

Welcome to NGN's Fall 2013 Newsletter: Walk in Our Shoes

Dear NGN Supporter,

This past six months has seen us tested almost to our limits. NGN took responsibility of eight rescued children after a painstaking negotiation that took 11 months. They were rescued from a children's home on the Nepal-India border where horrific abuses were reported. NGN and its teams had only one thing on their minds during this time, and that was to remove these children from the high-risk environment. Another example of how all is not what it seems in the murky world of orphanages in Nepal.

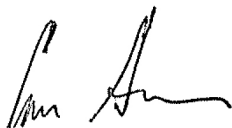


NGN ran a fundraising campaign to cover the children's costs for one year. Within three days, supporters donated enough to help three children. Within a month, all eight children's costs for one year were secured. Of course, we will be working with these kids for some time longer, but what a great start to their new life with their families! A huge "Thank You!" to the Nepal team which never gives up on reconnecting kids with their families! And, of course, to our marvelous supporters, without whom we could not do this incredible work.

All of you make NGN possible.

In Kathmandu, we are seeing the bigger kids on the scholarship project taking real leadership roles by helping with the tutoring of the rescued children and also supporting staff by accompanying them on family-search missions -- all while studying on the NGN Scholarship program and getting exceptional results. These kids really are giving back, and it is so inspiring to see.

We hope that you enjoy reading about all of our work over the spring and summer. Please continue to donate and inspire others to do so. Together, we can beat child trafficking in Nepal.



Conor Grennan, President
Next Generation Nepal

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Rescued, Rehabilitated and on Their Way Home

In June, after almost a year of negotiating and campaigning, we were finally able to help rescue eight children and bring them to the transitional home. The children were rescued from a children's home near the Nepal-India border where horrific abuses took place.

Once at the NGN-funded transitional home the children received medical care, education, food and counseling. The process of healing and rehabilitation had begun.

In July, reintegration staff conducted the first field missions in the Nepali hills to search for these children's families, and we are delighted to report that so far this search was remarkably successful in a very short period. Due to the amazing work of the team we have now found all eight families. Kasuali was fully reunified in August and both she and her family are delighted she's home. She is enrolled in a local school and is ready to begin her new life in her village. There is still plenty of work to be done but this is a fantastic start.

None of this would have been possible without our incredibly dedicated staff and the support of our donors. We look forward to updating NGN supporters on the children's progress over the coming months.



US Embassy: Volunteer Warning Travel Advisory

A few years ago NGN and our partners at the U.S. Embassy began to notice a shift in how child traffickers make their money. In addition to extorting money from families, the traffickers also make a profit out of fake orphanages by luring international volunteers and well-meaning charities. These good-hearted volunteers and charity workers become attached to the destitute children, of course, and send donations to help them. What they don't know is that these children are victims of trafficking, that they have parents and that they are kept in destitution purposefully to extract more donations from volunteers and charities. And, that the majority of those donations go directly into the pocket of the trafficker.

In a positive shift that NGN has contributed to, the U.S. Embassy in Nepal has included the following in its travel advisory:

A number of Nepal-based volunteer organizations maintain websites offering volunteer opportunities. The Embassy has received reports that many-if not a majority-of such opportunities, especially those involving volunteering at orphanages or "children's homes," are not charities, but rather are profit-making enterprises set up with the primary purpose of attracting donations from abroad and financial support from volunteers. Many of the children are not, in fact, orphans, and thus volunteering at such an organization indirectly contributes to child exploitation. An organization's bona fides can be confirmed by contacting the Nepali Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB), attention Namuna Bhusal (tel. 977-9851139474 or e-mail namuna@ccwb.gov.np).

NGN is actively working with embassies to spread the word about the risks of child trafficking, so we are excited to have the U.S. Embassy partner with us on this important issue.

A Former Trafficked Child Aims High

Shree was trafficked from the Humla district of Nepal during the Civil War. His parents were afraid he would be forced to join the Maoist army and sent him to Kathmandu so that he would be safe and could get an education. Unfortunately, Shree ended up in an orphanage where he and the other children were often sent out onto the streets to beg for money. There was no education as promised, nor was there even enough food for the children.

Shree is now a recipient of an NGN scholarship that provides education funding and support for formerly trafficked children and he plans to start a B.A. this year. Shree recently applied to be a tutor at the transitional home. He was hired and now teaches recently rescued children. It is great to watch him in class and then follow him down to the yard during break where he is in the scrum playing with the kids. It is very exciting for all of us to witness his transformation from trafficked child to teacher.

"Being also from a poor background I know what kind of advantage an education can be, and I am also very sympathetic to what the kids have been through, having been through the same thing myself," Shree says.

For Shree, the scholarship is part of the transition into adult life and being able to provide for himself and his siblings. The opportunity of a scholarship along with Shree's hard work and tenaciousness has led him down the path he is on now -- and what better example for other rescued children to follow?



Next Generation Nepal Highlights

We are very proud of the work we do with Nepal's lost children, and we hope that you are proud of your support for NGN. Below are NGN's highlights as of August 31, 2013.

459

*children reconnected
to their families*



112

*children reunited
with their families*



204

field missions



Still Much More to Do

There are still over 11,000 children in children's homes in Nepal, most of whom have no need to be. Most of these children are likely to have been trafficked and are likely being abused. Our goal is to bring them all home!

Should you wish to make a donation or organize a fundraiser in your community or workplace, we have created a shopping list below that can help you. Your gift will help bring an end to child exploitation.

Some Sample Costs:

\$53 buys a child's school stationery for one year of living in NGN's transitional home.

\$434 pays for a child, returned to his or her family, to attend a local school, reducing the risk of re-trafficking.

\$456 pays for a trafficked child to live in safety in NGN's transitional home for one year.

\$1327 buys the cost of a mission to search for the family of a trafficked child in remote locations of Nepal.



Life Back Home

Many people know about the rescues that NGN supports and the search for families while children are cared for in a transitional home. But what happens when the kids return home?

The importance of monitoring along with the groundwork that has come before a child returns home, ensures the child's physical and psychological health is

maintained. When Tej was just 7 years old he was trafficked from his village in Humla and brought to Kathmandu where he spent the next two years in an orphanage until it was closed down. Within a few months, he moved to NGN's transit home in Simikot (the capital of Humla) in order to be closer to his village and begin the reunification process with his family.

In December 2012, he returned home to live with his aunty, uncle and cousins in Simikot where he attends school and is doing very well. When he has the time, he treks to the village to see his mother.

During a monitoring trip in May 2013, Reintegration Officer Sandup visited Tej and his family to assess his situation. He found a healthy, typical 11-year-old boy who loves playing with his cousins (who are also his best friends) and their animals. It is clear that he is thriving back home with family.

NGN will continue to monitor Tej and many more like him to ensure that he and his family are well, safe, healthy and no longer victims of trafficking.



Tej with his Aunty and Cousin

Help Spread the Word

If you are inspired by the work of NGN and what you read here please feel free to forward this newsletter or the NGN Facebook page to a friend. We are always so encouraged by the people who get in touch and want to find out more. The more people who know about child trafficking and exploitation in Nepal, the sooner we can put a stop to it.

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Thank You, NGN Supporters!

Finally, a big, heartfelt "thank you" from all of us at NGN to our supporters and donors! It has been an incredible, challenging and fulfilling six months. NGN has

seen more lost children brought home, families supported and older children who are benefiting from NGN's scholarship program pass exams with exceptional grades. Their success is your success, because your donations make this happen.

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