from the public supply net.

A special thank has to be expressed to all donors, helpers and companies that made this system possible.

*Alexander Schmidt*



*Herbert Albrecht gives an introduction into the technology of the Photovoltaic system*



*Namaste,*

I'm Sunita Gurung. I'm a former member of the children's village. For some 5 years and a half, I've been living in Germany and train to become a nursery school teacher. In the third year of my training, I got to know that we can go on a 5-week internship abroad. When I heard about that I immediately thought of doing this in the children's village. That would be really great! So I called Alex and asked him if I could realize an internship in the children's village. I was glad that he accepted me, being happy and excited at the same time. I was curious of what would happen.

When I arrived, it was good to see the housemothers and all the other employees again. Even the children's village had changed. There are new buildings and many new children who welcomed

## SUNITA'S REPORT ON HER INTERNSHIP

me with open hearts. I was happy to be there again and many memories came across my mind.

Some days later, I started the internship. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I was teaching at the primary school and in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. I supervised the children when doing their homework in the houses. I was allowed to have lunch with the children at school and dinner at home.

Many things have changed since I left the children's village. I appreciate that children learn so many different things while school is closed during the holidays. All these practical pieces of knowledge will help them in the future. And the offer during the daytime has also improved.

My task was mainly to realize different activities and exercises with the children and to introduce new possibilities of guiding and educating the children in the children's village. Moreover I was needed as an assistant teacher when other teachers were absent.

The internship was a very good time for me because I was really welcomed and could learn a lot. I got an insight into the practical and theoretical work of a nursery school teacher. It was not only a very positive but also an experience that helped me enlarge my professional knowledge. I could learn a lot about the behaviour of children while teaching and guiding so many different age groups in the children's village. And of course, I learned a lot about cultural and demographical differences compa-

red with German kindergartens. My role as a nursery school teacher for a short period of time made me very popular with the children. They were enthusiastic about this diversion from their ordinary and rigid school days.

Finally, I want to thank Alexander Schmidt, my god-father Siegfried Diener and all teachers in the children's village, Tanka „Uncle“, all housemothers and the wonderful children in the children's village. I owe them a lot and the fact that my internship in the children's village was such a successful and fulfilling experience.

*Sunita Gurung*  
Landshut



## GOAT BREEDING IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE A NEW PROJECT PROPOSED BY OUR STAFF MEMBERS

Each project team and each organization is happy when staff members develop their own ideas to create income and realize them then with a lot of commitment and joy. And so do we, too!

For years we have agreed that 10% of the total expenses in the children's village and youth hostel have to be financed by the FWHC in Nepal. This requirement made by the FNH has led to a stronger feeling of helping in order to take matters into one's own hands. The FWHC staff members do not simply receive donations from Germany but raise their own funds and can thus identify better with the project. The goat breeding is such a project in order to create income. Our bus driver, Saila Dhai, and our gardener, Ganga Adhikari, did not only have the idea but are also those people who care for the goats with their knowledge every day.

At the end of April, the first four goats were purchased and various goats more followed. Today, we have 16 goats for our breeding. Seven goats have already given birth to little goats. The breeding requires knowledge as well as good preparations. Saila Dhai and Ganga Adhikari as well as many of our staff members dispose of that knowledge since they have worked in agricultural fields and still do so today.

Above the primary school and the guest houses we dispose of some 3000–4000 m<sup>2</sup> of grass land with some trees here and there. Our children and staff members planted there so-called grass trees. During the rainy season we have enough grass, but during the dry season from December to April, the branches of the grass trees can be used as food for the goats. About one third of this area got a fence. Facilities to feed the goats were supplied. And quite near there is a solid and quite modern goat cote with a bamboo grid where the droppings can fall through so that the floor can be easily cleaned. After a further composting, the droppings of the goats can be used as a fertilizer of the gardens

next to the four children's houses. The inspiration for the goat cotes came to Tanka Gurung during his stay in Germany.

The children are happy to bring the vegetable rubbish to the goats and when they can help there. Saila Dhai and Ganga teach the children how to cope with the goats properly and what has to be considered in doing so. Goats do not eat everything green and if they can eat salt from your hands, you are simply the king. One goat had once eaten something wrong and got diarrhea. But Saila Dhai cared for the animal and cured it with medicine and chucking its stomach. In the evening, all goats are in the cote to be safe from wild dogs etc.

The goat breeding, however, is not a zoo for our children. In Nepal, goats – apart from chicken,

ducks, pigs somehow and water buffalo – are an important source for getting meat. Everybody knows that we also want to sell the goats in order to make profit and as a source to get milk and meat for the children's village. In general, children in Nepal have a different attitude towards animals. They love to touch the animals, but they do not have problems to eat them later. Animals do not get names.

In November, we could already celebrate our first breeding success. The first little goats were born and our children love them, of course. Already in spring, the first goats from our breeding will be sold. According to its weight, a goat will cost between 70 and 120 Euros. We need not spend money on green food. If there is not enough food on our grounds, we can get some from the adja-

cent bush area. We will only have to spend money on the vet and sometimes on medicine. Donations made the purchase of the goats and the construction of the cote possible. The current salaries for Saila Dhai and Ganga Adhikari have been included in our budget for years and thus the sales of the first goats will be a share in the self-financing of the children's village and youth hostel. And we also have plans for the future: we want to extend the goat breeding and think about the processing of goat milk.

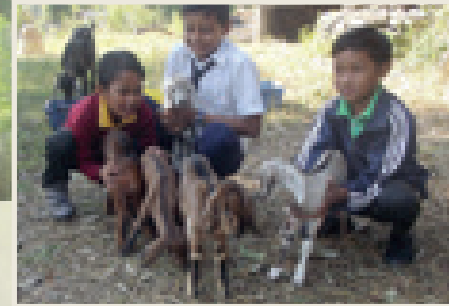
*Alexander Schmidt*



*The goat's stable*



*Not just a children's game:  
Our new goat breeding*



*Farm animals for cuddling*

## MY EXPERIENCES IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

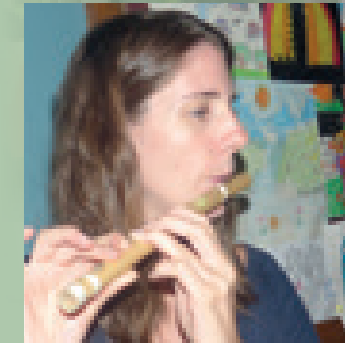
I was really lucky to spend an unforgettable time in the FWHC children's village in Bhakunde/Pokhara. With a laughing and a smiling eye I now look back on that time during 26th September and 7th October 2016, since I miss that time there and the people, but also knowing that the children there live a happy life.

The children's village is like an oasis where children feel good and where they can develop and grow up under favourable conditions – a big family in which people support and help each other. I was and I am enthusiastic that life in the children's village is so full of harmony, that everybody has his/her place and task and that people stand up for each other.

I was kindly and warmly welcomed and accepted by everybody. It was good to

see that I could get integrated into the life in the children's village and participate in the everyday life. We played a lot with balloons, tried to play the recorder and sat in the grass, singing, laughing, chatting and painting or we worked together in the garden. I could show and teach the children something from our culture and they did it vice versa. I learned some Nepali, some karate exercises, eating Dal with my hands and many things more ...

What impressed me most was the fact that the children at an early age get strengthened in their emotional competence and that they therefore dare doing things at an early age. This can be reached by dancing and acting lessons where they learn to express their emotions. I could observe how ambitious the children are in learning to do everything correctly and enlarging their



skills and knowledge. The stay in the children's village taught me how important it is to have a beautiful surrounding and warm-hearted people around me in order to feel good and develop suitably.

A special experience of those days was the Dashain festival where people sing and dance a lot and where everybody

was happy. They blessed us with coloured rice and flowers and there were lots of sweets. At the same time, the festival marked the beginning of the holidays. I'm really looking forward to another chance for a stay in the children's village. Thank you so much for a wonderful time!!!

*Claudia Lang*  
Karlsruhe





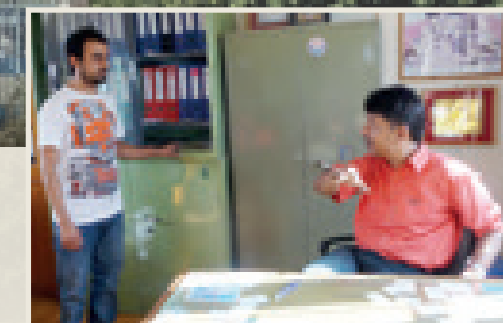
# NEWS FROM THE YOUTH HOSTEL IN KATHMANDU

Since 2007, there has been our youth hostel in Bungmati not far away from Kathmandu. After having finished form 8, our students pass two more years here in order to get their school leaving certificate and prepare for their future life on their own. The house offers enough space for a total of 34 people and normally 10 – 15 young people are there together. They are looked after by 3 staff members: Ganesh, the housewife and cook, her husband Jit Bahadur who is responsible for the safety of the property and Ratna Shrestha, the one who cares for the young people. They get support for their school tasks and counselling regarding their professional future. Since 2013, Messrs teamtischer have provided equipped workshops where young people can acquire basic knowledge

in connection with wood, electricity and metal. The adjacent field offers opportunities to grow their own vegetables and rice. In addition, once a week sports lessons are being offered (karate).

Everybody was really shocked and afraid when in spring several severe earthquakes resulted in destruction and miserable conditions in Nepal. Though the neighbouring village of Bungmati was severely affected by the quakes, it was a miracle that all our people living in the hostel were not injured. However, the building showed visible damage which have been repaired in the meantime by teamtischer and local craftsmen. The damage caused regarding our potable water well, however, cannot be repaired. The spring dried up after the

*The damage caused by the earthquake could be repaired in the meantime*



*Fred and Raj with our young people and the staff members caring for them*

*Prabin Gautam, accountant, and Raj K. Shrestha, Chairman of the FWHC in the office*

earthquakes and therefore we have to buy potable water since then. In two-week-intervals, we always get 6000 litres from a tank car.

We are really worried and wonder if we can stick to that place on the long run. There are state plans to change the street that passes along the hostel into a four-lane street. First houses have already been destroyed for this purpose and a big part of our building is also in danger of being pulled down. Moreover, we have to consider if owing to more traffic to be expected and thus considerable noise the running of a hostel really makes sense. Already at this point of time, lots of lorries on their way southbound produce a high level of noise. We

cannot really count with a good compensation for pulling down the building completely or partially, since this is not the custom in Nepal. Even if our hostel will only be affected by these construction measures in two years acc. to current information, we will have to be prepared and therefore look for alternatives in order to be in a position to guarantee a continuous vocational and school education and care.

*Dr. Gabi Söhling*  
Mainz

*The part of the youth hostel facing the street which is threatened of getting demolished*





# 100 EURO PROJECTS

**Our vision** is to create an environment on a basis of mutual understanding which enables the children in Nepal to develop their potential providing them with prospects for their future.

**The pre-requisites** for this concept are to promote the independence of every single child and the project.

An example are the 12,000 rupee (100 €) projects which our young Nepalese protégés commit to following the SLC (school exam at the end of the 10th year). They plan and implement a project of their own choice in their home village and then write an illustrated report. Two cameras are provided for those without access to cell phones with camera function.

This year we would like to present Nawaraj Kafle's project (born 1998) who achieved the best SLC result in his year with A+ (91.25 %). This mark enables him to opt for Science during the 11th and 12th grade and he is now pupil at Liverpool College in the Pokhara vicinity where he lives with his sister.

Nawaraj originally comes from the village of Mukundabari/Bheerkot in the Syanja District situated in West Nepal (subtropical climate, altitude 1,500 m) and has been living in the children's village since 2008. His mother is deaf-mute and his father can no longer work following an accident where he injured both hands. We were entrusted with his care by local authorities. This has been a great success story not only for Nawaraj but also for our project.

*Irmgard Schlaeger*

Here is the report on his bee project:



*Nawaraj in his mountain village*

It sounds that bee keeping is easy project to earn profit than other. Bees are the insects that suck the liquid of flowers, animals and any other objects to produce juice called „HONEY“. Bees do a lot of struggle to collect honey. I have seen bee farming in the television, listen to the radio about it, directly observed the farm too. These things motivated me to do bee farming as my project work. My father also used to do ancient tradition of bee farming which motivated me to do so.

I have brought two modern home of bee which cost 5,000 Nepali Rupees (about 43 Euros) for each. I really don't know the needed temperature for them but they loved the moderate hot climate. Bees have their enemies which destroyed their home and eat the honey. Wasps insects, eating birds, big butterflies and spider. Spiders make the net in which bees used to fall and can't escape from there. Other big animals than these are also the enemies of bees. For bee keeping it is good to do flower farming too.

*Rudra (l) and Nawaraj (r) received awards for the best SLC degree*



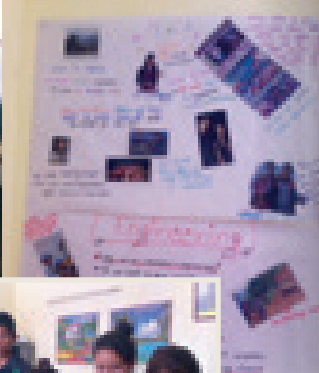
The use of chemical substances must stop to protect the bees. Many species of bees are going to be exist in upcoming future and some kind are already extinct. We should be careful while harvesting the honey otherwise it will bring great lost of bees. Using smoke should be banded and the modern way of harvesting honey should be bring in practical. When you simply blow air to the home of bees they automatically left the honey area and take aside then why we are using the clothes to produce smoke to let the bees to take a side.

We should take care of the house of bees. Flowing is the idea to take care of the bees and their home.

- 1 Their home and the home area must be clean by which other insects can't make their home nearer.
- 2 There may be the chance to make the net by the spider, so we must be careful about that and look after the home.
- 3 While harvesting honey modern technology should be used to minimize death of bees.
- 4 It is good to plant flower near the area of bee farming etc.

I have two houses of bees, after the 15 days from the beginning it is ready to harvest honey. In this Dashain vacation I had collected a big Coca-Cola sized bottle of honey in pure state. In our village rate the cost of a liter of honey is around 1500 Nepali Rupees (about 13 Euros). I had sale that honey with 2500 Nepali Rupees (about 22 Euros). If I can harvest honey on time it will help me a lot for my study but I am far from the area of my village in the city area. My father doesn't have an idea of harvesting honey. My father doesn't harvest honey but take care of the bees and their home.

*Nawaraj Kafle*  
Nepal



# SLC\* SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED - AND WHAT COMES NEXT?

We would like to introduce Career Disha Nepal (CDN) - our partner for careers advice at the hostel.

Ideally complete the secondary school leaving certificate and then continue on to university or alternatively to join the forces (preferably British or Indian Forces as that is an acknowledged and well-paid occupation with good pension prospects.

Many of our teenagers chose their dream professions, for example as doctor or engineer, for which expensive university fees are necessary. Hotel management is always an option if the school exam results are on the low side. In Nepal, or at least in the towns, there are more than enough doctors and engineers. However in the mountainous regions there is a scarcity of qualified professions as these areas are less popular. Hotels are of course mainly in the tourist centres.

How can young people decide about a future career if they hardly have an opportunity to inform themselves about these jobs? They have to find a job which suits their capabilities and for which there are enough job opportunities. How can young people manage this if they have not done any work placements and support?

This is where the organisation Career Disha Nepal (CDN) comes in. They have developed professional career advisory services for 14 to 16 year olds which are specifically moulded to the Nepalese employment situation. CDN has

its origins in an Austrian NGO and now operates as a „social business“. CDN is non-profit making but strives to cover its own advisory and course expenses. They use the expertise and experience of career advisory programs collated in German-speaking countries and are currently managed by Inge Patsch from Austria.

Inge Patsch details the work of the CDN in the last three years. „We have developed a comprehensive psychological profile of 130 questions in English and Nepalese which is presently in the Beta phase. In addition we have an education and careers data base listing 350 jobs, 300 formal traineeships and more than 2,000 apprenticeship centres throughout Nepal. We visit schools with a various workshop materials for 1-day workshops, sometimes longer. One of our tools is a comprehensive poster which maps out the Nepalese education system including the non-academic options which guides the 14 to 16 year olds on an interactive journey of discovery to their strengths and interests.

Teacher and psychologist, Hari Krishna Dahal, ran a workshop on these lines for 19 young people in our Katmandu youth hostel during the school holidays under the title „my future pro“. This project will be continued in April 2017 for the new arrivals at the hostel (report to follow).



[www.careerdishanepal.org](http://www.careerdishanepal.org)

The Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe e.V. particularly value the work of Career Disha Nepal for the following reasons

- they have amassed wide knowledge about the employment market in Nepal.
- they present new career opportunities, for example in IT.
- the children have the opportunity to learn more about their own strengths and interests through experience at the workplace.
- the methods used are interactive whereas teaching in Nepal is otherwise of a frontal nature.
- they portray jobs and careers which are suitable for those who do not pass the SLC.
- they promote the value of practical and technical training.
- they offer trainee possibilities previously not available in Nepal.
- they offer a decision-making list on their website (a 10 point program) with the aim to encourage young people to look for work in Nepal instead of leaving the country.

We are looking forward to a fruitful cooperation.

*Irmgard Schlaeger*  
Frankfurt



HOSTEL

## IN LARGEST HARM I HAVE BEEN RECEIVED MY CHANCE BY THE FNH

Often I think of how my life would have been developed without the great help of the Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe e.V.? Maybe I would be today without the FNH a cheap paid worker in the Arab states, as are many thousands of Nepalis.

My name is Madan Bastola. At the age of four, I fell into an open fire place next to our house. The severe burns almost all over my body left me pass out. Almost I would have died if my parents did not sell their small house including the arable land, in order to carry out my lengthy and cost-intensive treatment in the hospital in Pokhara. My parents have lost almost everything, but got me my life back.

My father worked almost day and night as a seller of vegetable oil. He paid the debts of the hospital, took care of my brother and me as well as my mother. Thanks to the untiring work of my father. We could even buy a small property and build a new small house. What would we be a happy family if my father died had not died three years after my accident. Again my family stood close to the abyss. I was seven years old and my brother only four so we could not help our mother. Often there was almost nothing to eat.

From stories my mother learned that there is a children's village in Pokhara which would admit me and send me to school. For all of us my recording in the children's village was the greatest happiness. The FNH financed me further surgeries of my great scars and adhesions at my legs and I could go to school. I invested all of my strength in learning. After seven years in the children's village

and two years in the youth hostel I passed the final examinations of the 10th class with good grades.

Thanks to the three-year training program sponsored by the FNH I could complete my vocational diploma in natural sciences in Lekhnath at Pokhara very successfully. I was infinite happy about this success!

On April 25th 2015, the violent earthquake in Nepal destroyed my home in the village Bastolagaun at the Begnas lake. Miraculously, my mother and my brother survived the collapse of the house. How should we go on now? For me the earthquake was a sign to drive in the profession of civil engineer actually now which got me already enthusiastic into my childhood. In the future, Nepal needs many civil engineers who construct earthquake-proof buildings. But how should the expensive study and my maintenance financed?

Alexander Schmidt helped me to get in contact with a German sponsor who finances my cost of living. From the Nepali state I have received a scholarship due to my very good marks in the final exams and I am already studying construction engineering at the Pokhara University in Lekhnath. With completion of the 8th semester, I can work in my dream job and take care of my family.

What the FNH has done for me, I will never forget. If I make money myself I would like to support the FNH and its important work in Nepal. To give something back is very important to me. From the earthquake fund of the FNH I have received for the reconstruction of the house of my family scarcely 2,000 Euros. In the semester breaks I will use circular beam and begin with the rebuilding of an earthquake-proof construction.

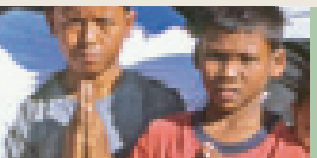
I would like to thank all FNH members and sponsors!

*Madan Bastola*  
Nepal

above:  
Madan studying and in front of his ruined house with his mother



\* 10<sup>th</sup> grade finishing exams





*Our children from the children's village were pleased with the football shirts, footballs and brightly coloured football boots which were put into immediate action.*

# CHARITY EVENTS

## THE SV BACKNANG-STEINBACH SPORTS CLUB COLLECTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEPAL



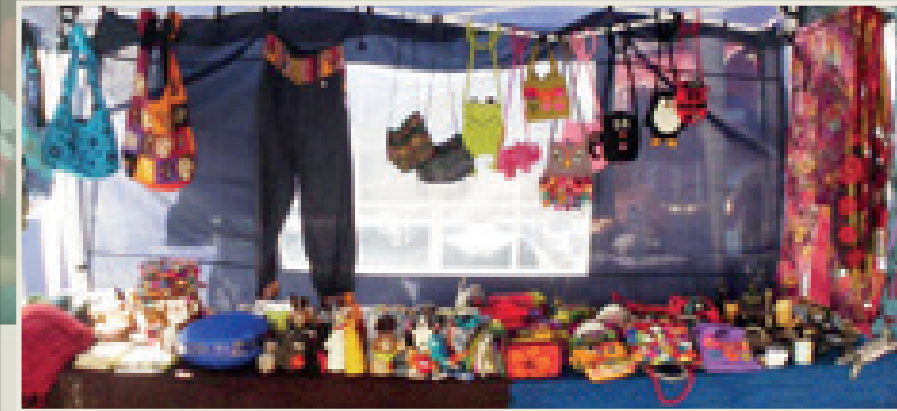
Football is played all over the world by enthusiastic boys and in increasing numbers girls but not all children have suitable equipment. So the young players of SV Steinbach, a small football club close to Stuttgart, have been busy collecting for the children of Nepal.

Following my request to the young players in our club not to throw away but to donate their used but still functional football boots and kit I was pleased to collect five big boxes of football boots and kit in good condition.

I was pleased to see with how much enthusiasm the children and parents took part in this project and the club was also pleased and proud to be able to help.

We wish the children of Nepal a great deal of fun with their kit and look forward to helping again in the future.

**Ralf Henkelmann**  
SV Steinbach



## FNH AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Alexander Schmidt and thus the Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe e.V. (FNH) have been known to me since 1995, that means almost right from the beginning. And since this time I have been admiring Alex and the other honorary working members for what they have achieved. I have always had the desire to contribute to that great project. However, as a single parent and working full time I have neither had the time nor the money. I just could tell everybody around me about the FNH and their achievements. The more people know the charity, the more potential supporters there are, that is what I thought.

In the meantime, my children have grown up and I have got more time so that I built up my stand for the sale of Nepalese hand-made articles at an inter-cultural happening in Mainz for the first time. It was a lot of fun to me - the mounting of the stand in the morning and then selling these beautiful things during the day. I got to know a lot of nice and interesting people. At work, I also offered the things and my colleagues gave me positive response. The result was my application for a stand at the Christmas market in Mainz - and

I was lucky! One advent weekend, the FNH was there. I needed help and found it in friends and my children, of course. Another weekend, I offered my Nepalese articles in the parish of a neighbouring village one Sunday morning. And it was always fun! The next year, I was participating again in the intercultural event. Unfortunately, I was not lucky with regard to the Christmas market, all stands had already been distributed. After the earthquake, it was a natural desire for me to do fund-raising. Sometimes, people even contacted me because friends and other people bring me in close connection with Nepal and the FNH.

This year as well I attended the intercultural event with my stand for the benefit of the FNH and I always look for new opportunities to present this charity, e.g. at a school bazaar, smaller Christmas markets and other events.

Cause one thing is true: it means a lot of fun to me and it really serves the purpose.

**Annette Shrestha**  
Mainz

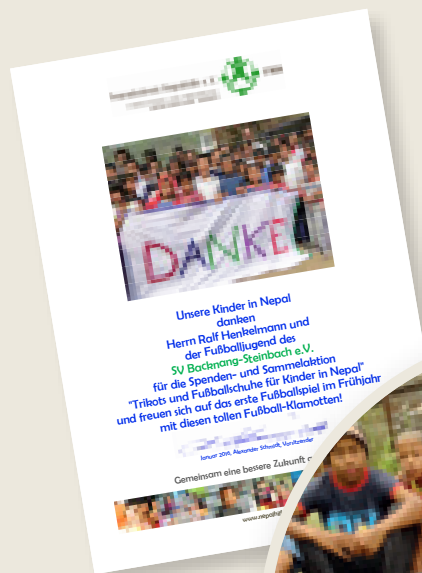


## CONTINUITY

Since 2011, our primary school has been organizing a fund-raising running. Our „running for a good purpose“ on a sports day in September resulted in the amount of 783 Euros this year. The pupils of the primary school were very enthusiastic and fought really hard for a good result. Thanks to our fast runners, I could transfer 500 Euros to the Freundeskreis Nepalhilfe e.V. The remaining money will be used for things to the benefit of our pupils.

The second day of the event for our sponsoring of the FNH is a „Nepal Day“, a project day for all pupils of the Albert-Einstein-Grundschule (primary school) as well as for future pupils of the kindergarten in the neighbourhood. More than 350 children together with teachers, nurses, many parents, grandparents and also helpers and volunteers spend this day attending lectures, flea-markets, a bazaar with handmade articles, handicraft, the wheel of fortune and delicious food. It will be the „11th Nepal Day“. I'm excited and looking forward to seeing if this year we will also be in a position to exceed the money donated. We have always been able to do that since 2009. Last year, we were proud to achieve a profit of 1.870,- Euros. Isn't that a really impressive result?

**Ingrid Patzsch**  
Primary school teacher and coordinator of the project at the Albert-Einstein-Primary School in Chemnitz



## BOOKKEEPING, DONATION CERTIFICATES

In their majority, the members of the FNH-board are still working and make their contribution on a voluntary basis. We want to ask you therefore to minimize the efforts of bookkeeping as much as possible:

- Are you a new donator? In order to give us the opportunity to send you a donation certificate, we need your entire address in the „purpose space“ of the bank transfer. We have only little time to do address research.
- Once a year (mostly in January), we send donation certificates for the previous year. So please do not ask for donation certificates during the year.
- Please, inform us in time about changes of your address or bank details, if you are a member.
- Should your bank details and/or your postal address have changed since the last debiting, please inform us as soon as possible.

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Donors who are not resident in Germany should inform themselves at their local financial authorities concerning the taxation of their donations.



## FINAL WORDS LAST BUT NOT LEAST

After the enormously eventful previous year with the earthquake catastrophes and in contrast to all that the wonderful celebration of the 20th anniversary of FNH and FWHC, the year 2016 was characterized by lots of smaller and joyful events.

With happiness and thankfulness we want to especially remember the great hospitality of Pastor Siegfried Eckert: In his parish center of the Pauluskirche in Bonn-Friesdorf, apart from our annual assembly we also celebrated the great German anniversary with lots of guests from near and far and a service to give God all our thanks.

In the children's village, our child Sunita Gurung completed a practical training in Germany in the frame of her vocational training as a nurse/child minder. The photovoltaics plant on the roof of the new school in the children's village makes the

children's village independent of the Nepalese electricity supply. The bringing up of goats means a lot of fun to our children and creates income to the children's village. And our children's village was awarded again the „A-category“ by the state youth welfare service – best children's village of the Kaski district!

These and many more wonderful events could only be realized through your loving and wealthy support as well as an enormous voluntary commitment. From the bottom of our heart we want to say THANKYOU – also in the name of our partner organization FWHC (Forum for the Welfare of Nepalese children) in Nepal, our children and staff members in the children's village and hostel. Please, keep on supporting our work with all your confidence.

In this sense, we wish you a merry Christmas and happiness and wellbeing for the coming year.

Kind regards,

*your FNH-Board*



from left:

- Christiane Karsch (Board member),
- Marco Hanßmann (Treasurer),
- Ursula Herrmann (Board member),
- Alexander Schmidt (Founder, Chairman),
- Irmgard Schlaeger (Board member),
- Monika Volz (Secretary),
- Gerhard Hanßmann (Deputy chairman),
- Dr. Fred Prünte (Board member),
- Michaela Jost (Board member)

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