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Hello, Namaste and Thashi Delek

In this newsletter you can among other things, read the latest news from the school home, read about of one of our partners and about the parish Humla in Sweden.

Latest news from the school home

Phone connections to Humla has been interrupted for about a month and a half and they still work very unevenly. Chembal received a call from his brother Lakpa a few days ago. Lakpa is the head of the school home. He had a lot to tell. It has, among other things, been local elections in Humla, the first elections under the new Constitution. Lakpa had himself been elected to a local assemble. We will return to this in a coming newsletter, when we know more. In this newsletter, we will inform of more KMCH-near things.



Break at a precipice on the way to the school home.



The animals go blithely closest to the precipice.

The four boys, who wrote their **final exams after grade 10** in April, have now received their results and they have all passed the test. This means that they are entitled to study further, which they all want to do. We congratulate them, and hope that we can find

sponsors to them. We will come back to you with more details in the next newsletter.

We have still problem with the water to the school home. Our source in the mountain above the school home provides less and less water so washing of clothes and a part of the hygiene must be taken care of at our picnic area about 20 minutes' walk from the school home. This is a problem that we now probably need to grab as soon as possible. Our water engineer, Bastian Etter, in Switzerland is connected to the case.

The newly opened governmental health clinic in the village of Yalbang, near our children's school, has been working since January, and it works well. It is gratifying. Our own nurse at NCC has received a government service and moved from Humla. This means that our and the monastery's health clinic, NCC, which has been in operation since 2008, in principle, is closed.

It is a gratifying development when the society is taking over more and more of the service to the population, although the financing usually is taken care of by various NGOs. We think when it comes to the health clinic, the adult education and cultivation in greenhouses that at least part of the inspiration has come from KMCH.

KMCH started adult education in the village of Yangar in 2009 following the requests from mainly women in the village. We expanded it to two other villages. In 2012, the government took over the responsibility and has subsequently expanded it to several villages. KMCH had to pay a teacher's salary to school instead. We were however glad to do it because the teacher was Naki Lama, who was studying in Kathmandu while she worked at our school home there and has been with us ever since. Naki, who had a miscarriage in December 2015, has now become the mother of a boy. It pleases us.



"Homework" on the School home.



"Come and play with me".

According to Chembal the first greenhouse in Humla was built by KMCH. It was in 2010, when KMCH rented a house in the village of Yangar. The greenhouse was financed by

Bastian Etter from Switzerland.

When we walked to the school home in autumn 2016 we saw a lot of greenhouses along the way. To what extent KMCH really has been an inspiration, or just that we were early in a trend, is of less importance. The important thing is that all the changes in some way benefit the residents of Humla. It is the same with our tentative experiments with adult education and with a health clinic. KMCH has started and after some years the responsibility has been taken over and developed within the framework of stronger organizations.

Our new sponsors/partners

In the annual report and of previous newsletters you have read that KMCH in 2016 has got support and help from **New Hope Foundation**, the travel industry's children's fund and **The Society for Street Children in Nepal**. We will return to New Hope in the next newsletter. In this, we will tell you a little about how Street children of Nepal have begun to help the people of Humla.



We contacted the Association and asked if they could support Sonam Dolma from KMCH so she could study to become a nurse. They said yes directly and pretty soon they took responsibility for another girl from Humla who wants to study to be a doctor. Below I quote a bit from a blog by Eva Tedert Holmberg from the Association.

"A few months later, time to go up to Humla and meet both girls '

parents so that they could approve and" sign an "agreement that they risk to be responsible for repaying the costs of the studies if the girls leave their studies and that they never can call home the girls to be married. That has to wait til after the graduation. A single-engine Cessna up to Simikot. The road was terrible, narrow paths along steep slopes, three days hike before we reached the school home in the village of Yangar. One girl lived another day's walk away

Meeting with the girls ' parents. They could not write, but put their thumbs in stove-soot and then put their thumb print on the agreement that the girls get to go study right away in Kathmandu. The capital they heard about but never visited. Here the people speak Tibetan, Chembal interpreted and I was ready to cry over their stories. Pema Dechhens parents told me that they had four children. The son helps them with the yaks and to harvest leaves for the long, harsh winter. Two of their daughters had been kidnapped by the Maoists during the civil war and have never come back. The little girl, she was talented and wanted to become a doctor. Exactly what that meant, they did not understand but it was something special and more than medicine man. The other girl,

Sonam Dolmas family gave me a gross of eggs as a thank you for the girl would be able to study to become a nurse. Eggs are expensive and fancy. What a gift!

Now both girls take preparatory courses in Kathmandu to become eligible for the Medical College."

In addition to this, the Association has set aside money for 10 yaks to be given to needy families in order to make it easier for them to let their children go to school. We are thankful for that and KMCH delights with people of Humla.

On the photo you see 10 of the 12 Medical College students sponsored by the organization. The girls at the far right of the top row are Pema Dechhen and Sonam Dolma from Humla. In the Middle sits Eva Tedert Holmberg, and just to the right of Eva sits Jyoti Botsford, Queens Nurse from London.

This is an example of how different societies with different focus can support each other. Where one stops, another continues. Education is important, and it is particularly important to focus on the girls.

Read more about the Association's activities in Nepal at <http://www.gatubarnnepal.net/>



Humla, a parish in Sweden

One of our contributors has put attention to the existence of a Humla in Sweden.

Humla parish is situated in the landscape named Västergötland. The area is 15, 10 km². In 2000, there were 75 residents. It is located north of the city of Ulricehamn around the River Ätran.

The church of Humla was built 1889-1891.

It would be nice to establish contact with the Swedish residents of Humla. Who knows, maybe it will be someday. A speech in the parish house of Humla, if there is one, would be nice to be invited to.

KMCH will have a speech at Ekebyhavs Castle on Ekerö on October 22.
Book the date.

We inform you under the title: "KMCH continues to build on its school home in the Hidden Himalayas. Video, pictures, stories and singing."

Listen to and/or book Pär Nord for a speech.

"Five old men on adventures in the world" is the title of the speech in which he talks about his different travels around the world with four comrades who all are members of KMCH Support Group's Board of Directors. The aim is to raise funds for and increase

interest in KMCH. **Hit**

On November 9, he visits the Skandia Seniors in the North and on January 25 SPF in Gaffelby. Both in Sundsvall.

Do you know a context in which we can spread the knowledge about KMCH? Please contact Pär, penord@icloud.com, 070-5398472.

You have not forgotten to renew your membership or become a new Member of the KMCH Support Group?

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through
Hans



(The group that visited the School home in autumn 2016.)

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