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Hello, Namaste and Thashi Delek

After one in many places unusual spring and summer, we can hope for a more normal weather situation this autumn. Even in Humla the weather has been abnormal. A dry spring and a delayed but vigorous monsoon have had a detrimental effect on the harvest.

The work on the road from Tibet to Simikot, the capital of Humla, continues but has temporarily stopped at a river after the village of Kermi almost halfway to Simikot. A more stable bridge is needed to run over excavators and other necessary equipment.

The School home

Now, the second floor is finished on the new house. It remains to decorate with beds and stoves etc.

so we can, according to our plan, receive 20 new children in the coming spring. A commitment we would not have given us without the support of the Olofsson



Foundation. Thanks to help from this foundation and from all other organizations and individuals who have supported and still support our business, we have in 12 years gone from 0 to 67 children who have got the opportunity to study. It is we in KMCH happy and thankful for, *but* the happiest are probably the children. A letter from one of our students, which can be read at the end of this newsletter, confirms this. (To the right you can see our two sleeping, warehouse and teaching buildings.)

Thanks to all of you who support us!

We hope and believe that your/our efforts have done and will make a tangible contribution to the development of the part of Humla in which KMCH works. During our visits to the area we have been able to discern many positive changes. "Many Brooks Small...."

With the support of New Hope, we invested previous year in training and purchase of tools for **cultivation and care of fruit trees**. Despite the drought at the beginning of the year, the year's plantations in the school home and in nearby villages have developed well. Since the school home's water supply has been limited, water to the plants has been transported on human and horse backs from a stream a bit from the school home.

Regarding to Chembal, the training that some villagers received in Kathmandu last year has had a crucial significance for a successful planting performance both at the school home and in the other villages that we provided with seedlings. One of our teachers is experimenting with a nursery and he has already made some progress. There is no such nursery in Upper Humla.

The above paragraph shows that we are again having problems with **the water supply** to the school home. Our source is so unreliable that something needs to be done pretty soon. The manager of the School Home Lakpa has turned to the authorities of Humla and asked for their support to bring forward pipes for drinking water to both the School home and to the village of Yangar. This propå has been received positively. The authorities have promised to pay for the pipelines, etc. but we have to pay for digging and wiring. The authorities have already purchased some equipment in Nepalgunj and flown it to Simikot. The plan is that the project will be ready before the winter. It is very positive.



(Above is our reservoir which holds 18 000 liters. Previously, our source could replenish so it covered the School home's needs. As I said, unfortunately, this is not the case today. The children pick up the food in the kitchen building and eat it in a forest slope or if the weather is not fit in one of our classrooms.)

The school in Yalbang and others

In previous newsletters we have reported of the fine awards our children's school has received. One of Nepal's best schools in so-called "remote areas "and one of the best even when it comes to performing. We who have seen our children dancing understand why. (Please look again at Gustav Nord's film from our visit Autumn 2016 and you will also understand why:

[Watch the film Here >>](#)

So far, our school has taught to class 10. From this year onwards, education will take place to class 11 and next year to class 12. A brilliant development for school in such a distant district. It's not possible to read more than arts yet, but more lines are coming soon. So soon many of them who wants to study beyond class 10 need not go to another place.

We note a very positive development for the school in Yalbang. When I camped at the current schoolyard in the spring of 1999, it was just a meadow and no houses. Now there is a school for over 300 students.

Since 2017 there is also, as announced in the previous newsletter, a health station run by the authorities, although the activity is mainly funded by some aid organizations. This allowed us 2017 to dismantle our health clinic, which we started in collaboration with Monastery In the village Yalbang Year 2008.

News from Nepal (by Italo)

The heat record, the forest fires and the forthcoming elections naturally dominated our media during the summer. Even in Nepal, the major newspapers, such as the Kathmandu Post and Himalaya Times daily reported about the weather, but then it was about the floods that the summer monsoon caused, mainly in southern Nepal along the border with India. Many people have also been lost in landslides and even more have been losing their homes.

During the winter and spring, the newspapers of course wrote a lot about the newly elected Parliament and the new Government's statements. And not least, we were able to follow the tours around the merging of the two major parties, the Communist Party of Nepal and the Maoist Party. In the end of May, NPC, Nepal Communist Party was born. We also followed how the Nepal Congress is trying to find its role as the great opposition party.

In addition to reports of the monsoon, we received daily news in the first half of the summer about the Doctor K.C. Govinda's fight to change and improve the medical education. K.C. Govinda has fought for many years in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi. His weapons are often to usher in a fast to death. Medical training in Nepal is a sad chapter. Talented young people who do not come from wealthy families have little chance of realising their study dreams. In addition to the major universities, there are medical training in a few private Medical Colleges, especially in Kathmandu Valley. It costs huge sums to study in a private Medical College and this has led to that almost only young people from wealthy families can study to doctors.

This will Govinda change. To put pressure on the government, Govinda at the beginning of the summer again started a fast to death. Govinda's the struggles and requirements

were extensively described every day in the Nepalese media. After several weeks of fasting, the government decided to follow Govinda´s ideas of how the medical education should look in the future.

Govinda requires, among other things, that there should be medical training in all seven provinces. It would probably mean that talented young people from, for example, our School home in Yangar in Humla perhaps would have the opportunity to study for example to be a d Doctor.

Other news during the summer has been about how Nepal is trying to navigate between the two major powers, India and China. Among other things, a railway is planned from the Tibetan border through Nepal to India. The leading ministers and prime minister Dahal have made several visits to both India and China. It may not be easy for a small country like Nepal to balance between these two superpowers.

For those of you who are particularly interested in Nepal and in the political situation can benefit from reading e.g. Himalaya Times or Kathmandu Post.

Do not miss our talk about KMCH on 11 November at Ekebyhovs Castle in Ekerö



Sunday, November 11th 14 00 until about 15 00 it's time again.

"News from KMCHs School home in Nepal! Different Travel Stories! Singing of the quartet Kvinns. "

Everyone is cordially invited!

Then enjoy our pictures of the beautiful landscape. Here on the left a view from the

path up to our current water source.

Visit to a Rotary club in the Old Town of Stockholm

On Monday 11 September we were invited to the Rotary club "Gamla Stan" to inform about KMCHs activities. From KMCH Eddy, Italo, Richard and Hans attended. We were very well received by a positive and eager assembly. We thank you for this opportunity to inform about KMCH.

Here you'll find the above-mentioned letter from one of our students who are now studying in Kathmandu.

To,
KMCH, Humla
Nepal

Date: 2018 | Aug | 23

I am Tengin Kopke of your hostel's ex-student. Firstly, I would like to thank you for your generous help and support till the date of my graduation from school. I really appreciate your kind support for my schooling because whatever I have achieved in .. academic result and whatever I learned till today are because of your help and support. I know you have done so much for me and I thought of not asking anymore than that but I am interested in science which is costly my family's can't afford for that. Once again it made me ask you for sponsorship for my higher education. I am very grateful for your help and will be always grateful for your future support for my education. And I promise I won't waste your help and kindness. I request you to please provide me scholarship for my education. I am looking forward for positive response from you.

Sincerely yours
Tengin Kopke Tamang
KMCH

"Such words are warming."

Greetings from the Board of

KMCH Support Group

by
Hans

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