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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead -Philippians 3:13



Children Home renovation: The government has warned us that children's homes cannot be together with the church and Bible school. We are in the process of fixing the old children's home and moving back children. Our goal is to finish it before Christmas 2022. This will give a division between the two buildings. The other building will be used for church, bible school, office, elderly home and living quarters, like it was originally planned for.

In 2015, when Nepal was hit by a 7.8 earthquake, around 9000 people died. 600,000+ structures were damaged or destroyed in the capital of Kathmandu. The old children home building was damaged and since then, we had no choice but to leave it for several years since we didn't have the funds to renovate it. As I am sure you remember we took down the top floor right after the earthquake to lighten the load of the structure, but the rest has been standing. Earthquake damaged the beams and walls and the structure inside. This caused more cracks in the walls. We immediately moved the children to the new building, even though it was built for another purpose, so that the children would be safe.

For the longest time we were praying about what we should do with the building and if it would be safe to strengthen it and use it or if we had to tear it all down. We have engineers (geological, construction, and civil) who looked at the structure of the building and recommended that restoring the building costs 40% or less of the total value and that it was worth looking into strengthening it, through the retrofit system process. Through a generous donation we have been able to work on this building since February 2022. These are the things we have been able to complete so far:





Digging the foundation



Re-strengthening the foundation



Putting back walls



Retrofitting the pillar

1. Re-do and strengthen the foundations of the building
2. Fixed the ground floor
3. Re-build all the walls on the first to the third floor and earthquake proof them
4. Retrofitting of pillars by doubling their sizes
5. Put drainage around the building
6. Put the cement plaster on the walls

We are so excited that we will be able to finally use this building again! What an awesome blessing! Our plan is to finish the whole building this year. September and October are full of Hindu festivals and holidays, so people tend to take more time off. We patiently await our workers to return for a month's holiday, but we are still on track to meet our goals. The next phase to fix the electricity and the plumbing. Then we can put the tiles, paint the rooms and put new carpets down and the children will have a brand-new place to live. We are really excited to see this process completed.

Child Christmas Fund: Now we have started preparing for Christmas. If you would like to give a donation towards our Child Christmas Fund, please send your donation to "Khadka Orphanage" account at Globe. Feel free to mark it with "Christmas" as well. A \$45 donation will provide food and a gift for one child and a \$85 donation will also provide one set of winter clothes. Remember that all donations through Globe are tax deductible.

Prayer request:

1. **Pray for the construction to continue and that everything will go as planned.**
2. **Anne Lise and I are traveling to Nepal in the beginning of November with another pastor couple. Please pray for our travelling safety.**
3. **Pray for our pastors and leaders around Nepal and India. They endure great challenges and persecution to be able to minister the gospel and many of them have already paid a great price.**

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

