



“ASIA SHALL BE SAVED”

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Dear Family and Friends

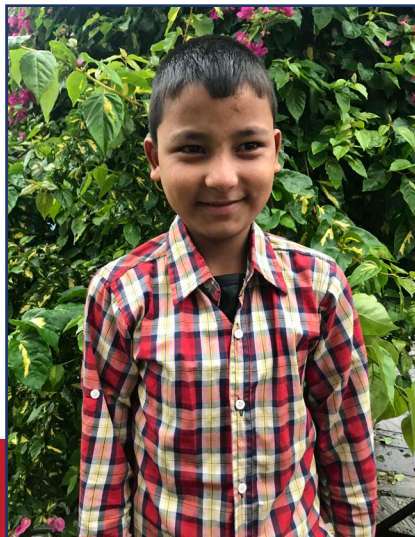
While we were in the USA this spring, I really felt God prompted me to go to Nepal. It was almost like a longing. Sudip had been traveling back and forth, but I had stayed home with the children. Being on the other side of the world, it was just too far to take them for spring break. But finally, now we are here and it feels good. My body is uncomfortable, due to the lack of the convenience we are used too, but my heart is at peace. The electricity has already been out for several hours today and this morning's shower was a bucket of water. Rebecca, Samuel and Sarah are really enjoying their time with their long lost friends and it brings joy to my heart.

With the situation rapidly changing in Nepal, we are still asking the Lord if it safe to stay here. Our children have endured a lot these last few years and we want to make sure that they are able to feel at home and safe here. Both Samuel and Rebecca have asked us to stay here, so if the Lord gives the okay, we will.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

We are living at Mahima Children home and I just had a conversation with our children's home manager, Mangal today. I discussed the situation of the new children that came to us this year.

While going through the stories of the children it dawned on me how abusive and difficult their lives had already been. They have experienced suffering no child should ever endure; abuse, neglect, alcoholism and violence. All of our children have been through this. Some of them have scars on their body to show for it and it breaks my heart.



Brothers Ptriarn and Ajyat Roka came to Mahima this spring. Their father has passed away and their mother has remarried does not want to take the children with her. They have no other family to take care of them and we were able to take both of them together. Often when women remarry, they have to choose between keeping their children or having a husband. Living as a single mother in Nepal is almost impossible.

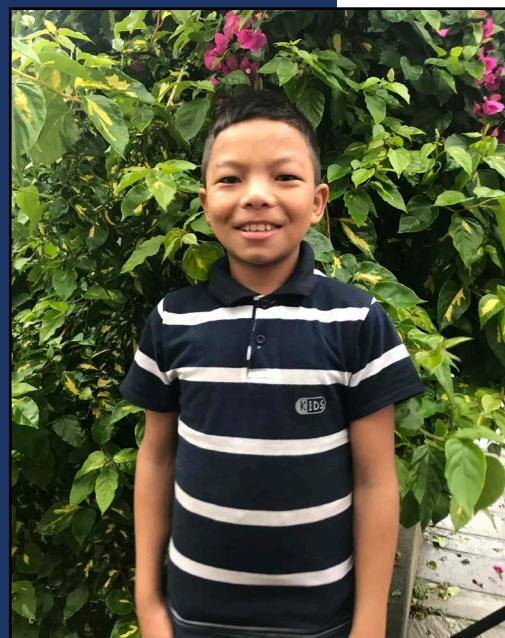
But what I found even more difficult to deal with was that some of them still have siblings at home, even younger than themselves. We were able to save two sets of brothers, but Somaraj came alone. He is 9 years old and at his home there are still two younger brothers, Mukesh and Sukesh, and one younger sister, Ram Maya left with their alcoholic father. He also has 4 older sisters.

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Somaraj says that he never wants to live with his father again. He was so happy to come here. His mother has left because of domestic violence and alcohol and what he must have gone through is beyond words.

To know that some of the children are left behind, made me cry right there while talking to Mangal. I asked him why he had not admitted all the siblings and his response was quite simple; "We don't have room". I know what he means by that, we do not have the finances to support them. I honestly don't know how to do this. How do you choose one child over another? How can I pick and choose and make one child more important than his brother or sister? How can we leave a child behind?

He continued to talk to me and told me that he would send word for the children if I would say yes, but I knew he was right. We have already taken in more children than we can support, but at the same time, we cannot afford to have any children left behind. He took it better than me. I think he has seen more, experienced more and I am just a simple mother whose heart aches for these children.



Somaraj Gurung

SO PLEASE! WE NEED YOUR HELP, SO THAT NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND. WE ASK FOR A MINIMUM MONTHLY DONATION OF \$30 PER MONTH. FOR MANY OF US IT IS A COUPLE OF TRIPS TO STARBUCKS OR A MEAL AT A RESTAURANT WITH A FRIEND OR FAMILY. FOR THESE CHILDREN IT COULD MEAN LIFE OR DEATH.

I know some of you are not able to commit monthly, but consider giving a onetime gift. This is not a work run by Sudip and me alone. It is a work that we do together with you. Without your support and prayers we cannot do anything.

While writing this, I am listening to more than 50 children playing outside. They are laughing and shouting for joy. They have been saved from an environment that would have destroyed them and their hearts have been healed. Mangal and Martha, who are managing Mahima children home, are doing an amazing job. We are so proud of them, but they need your support! Thank you for all you give and sacrifice for these children. We love all of you so much!

Sudip, Anne Lise, Rebecca, Samuel og Sarah Khadka

This is KIRAN. Both of his parents drowned in a flood. His older sister is married and does not want to care for him and his older brother is in India and they have lost contact. He came to the children home this spring.



Meet SAMIR. His father died and his mother remarried, so she brought him to the children home and left him here. He cried for a long time, but now he is laughing and playing again. He lives with his new "mommy" here at the children home. The youngest children have a "mommy" that lives in the room with them.

