

Women's Empowerment Project

NCH-Nepal is keen to develop this project which will help women to receive training in order to develop their skills and become independent. So far we have ten women receiving training for 5 months at the end of which they will receive their own sewing machine and some materials. Then another ten women will receive training. We are very grateful to the Darvia Nepali Orphanage Fund (Kildrummy Inn, Scotland) for providing £6,000 so that this project can start immediately.

Hearing Aid Project

As with many poor societies, ear infections are very common in Nepal, and these often progress to moderate or severe hearing loss. This project will be headed by an audiometrist from Australia who has many years' experience conducting hearing assessments and fitting hearing aids. NCH-Nepal hopes that we can supply and fit devices for up to 100 people each year depending on funding from friends in Australia and the acquisition of new and good second-hand hearing aids.



Charity Challenge

We were delighted that a group of students from St. Ninian's High school chose NCH-IOM as their charity in the Charity Challenge Competition held at the Manx Museum last February. Two of the students had visited Nepal last October as part of the Onchan Scouts Explorer Belt Expedition.



The six students gave an excellent presentation to the capacity audience and were awarded £3,000. This money will be used to help with our integration programme so we can ensure that our older students receive suitable training to help them with their future careers.

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New Leaflet

We have produced a new leaflet which has been printed in Nepal. Whilst it may not be of the same high standard as previous ones produced here on the Isle of Man, it was much cheaper to print!! We had a large number printed so please do give them out to friends!! and relatives!! Many thanks.

Recent trip to Nepal, May 2010

The Chairman of NCH-IOM recently returned from a very brief visit to Nepal but he was able to spend some time with the children, discuss various issues with Visma (Chairman of NCH-Nepal) and look at possible plots of land for our new orphanage. It is imperative that we find a suitable plot of land as soon as possible so that we can start building as the lease on our other two properties expires in 2012. We think we have found an excellent plot of land which is only half an hour's drive from Pokhara and is in a very pleasant part of the country but still near the facilities we need.

Micro-Finance Project and Scholarship Program

While he was in Nepal, the Chairman of NCH-IOM was able to visit families who are benefitting from these two schemes. One family have been given two buffalo and they are able to sell the milk to provide them with an income. One of the children attends a school in Hemja just outside Pokhara and she receives assistance with her school fees, uniform, medicines and school materials. We are very grateful to the Overseas Aid Committee of the Isle of Man Government for donating £5,000 towards the Micro-Finance Project.



Children's exams

Most of the children have passed their school exams with good marks with a number of children in the top places in their class. We are very pleased with their progress at the Step by Step Boarding School. We are now eagerly awaiting the results of the SLC (School Leaving Certificate) exams which two of our students have recently taken.

Many Thanks and Congratulations

NCH-IOM are indebted to Alan Cope from Ramsey for his help recently while he has been in Pokhara. He has worked tirelessly with Visma sorting out legal problems and supporting Visma in his quest for suitable land for the Children's Village.

Many Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mark McGrath and Yvonne Kelly (on right) who are to be married in Dublin on Saturday, 24th July. Mark and Yvonne have visited the orphanage and will be with us again in October 2010. We are very grateful for their continued support especially recently when Mark and Yvonne took part in the Parish Walk to raise money for our charity.



Other News from NCH - Nepal

Football Competition: This competition was organised between the children's homes in Pokhara. Our children played with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the event even though they didn't win!

Visit of Minister: The Minister of Children, Women and Social Welfare, Sarr Deo Ojha, made a surprise visit to the orphanage. He was very impressed with what he saw and wished the staff and children good luck for the future.

Art Party Japan: As in previous years we sent in a selection of the children's art to this exhibition which is held in Hiroshima. One of their representatives also visited the orphanage and gave favourable comments to the children on their artwork.

Twitter and Facebook: Recently we have started groups with details of events in NCH - Nepal and further afield.

Prasansha's Accident: Prasansha is making good progress after six weeks in hospital. She received 20% burns when she fell into a campfire. The cost of the treatment was 40,000 rupees (about £400). It is wonderful to see her up and about again playing with her twin sister and the other children.

Funny Friday: On some Fridays the children present a show to the others. During this show we are entertained with singing, dancing, short sketches and telling of jokes. It is an event that all the children enjoy.

Future Events

July 5th Tynwald Day - Stall on the Fairfield

July 19th to 23rd Visit of Visma Paudel with his wife and baby daughter

July 20th (Tuesday) AGM at St. Matthew's Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

July 22nd (Thursday) Sponsors and Supporters' Evening at 7.30 p.m. at Douglas Golf Club to meet Visma Paudel, founder of Namaste Children's House. A light finger buffet will be provided

August 1st (Sunday) Stall at the Hospice 'Flog It Day'

August 13th and 14th (Friday and Saturday) Stall at the Royal Manx Agricultural Show

September 5th (Sunday) Nepalese Evening at the Quayside Restaurant, Peel at 7 p.m. Cost of the meal is £22

October 1st (Friday) Concert with the Gale Force Choir and Guests at the Promenade Church, Douglas at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5

October 7th to 24th Visit to Nepal

November 6th (Saturday) Coffee Morning at the Promenade Church, Douglas from 10 to 12 noon

December 10th (Friday) Carols and Supper on Douglas Head