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Dear friends,

Our organization is celebrating its 20th anniversary. On December 24, 1998, I founded it with some friends in support of a private French initiative. After some time, the French initiative did not want to take in any more children. In face of the great pervasive need, I started my own small children's home with 13 children three years later. Today we look after and care for over 150 children and adolescents in our two houses and apartments. In addition, there are some young people who do not live with us but we support them with their school fees or tuition and their living expenses. I never would have dreamed that this little Christmas surprise would develop over the years into a huge Christmas present for needy children and teenagers in Nepal.

This is due in particular to the various Nepalese home managers - most notably Navaraj with his family-, you as godparents and donors, the numerous young German volunteers and the Nepalese "didis" (staff) who clean, wash and cook for the children. In addition to all individual donors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all associations, organizations, church institutions, companies and businesses as well as schools. Whether your donation is a one-digit sum or a five-digit figure, it has been and remains a valuable support without which we could not do our work.

I do not want to forget the volunteers here in Germany, who have helped and are still helping with the administrative work, the packing of relief supplies for Nepal and the organization of events.

A big **Dhanyabad** (thank you) to all of you. Our younger children expressed their thanks by lining up to form a double heart.



In this newsletter, I would like to report on the young people who have left our children's home this year and who are, except for a few, supporting themselves. Most of them belong to "my" first children and thus show our successes.



Beni did not find a satisfactory and promising job in Nepal with his bachelor's degree in hotel management. He first went to a hotel in Dubai and now works as a chef in the Maldives. Was it just the higher income that lured him there, or did he, like our young people, also catch the travel bug? Beni is silent about it.

Radheshyam, Ajay and Himal became electricians with Himal having just taken his final exams. All three work in Nepal. Radheshyam even earns a pretty good income for a beginner; also Ajay, we are very happy to say, seems to be doing quite well. Himal wants to return to his native region Jumla, which is located far in the west and is still very backward. There he plans to open his own business with our help. We gladly support this idea because it contributes to the development of an area that hardly anyone would like to go to.



Practical work is frowned upon in this country, which is still heavily influenced by the caste system, because so far it was only the members of lower castes that perSantoshi and Bunu are registered nurses. Since in Nepal, family members take over many of the tasks that are performed by hospital nurses, it is difficult to find a decently paid job in a hospital. So Bunu

went into home care for the elderly. Much to our surprise, she got a visa for Australia and is now attending a one-year program in senior care while working at the same time. Santoshi has since had an arranged marriage and was married according to Hindu rites. We will see how life goes on for her.



In the industrialized countries, it is now common to work during college. This also seems to be attractive to the Nepalese, who often have the additional goal of financially helping out their families at home. In order to achieve their goals, they put up with a lot: they often have two jobs and work to total exhaustion. They extremely limit themselves, living together with many others in the smallest of spaces. This is not good for their health, but the consequences may not be felt until many years later. The money is attractive because you earn so much more abroad than in Nepal. They cannot imagine how high the cost of living is in these rich countries and therefore disregard this fact completely when they start their new life there. The awakening comes later, but you are still financially better off than at home where there is little work and extremely low wages. Therefore, Jyoti went to Poland, where

she studies journalism in an English-language study program and wants to support her grandparents with her work at the same time. There is always the danger that work becomes more important than their studies.



SUJAN

Manita, Sujan U. and Dinesh have spent several months in training. The first two in dressmaking, Dinesh as a physical therapist. While Manita and Sujan returned to their home village after graduating, Dinesh remained in a distinguished hotel outside of Kathmandu due to a very attractive job offer he received. He is so good at his profession that he was hired even though he had not yet reached the official minimum age. Our young German volunteers/foreign volunteers rave about the massages they receive from him during his visits. Moreover, as he is the only physical therapist at his hotel who speaks English, he is very much in demand among the guests. With a decent salary, free food and lodging and corresponding tips, he is doing very well financially.



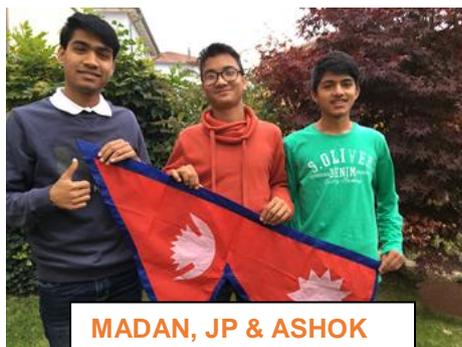
DINESH

Shrjana B. has just completed her bachelor's degree and is looking for a job at a bank. However, she still has to do an unpaid young German volunteership for a few months.



SHRJANA

Three young men are currently in Germany. Madan came in 2017 to get a first impression of German life. A year of voluntary work (Voluntary Social Year - FSJ) with young people in Schwäbisch Gmünd followed. In addition, he eagerly learned German and is now working on a degree as a kindergarten teacher. For him, it is clear that he wants to use this sound education to work in Nepal because in his home country education is mostly theoretical with little or no practical training.



MADAN, JP & ASHOK

Two German families provided a gentle start to our so much more complex world for Madan by giving him room, board and tender loving care.

Jay Prakash and Ashok have been attending an young German volunteersational 10th grade at the Friedrich Schiller Gymnasium in Marbach on the Neckar since September. By staying with German families for one school year as guest students they learn our language, get to know our everyday life

and our education system. Everything is so very much different than at home. They acquire valuable skills for their later life in a globalized world.

Last not least there are Praman and Umesh, who both finished 12th grade and thus have a Nepalese high school diploma. Studying the theoreticalformed these types of jobs. And as long as there are relatively few good vocational training courses, hardly anything will change. subject of "management" (economics) was not easy for them. We are happy that they received their high school diplomas. They would have liked to go into practical training afterwards, but their extended families insisted on a bachelor's degree. The two didn't get a say in this decision, so that one of them said goodbye in tears.

Since the children grew up with us, we know about their inclinations, skills and their capabilities better than their relatives. All of these arguments were disregarded. It was all about the social prestige of a bachelor's degree. In Nepal's traditionally hierarchical society, the oldest family member (in one case even illiterate) decided about the young adults' future. The two young people had to accept the decision.



UMESH



PRAMAN

Our organization did not want to be part of this. Even though it was very difficult for us, we let them go with their relatives who now have to pay for their education and financially support them.



DIDIS

In the year of our 20th anniversary, our "didis" were supposed to get some relief. We asked for offers for an industrial washing machine using "betterplace" and "Gut für the Ostalb". The KSK (the savings bank of the Ostalb district) repeatedly announces certain dates when it donates a total of € 10,000 and uses this sum to double each private donation of up to € 100 until that amount is exhausted. When we took part in this campaign in July, the amount of € 10,000 was used up among the 149 participating projects within three minutes. Thanks to your energetic support and quick response we finished as the third most sponsored project and were able to fully finance the machine that day. The day after, the company MIELE made a fantastic offer: They wanted to donate a washing machine of almost twice the value and take over the remaining costs. The venture failed because the Nepalese customs would not guarantee the washing machine could be imported without the usual 20-30% customs duties. Nevertheless, we are very grateful to MIELE for this generous offer.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your devoted support and sincerely ask for your continued and sympathetic loyalty. The costs of living and education are constantly increasing. We currently have nearly 40 young people who have already finished 10th grade. It is much more expensive to support them than the younger children. – Additional new sponsors and young volunteers are cordially invited and very welcome. Find more information on our website.

If you live in the U.S. and want to support this organization you can do so by sending a check to the following American organization that is kind enough to transfer your contribution to our account in Nepal and to issue a tax refund slip to you.

Nepal Hope 38112 Young Drive, Fremont, CA 94536

You can also make a contribution by using their web page www.nepalhope.org. Please, in both cases, specify our organization by stating "for SHN." "SHN" stands for Self Help Nepal, the name of our organization in Nepal.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Dietrich