



CPS UPDATE SUMMER 2015

POST EARTHQUAKE

Three months have elapsed since the devastating earthquake in Nepal and our thoughts are with all those who lost loved ones, their homes and remain traumatised by the events.

Thankfully, life for the children and staff of CPS has regained some form of normality with the school reopen and supplies available.

In the immediate aftermath, the aid effort co-ordinated by the large agencies took some time to reach the ground.

The CPS team, working with other local people in their community who provided the transport, gave immediate grassroots support to over 300 families consisting of basic foodstuffs, hygiene materials, cooking stoves, and mosquito nets as required.



Our manager tells us that over 500 children lost their parents as a result of the earthquake and at present are being cared for by the government.

In the longer term, it is our intention to offer a home to up to 4 of these orphans if the opportunity presents itself.

THE HOUSES

The two houses rented by CPS sustained only minor damage as a result of the earthquakes and aftershocks. The children and staff slept in a tent in the garden for over a month until the major aftershocks had ceased and they felt it was safe to venture inside. Within a matter of days Bharat, our manager, had a visit from the landlord of House 1 requesting that we move out at the end of September (we had paid rent until then) as the house that he and his family were renting had been badly damaged and was uninhabitable.

Having been very fortunate that our accommodation remained in tact, we were now facing a potential crisis. Thankfully, Bharat managed to negotiate with the landlord and we now have a 12 to 18 month extension from September.

We have looked into various possibilities, including buying land and building from scratch or buying a property and have concluded that it is just not financially viable (too expensive) so the hunt is on for a suitable alternative rental property in the same area as the children have to walk to school.

So really it is a question of keeping our fingers crossed that something comes up but no immediate panic!

EXAM SUCCESS

Arjun and Basanta have now completed school and took their School Leaving Certificate (SLC) a couple of weeks before the April earthquake. The exam loosely corresponds to GCSE level and the percentage pass is crucial for admission to college. The publication of the results were consequently delayed but the boys (both 17) have now received their results and finalised their plans for college.



ARJUN

Arjun achieved a score of 64% in his SLC and has gained a place to study hotel management at MOLIHSS college. The Principal and administrators were so impressed with his interview and entrance exam performance that he was given a 50% scholarship towards his fees. He will attend college from 6.30 to 10.30 am.

BASANTA

Basanta achieved a score of 82% in his SLC and is now studying science at Little Angels College which is situated very close to the orphanage houses. His dream is to study medicine and become a doctor.



SUJATA

Sujata completed college last year and has commenced studying for a degree in science. Her dream has always been to work in the medical field and her experience of the after effects of the earthquake has reinforced this. As a result, she has been researching opportunities to study nursing and will make an application for a place in the near future. We wish her the best of luck!

NEXT VISIT

Jan will be visiting CPS from 7th to 14th November.

HUGE THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!

Jan, Julia and Karen (trustees)

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