

**Dear NGN Friends and Supporters,**

We've had an exciting six months at NGN! In this month's newsletter you'll read about Farid's latest mission to reconnect three siblings with their newly found family; how Anita, Sushila and Arjun are adjusting to life back in their home villages; and how the original Little Princes are growing into independent, educated and socially conscious young men and women.

NGN will continue our efforts to rescue trafficked children from orphanages, reunite them with their families and provide educational scholarships to victims of trafficking. We are working to ensure tourists don't volunteer at illegal orphanages. We are also working with other NGOs and the government of Nepal.

We bid au revoir to Farid Ait-Mansour, co-founder of NGN, who has returned home to France but who remains our brother in fighting trafficking. Taking his place in Kathmandu is our own former colleague, Julien Lovera. I guess something about working with these kids and this cause stays in your blood.

NGN is the only hope for trafficked children to ever find their families. We couldn't do this without you. I hope this work is in your blood too, because we really count on your donations - without them, there is no NGN. Thank you for your support!

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## Three Siblings Reconnected

Shree and Kavita are brother and sister, trafficked by same trafficker, whose stories were highlighted in the book Little Princes by NGN founder Conor Grennan. Kavita, in particular, was at risk of being re-trafficked and was receiving threats when NGN helped to rescue her.

We found out soon after that they had a younger brother and he too, at risk of facing the same fate, came under the care of NGN.



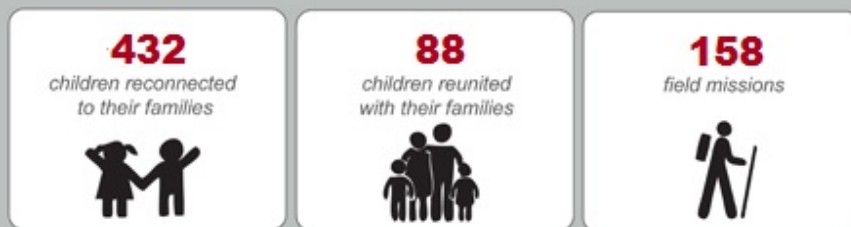
Through sheer hard work and determination our team tracked down the parents of these three kids. Fearful of Maoist threats they had fled their home in Humla, leaving everything behind.

After five years of searching for the parents, NGN found them. Farid Ait-Mansour then conducted his last mission: to reconnect these parents with their children. It was a long journey both physically and emotionally, filled with a day of tough questions and an outpouring of hurt and loss by a family traumatized by trafficking. Farid helped them to work through some of this but there undoubtedly is much more healing that needs to take place.

As the day ended the three siblings got back on the bus for the long trip back to NGN's transitional home, the Karnali House in Kathmandu, where they would live during the process of reintegration with their families. The uprooted were one step closer to returning to their roots.

## Next Generation Nepal Highlights

In NGN's March newsletter our numbers were slightly off -- below you will find an updated version of NGN's accomplishments to date. These are our highlights as of August 31, 2012.



## Returning Home

### From East . . .

In 2002 brother and sister Sushila and Arjun were taken

from their village. In March 2011 they were rescued from exploitation and mistreatment in an orphanage in Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, and placed under NGN's care.

NGN reintegration managers searched for and found their father, who was living in a remote village in eastern Nepal. He had been searching for them for several years and was overjoyed to know that they would be returning home where they belonged.



With all reunifications our team carefully monitors the lives of the the children in their villages and with their families. This year our team found that even though the scars of trafficking are still present, Sushila and Arjun love being with their family and in their community. Arjun enjoys helping his father with household chores while Sushila has developed quite the reputation as a good dancer at school.

### . . . To West

Anita is a fabulous girl who was rescued last year from the abusive Mukti Nepal orphanage in Kathmandu and placed under NGN's care. Her family is from the far west of Nepal and after several months NGN's reintegration managers were able to find her mother, stepfather, and half brothers and sisters.

Anita is now happily home with her family and loves doing ordinary things like cooking. She knows everyone in her village and has worked hard to re-learn the local dialect and culture.

We love this photo of her with her younger half-brother outside their home.



## Celebrations!

Nearly half of Nepal's population cannot read or write. Illiteracy, poverty and the desire for parents to better educate their children are all major factors in why children in Nepal are trafficked.

Uneducated parents are often duped in to believing that a trusted friend will take their child to Kathmandu and enroll him or her in boarding school. The reality is very different. Instead children are sold and exploited, often to charitable children's homes raising their funds from well-meaning foreign visitors. The child at this point is lost to his or her family.

That is why, in 2011, NGN set up a scholarship project that gives rehabilitated victims of trafficking a chance to gain an ordinarily elusive education. It is not an easy process and the children need to be fully reunified and rooted in their family and culture before they can apply for a scholarship.

The first batch of scholarship children have shown extraordinary drive and ambition to turn their negative experiences into positive ones by gaining an education and returning to help their home towns and villages.

That is why we are especially proud of Yangari, Dawa and Chhetra who, this year, scored top grades in their SLCs (equivalent of Senior year).

Dawa and Chhetra are pictured here (far left and second from right) with Subha and Bikash their roommates.



## The Little Princes Are Growing Up

It was such a proud moment, most of all for the older kids of our transitional home in Kathmandu. In July of this year, seeing a need for them to be more independent and learn the skills of life on their own, the new NGN youth flat saw its first occupants. Beaming with smiles and pride, Chhetra, Subha, Bikash, Jagrit and Dawa, all featured in Little Princes, moved into their new home away from home.

They are all reunited with their families and communities and have joined our project to provide education and vocational training, giving them the best chance in life we can.

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## A Reconnection Across The Seas



Sunitha and Bindu are sisters. They were trafficked into an orphanage in Kathmandu despite having a living birth mother. Sunitha was adopted by a Spanish family and soon after the orphanage was closed down. Bindu was placed NGN's care. We worked hard to find her mother and Bindu was successfully reunited with her family.

In 2011, our team found Sunitha and her adoptive family in Spain and helped connect both families in this sensitive situation.

This summer, an extraordinary thing happened. Sunitha and her Spanish family traveled to Nepal to meet her birth mother and sister. It was an emotional day for both loving families -- and for us, too. The power of the family has never been so present and inspiring.

Photo: Erik B. Wilson



## And Finally: Two Hellos and One Goodbye

If we had to name the three most influential folks in the history of NGN, they would be co-founder Farid, former Country Director Julien Lovera, and former Country Director and lifelong mentor Anna Howe.

As we mentioned earlier, Anna Howe has rejoined NGN as Executive Director in the U.S. And now, as Farid heads back to France, Julien Lovera rejoins our team as Program Director.

There is something about this work and these kids that inspires that kind of commitment, and we couldn't be more proud of our staff and especially of Farid, who continues to give his time and energy to making Nepal a safer place for children.



If you have been inspired by what you have seen here, feel free to get more involved with our cause.

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