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Dear friends,

Besides the changes in management, so much else has happened this year in our organization that I would like to report about it in this newsletter. We were also visited by the Mütschele family, who hosted one of our protégés last school year. They too should have their say.

The most recent event was the departure from Nepal of Samjhana Pun and Prakash Khatiwada, who were accepted into the international 10th grade at the Friedrich-Schiller-Gymnasium (high school) in Marbach am Neckar and had also received a visa from Germany without any problems, which, however, initially did not interest the Nepalese customs authorities. We started a petition, which we distributed very quickly using our mailing lists. Since you also helped to further distribute the request using your private mailing lists, we received 1121 signatures in about a week, which we sent to the German Embassy in Kathmandu and the Nepalese Embassy in Berlin. Once again, thank you very much for your great support which helped us to achieve so much. Host parents, sponsors and friends greeted us warmly at the airport in Stuttgart. In the next newsletter, Samjhana and Prakash will report on their experiences and their time in Germany.



Ellen, Samjhana and Prakash with their host families at the airport



Pallavi & Rajesh at their Hinduism wedding

At the end of August our new caregiver, Rajesh, married the young woman Pallavi. Since both had converted to Christianity, they first had a Christian religious ceremony in a small circle of friends. For their relatives, friends, our children and domestic workers they organized a big Hindu wedding. For days our children rehearsed dances for their performance and practiced every free minute. Watching them was a real feast for the eyes. I was very happy that the children invested so much time and energy so that the party could be so wonderful. They also made a mobile out of egg cartons.

A few months earlier, Pallavi had completed her bachelor's degree in social work and fits perfectly into our new team, which now no longer consists exclusively of men.



Rajesh & Pallavi at their Christian wedding



Wolfgang Hahl, Ellen Dietrich, Margit Hahl

Wolfgang and Margit Hahl visited us in the spring to hold workshops on alternative healing methods with our supervisors, trainees and some interested children. Wolfgang Hahl, who was already very seriously ill as a teenager, had acquired knowledge of alternative healing methods himself and successfully treated himself after conventional medicine could not help him. He has expanded his knowledge over the years and trained healers in Germany. Now he wants to bring back this knowledge to Asia, parts of which originated from there. He is looking for young people who are interested in this healing art to train them intensively. From their club "Crystal Children of the Earth" they also brought along a donation, which we used to buy the desks and benches that were urgently needed in the homework room of the 3rd house. More at <http://kristall-kinder-der-erde.de/aktivitaeten/reisebericht-nepal-2019/>.

We had to demolish our toilet and shower house because the landlord for our second building claimed the entire small sports field for the construction of a new house for her and her family. We are very grateful that the American foundation "Sabin's Children Foundation" helped us to finance the construction. Some artistically very talented interns embellished the building together with the children with imaginative jungle scenes. More pictures can be found in blog 9 on our website.



The wall of the toilet shows a jungle with some little cute monkeys

At this point, I would also like to thank the donors who, on a sad or joyful occasion, made us happy with a donation in the truest sense of the word. They helped us to pay school fees and to support new children who do not yet have a sponsor, to buy necessary equipment and household items, to build a fence around the second sports field of the first house so that the ball does not constantly roll into the street, to erect brick tennis tables, to pay doctor's bills etc... Please understand that I do not want to mention the names and sums of these donors here, although these additional donations were extremely welcome and helpful and will continue to be so in the future. Your smaller monthly contribution is as important to our work as these donations. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you very much.



Shatyaman has fun painting the wall

Our first Nepal trip - from family Mütschele

Ashok was a guest student in the international class at the Friedrich Schiller school in Marbach, Germany. He accompanied us for one year in our everyday life - us - that is the Mütschele family consisting of: mother Anja, father Micha, Lara (19 years old - at this time doing a year abroad), Finn (16 years old, also a student in the international class) and Luzie (13 years old). Not only did we show him our country and our everyday life, but he also told us a lot about his homeland. Gradually, we began to be interested in his country and its culture. Together with Ellen Dietrich, Anja, Micha, Finn and Luzie, we decided to accompany him and his "brother" Jay Prakash on their return to Nepal after the end of their school year, and to discover for three weeks his home country and his home.



Finn, Luzie, Micha & Anja Mütschele

Nepal is a fascinating country, with friendly and helpful people. Nevertheless, it was not easy for us to cope with our impressions during the first days because there is no possibility to approach this country slowly. Everything flowed into us at



the kids in the bus

the same time. First there were the smells: Whether the omnipresent incense sticks, fried corn on the roadside or offerings, there seemed to be something burning all the time. Then the noises: prayer bells, the hissing of the pressure cookers, which already at 5.00 AM soft-cooked the rice for breakfast, music from crashing loudspeakers, dogs barking and monkeys screaming. Finally, the narrowness: Whether in the traffic, in the bus, in the shopping streets, in the temple, at the morning roll call in school or dancing during one of the countless festivals, we were always part of a crowd. One flows with and is carried along and quickly understands that one's own schedules are difficult to follow. We also had a closer

relationship to nature than we are used to in Germany: Rain and heat, cats and dogs, cows and monkeys, leeches and cockroaches could not be avoided as easily as in our latitude.

As soon as the first "shock" was overcome, we realized that we could take the bus without knowing where the bus was going, where the bus stops are, how much the exact cost of the trip would be or how to get out of the completely over-crowded bus.

We also noticed that we could go shopping even though the assortment of their goods was completely unclear to us and we could not read the labeling of the goods. Basically, we could eat anything without always knowing exactly what we had on our plate. We were able to develop this confidence that things would somehow go well, because the Nepalese were always very caring. They did it in such an unobtrusive way that we gradually realized how we were always taken care of.

The experiences we had in Ashok's homeland also applied in a special way to the children's home, the Home of Hope. Here, too, everything literally came very close to us. The children greeted us like old acquaintances, although we were complete strangers to them. They sat on our laps and snuggled close to us. They surrounded us and felt our hair, braces and watches. They laughed at us and uninhibitedly asked for everything that seemed new to them. They pulled us along and integrated us naturally into their games and dances. The "Didis" (domestic workers) touchingly cared for us and our well-being. The house managers and teachers* always helped us. They made arriving and living together uncomplicated and easy.



The kids are fascinated by Finn's braces

We were allowed to experience the everyday life of the children and teenagers in the Home of Hope and we were part of it. We helped with the homework and reviewing their school lessons. With much loving support from teachers, home management and interns, homework is done after school. We were astonished to find that 90% of teaching in Nepal consists of rote learning and copying of text. Compared to our Western children, the students spend about 10 hours a day, six days a week, doing lessons, homework and "study time", i.e. reviewing lessons. With a lot of discipline and time, educational progress is achieved here.



Our children loved to meet family Mütschele

In conclusion, we can say that the Home of Hope has become a part of us and that during the three weeks we got an unforgettable impression of another culture and togetherness in the children's house. Thanks to Ellen, all the children, teenagers, young adults, employees and volunteers.



We are also urgently looking for discarded laptops, e-book readers, and tablet PCs, which we can take to Nepal after they have been processed by the organization Labdoo.org in an ecological and sustainable way and equipped with valuable educational software. We either use them in our house or hand them over to remote schools. The programs are very good. Please contact us in advance by e-mail, so that we can find the processing center closest to your place of residence.

We would be happy to welcome further interns and sponsors. You find more information on our website that is translated into English: www.homeofhope-nepal.com

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

Don't forget to state „ SHN“. “SHN” stands for Self Help Nepal, the name of our organization in Nepal.

Please stay loyal to us. We still need your support urgently. Wishing you happy holidays and a wonderful New Year.

I greet you very cordially as

Ellen Dietrich