



DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. Exodus 22:22-23



How long should a child stay at the children's home?

I remember my childhood. I spent seven years at a children's home growing up. Once I finished school, I wondered what I should do next. By this time, I was already active in the ministry. I started pastoring when I was 15 years old and moved from South Nepal to Kathmandu when I was 16. There I rented a tiny room without windows, together with my friend, and paid USD \$4 a month. Coming from a small village and into the big capital was quite an adventure!

The children's department of government has given us a standard manual, which serves as a rule book, that we are required to follow. Once a child reaches 18 years old, they are supposed to move out from the children's homes. It is easy to make the rules, but if the child is an orphan, where will he or she move? We are running a children's homes in an Asian culture, where three or four generations live together in one big family. I understand the concept, but how do we solve this practically?



From left: Gaurab, Samuel and James. Sitting in the middle is Kumar. They are grown and have moved out from the children's home!

Some kids are not ready to move out. Many of them stay at the children's home longer than the rule book says and receive education, and help younger kids.

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Mangel & Martha with the leader of Mahima Children's Home



Kamal and Bimala!



Dinesh was raised at the children's home and married now. The couple has two children and they are now staff.



Enjoying the dinner!



Everyone attending ceremony!



Exchanging wedding rings

Some do practical education because every child is different. Some are more adventurous than others are and some move earlier than others do. We would like to equip our children as best we can. When I started the children's home, I did not think I would face some of the things I'm facing now. All the children are our family to us and we try our best to raise them with whatever we can.

One of those children is Bimala. She came to us from South Nepal from a place called Kawasoti. She lost her mother to cancer when she was around 2 years old. She has no memory of her mom. The only thing she remembers is that her father was always drunk. Because the family situation was so difficult, her grandmother took care of her for a short time. The grandmother was already struggling to support herself and being an older lady, she was not able to care for Bimala. There is no social welfare by the government in Nepal. The local church pastor and local government administrative office, contacted Mahima children's home and Bimala came to stay with us.

Mahima Children's home is her home. She is our daughter. She has lived with us for most of her life and for as long as she can remember. Her dad never made one visit. Last year, a man asked for her hand in marriage and she said yes. The children's home pastor and manager have both updated and talked to me many times. We waited several months for them to be married, to make sure they both knew they were making the right decision. Her fiancé is born again; He and his family live nearby the Mahima children's home. After their engagement, they asked if I would be present to do their wedding. I wanted to be there, so I bought a ticket to travel, but could not get there because of covid travel restriction. This month Anne Lise and I gave our blessing to move forward with the wedding and made sure all the costs were covered.

I have had many Zoom meetings with them to plan the wedding. I asked my co-workers, Pastors Prem, Dal, and Santosh, to conduct the wedding ceremony. All the kids and staff celebrated with Bimala. Their neighbors also attended the ceremony and it was a great time to share the gospel. What a beautiful thing that our daughter is now married.

We continue to raise \$30 a month. Since the prices for daily living have gone up, it takes three sponsors for a child for each month's expenses. It cost us \$90 to feed, educate, clothe a child, as well as every other administrative cost. Would you like to sponsor a child? Please write to Anne Lise at annelise@compassionforasia.com or mark, interested in this paper slip that comes with you. We will get in touch with you.

*Sudip, Anne Lise, Rebecca,
Samuel og Sarah Khadka*



Pastor Dal performing ceremony!



Pastor Praying for ceremony!



Wedding banquet!



Wedding Food!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that all the kids have a sponsor.
2. Pray for Mangel and Martha, Prem, Gauri, and all the people working at Mahima children's home. . Martha, grew up at the Mahima children's home and Mangel, has been with us for the last 19 years. Each child has his or her own stories.
3. Pray for the children's situation in Nepal: 4.5% of primary school-aged children are out of school and every year between 5000-10000 girls are trafficked from Nepal to India in prostitution centers.

