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Nepal Orphanage & School Update.



Malcolm Lindquist, chairperson of the RAWCS project, recently returned from a whirlwind trip to Nepal to celebrate the second anniversary of the newly repaired School building! He was delighted to be able to sign off on all school building repairs & to report that the Orphanage buildings have also been completely repaired & are now fully operational. The blockade has been lifted & life is becoming much easier for these beautiful people.

The children performed cultural songs & dances at the ceremony & were a credit to the talents & dedication of the teachers.

Malcolm reported that many schools continue to suffer from the devastation of the earthquake, with enrolments down & jobs scarce. People cannot afford to send their children to school. As a result, three of the schools with which we have close connections, Surodaya, Blue Sky & Ananda Bhumi, have merged under one management team. The 3 campuses still operate separately as junior, senior & boarding schools. Malcolm has started preliminary discussions about the Orphanage school, newly named the "David Rusk & Rajan Memorial School" becoming part of this exciting project. There would be many benefits for the Orphanage children & school staff if this plan is successful. We will keep you all updated on this exciting development.

Goodbye & Thankyou!

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Bhim Kumal who has been our sponsorship manager for the past 6 months. Bhim is pursuing his dream of working in the IT industry & is currently undertaking further study.



We have enjoyed a very positive & productive working relationship with Bhim & cannot speak highly enough of his integrity & commitment to the children over the past very challenging months. We are not losing him completely as he acting on our behalf, as a mentor to the two young men who recently left the Orphanage to begin university studies.

Sponsorship Update.



We now have sponsors for all of the 42 children currently at the Orphanage! We sponsor about 10 local children to attend school & 4 others who live at the Orphanage in holidays & have 56 sponsors total. Malcolm reports that our efforts are making a significant difference in the lives of these severely disadvantaged children.. We expect more local children to need sponsorship to attend the school in the near future, so make sure you tell your friends about our program. Malcolm reports a lot of new houses are being built in the area & the need will be great.

Thanks to you all for your continued support.



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Older Children Transition Program.

We continue to work closely with Pulteney Grammar School, to implement a sustainable management transition program to support the older children leave the Orphanage, to attend college &/or vocational training.



Sanjeev BK & Pradip Nepali are both successfully living in rented rooms, furnished & paid for by us & Pulteney Grammar School, & attending Softwarica IT College to gain IT qualifications.

Nirmala & Kamala BK have recently enrolled in their beautician courses & expect to start shortly. They are very excited about this as they have been the chief cooks & cleaners at the Orphanage for the past several months. Their study is part time & the college close by so they can continue to live at the Orphanage.



We would like to acknowledge the great support we have received & continue to receive, from Bhim, in making their dreams a reality.

We will continue to fundraise to support the living costs of these young people & others who will need the support in the coming months.

Supporter Thankyou Evening.



Our Supporter Appreciation Thankyou Drinks evening was a great success. It was wonderful to be able to put faces to the names of the many people who have supported us. Thanks to Pulteney Grammar School for the beautiful venue & wine, Lynne, Jo & friends for the beautiful food, many people for the raffle prizes & the wonderful "We Women Sing!" Choir, led by the effervescent Cindy McDonald, for the awesome entertainment they provided. Our raffle raised over \$250.00 to go towards our education support programs.



Thankyou to Peggy Killen & the **Orange Tree Quilters** for the donation on the night, of a magnificent hand made quilt for a future fundraising project. This group has made many quilts for the Orphanage children & supported us with quilts in the past. You are all amazing people!



A sample of their wonderful work

Coming Events.

Friday March 18. Quiz Night Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek

Cumberland Park Community Centre, 390 Goodwood Rd., Cumberland Park
Tables of 8, silent auction, raffles, games. BYO drinks, glasses & nibbles
\$20 Bookings liz@highperformancefs.com.au or phone 0416018816
Part proceeds to RAWCS project & Blue Sky School



Gala Dinner Friday August 26 2016 at Belair Country Club

2017 calendars available shortly

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