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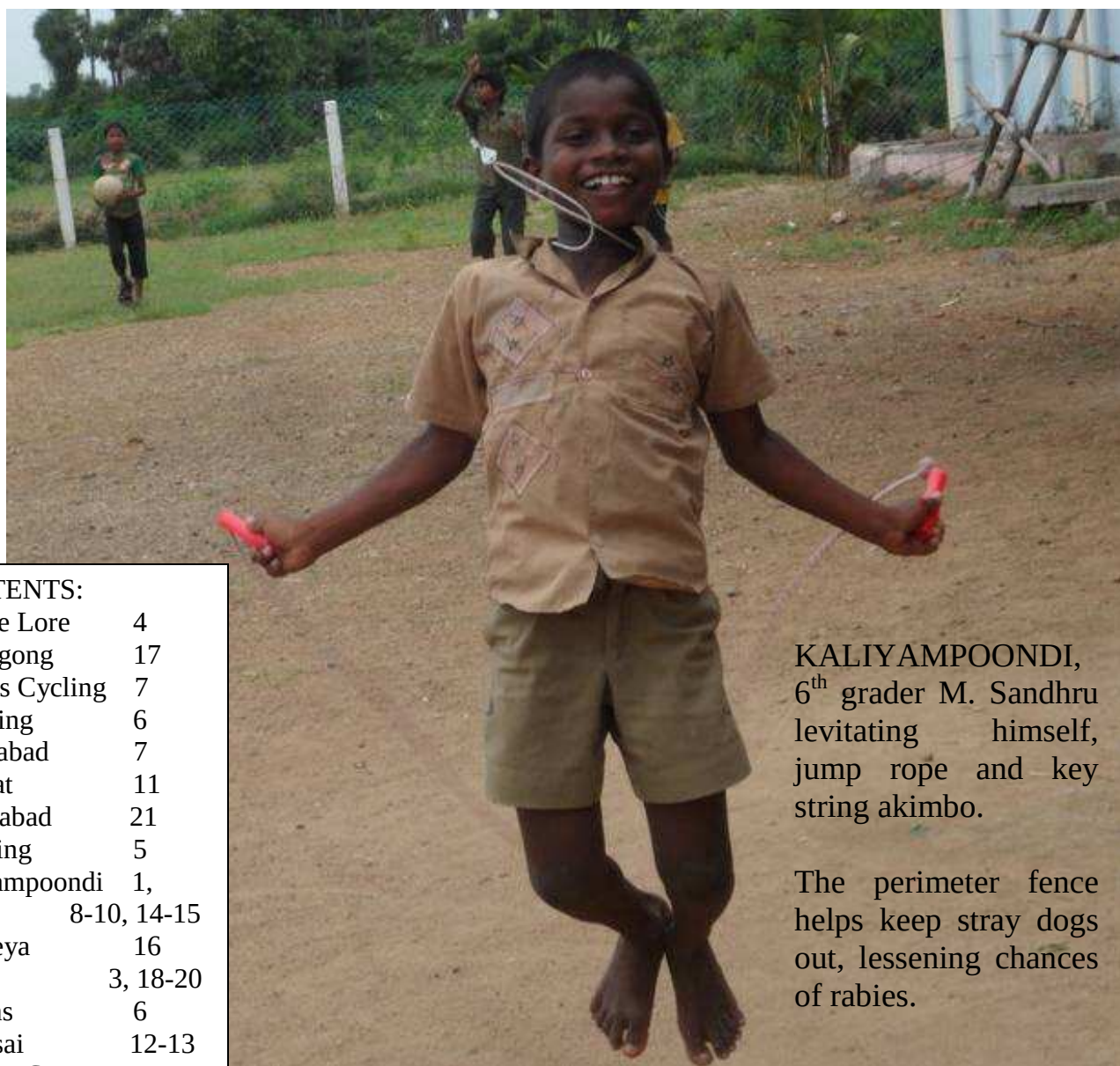
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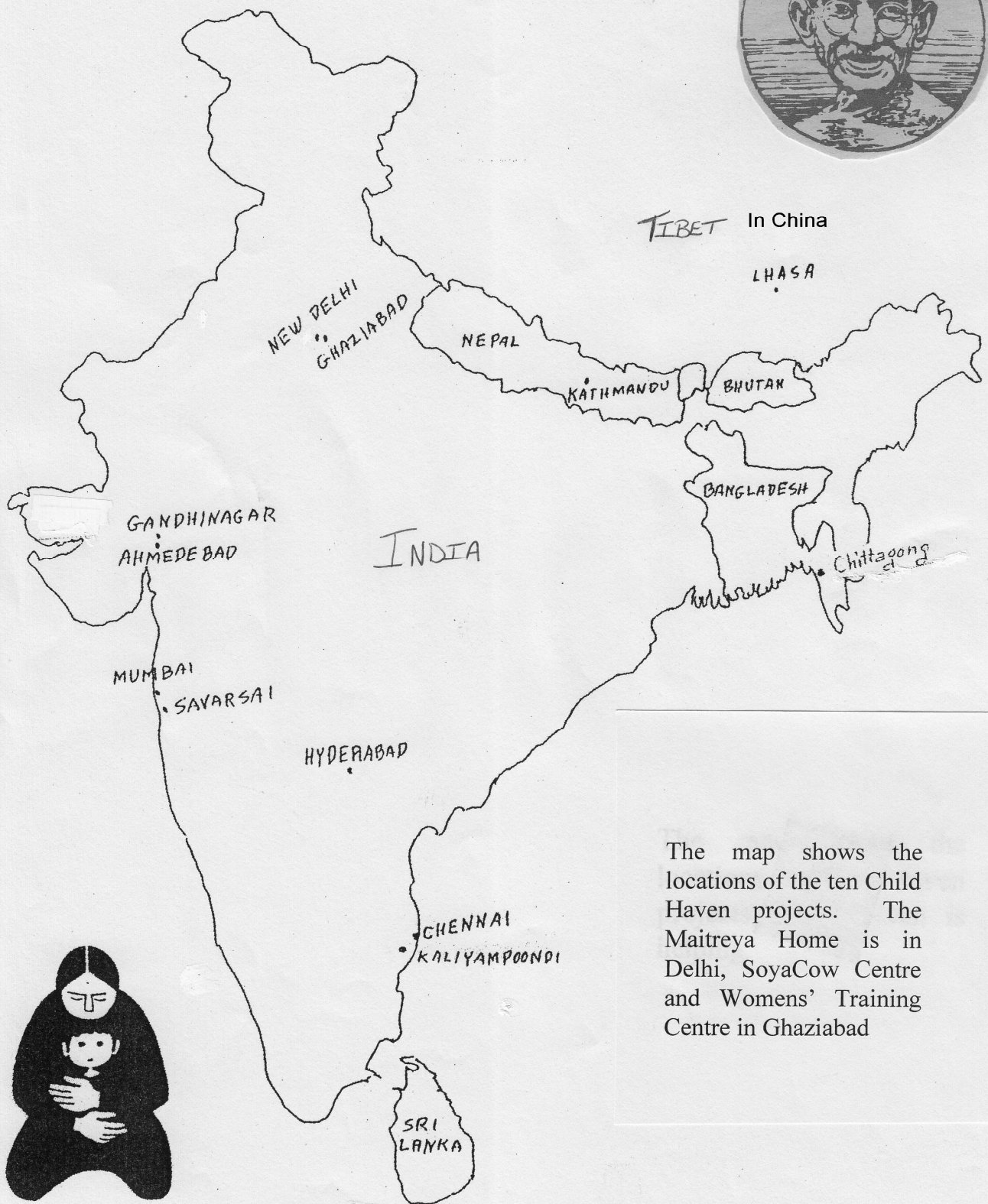


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KALIYAMPOONDI,
6th grader M. Sandhru
levitating himself,
jump rope and key
string akimbo.

The perimeter fence
helps keep stray dogs
out, lessening chances
of rabies.



The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad

Save trees! This elegant and erudite newsletter is now in colour at our website. If you don't want the paper copy mailed to you – and would like to be emailed when the new newsletter is created, please go to www.childhaven.ca. One problem is that the mailed newsletter also contains a return envelope for donation! We are suggesting that people who receive the emailed newsletter – immediately (!) make a sizeable donation through CanadaHelps.org. on www.childhaven.ca/donate.htm

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NEPAL, a class of students sponsored by Child Haven for vocational training by social worker Shashi Kala Singh. They have given permission for us to tell a little about them. From left, Tika Maya Katuwal can't speak, Bishnumaya Gaha has a defect on her leg, Buddhimaya has a backbone problem, Pushpa Basnet also has a problem with her leg, Bhurma Dangi has a problem with her ear and eye, and Laxmi Khatri has a scar from burning. They have been trained, mostly in computer science so that they can enter the workforce. Most students trained by Shashi Kala Singh have found good jobs, including Kanya, the present co-ordinator at Child Haven, and Sangeeta, our accountant. Child Haven sponsors 12 of these students annually.



BONNIE LORE – (an occasional column by her long- suffering husband)

Group Therapy

56 years ago, six of us young Protestant ministers were starting out in the stockyards area of Chicago. From time to time we met to commiserate with each other. One of the group was taking a course and needed a bunch of human guinea pigs to do group therapy together. The six of us ministers agreed to meet every Thursday morning.

We bound ourselves to secrecy. Anything said in that room would not be repeated outside. Several guys confessed to various transgressions, some shocking, some hilarious.

*We soon decided we wouldn't get anywhere unless our wives were there with us, because after all - **they** were the ones with the problems! So we invited the wives, who surprisingly, were thrilled at a chance to communicate with their husbands - and - to get a breather from pre-schoolers. We hired two capable women to entertain the three Cappuccino kids and eleven other kids every Thursday morning in a church play room, while the twelve parents sat around and talked in another room for two hours.*

We talked about family stuff - "You're spending too much time at the church!" and "You really don't listen to me before you blow your stack!"

One husband and wife could not communicate with each other on a deep personal level, except in this group! At the Thursday meetings, enfolded in the security cushion of caring friends, they would level with each other and express feelings. But alone with each other at home, they were aliens. As a matter of fact, there were two such couples among the six couples, quite astounding to Bonnie and me.

Each of us learned a lot. What I learned turned my life around 180 degrees. I had started out with the noble attitude that I was doing the Lord's work, and that came first. Any time I had left after doing the Lord's work would be devoted to family.*

Gradually an INSIGHT pushed its way through my thick scull, and a light went on: Bonnie was ALSO interested in doing the Lord's work. If anything, she was more deeply committed than I was. So I came to the - one might say - absurd realization that my first duty - is to my wife, and together we would do the Lord's work. Little did I realize at the time what I was getting myself into! Being married to a typhoon can be exhilarating - but a better characterization is exhausting.*

**We now use a different idiom, a loosely worded "commitment to children."*

OVERSEAS INTERNS NEEDED: We have space for more volunteers who will pay their own travel and commit three to six months interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office in Maxville: fred@childhaven.ca or 613-527-2829. A \$50 fee covers processing costs and your attendance at a two-day Orientation in Maxville. An additional \$200 donation to partially cover overseas room and board is also asked of first-time Interns unless they or their families are regular contributors.

"Thank you for a wonderful beautiful three months! The children gave me so much, they are so loving and generous and joy-filled & so far I am managing to still carry that in my heart. I miss them like crazy. I miss Kaliyampoondi and the haven I found there. I've been back in Canada 10 days & I'm in deep resistance. Can't wait to go back. Can't thank you enough for all you've given me. Biggest love, (MS) Ramune Luminaire

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*We are also set up to receive **gifts of securities**. (better tax advantages than donating cash.)*

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62-year-old Sean Collins completed his bicycle journey from Vancouver to Halifax this summer, raising \$3385! Thank you, Sean! And all the people who supported you! That will feed a lot of Child Haven kids!

Child Haven Homes

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India 49 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 192 children 15 women, Language: Telegu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 297 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 24 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India 48 children 4 women, Language: Mahrathi

Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Tibet in China, 41 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 67 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Ghaziabad, India (informal education) 30 children 50 women, Language: Hindi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 50 children, Mahrathi plus tribal languages

(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



GHAZIABAD, some of the tailoring students awaiting instructions from their teacher.



KALIYAMPOONDI, Above, Siva (the most beautiful baby in the world) with his mother, Selvi; also Meera and Vijaya, all staff persons.



KALIYAMPOONDI, from left, patient Matthew Pervic, nurse Christina Mary, doctor Murugan Rajan, and patient Kanikai Raj



KALIYAMPOONDI, A neighbouring farmer ploughs in the Child Haven compound.

Inspired by the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Child Haven is a registered charity founded in 1985. We assist children and women in four countries who are in need of food, education, health care, shelter and clothing, emotional and morel support.

Child Haven has six Homes in India, One in Bangladesh, one in Nepal, and one in Tibet in China. Our Homes accept children who are disabled, parentless, or from socially disadvantaged situations – and who are destitute, i.e. do not have even one good meal a day. Girls and boys are treated equally and without regard to race, caste, colour, religion or culture. Living is simple and meals are vegetarian. We try not to Westernize the children, but rather attempt to raise them according to the highest ideals of their own cultures. We respect the heritage of each child, whether Hindu, Muslim, Jain, Sikh, Christian, Buddhist, tribal, secular or other.



KALIYAMPOONDI, Intern Rebecca Phaneuf-Thibault surrounded by children. One can easily see that they are terrified of her!

Volunteer Interns do not have to have a PhD. We want people who love children. We don't need people who want to go over and "fix things." You might be required (by the children) to learn 200 names by tomorrow. You might be asked, "How old are you?" "What is your salary?" "May we do your hair for you?" "When are you getting married?"



GUJARAT, The two buildings are taking shape on our own two acres.



GUJARAT, Sangita and Komal, and 47 other children will live in new quarters above near the village of Meu, an hour from Gandhinagar.



SAVARSAI, Above, first building erected several years ago (rainy day today). The cement porch is almost ground level, but the rooms are a step or two higher. Below, the second building (donated by Baal dan charity in Texas) has a raised floor for the porch as well as the rooms. Boys sleep in the new building, and have already expropriated the porch to dry their laundry.





SAVARSAI, three students: Ambika, grade six, Vishali, grade seven, and Manshi, grade seven. Education is top priority at Child Haven.

Are You Ready for Freddie?

Years ago in the L'il Abner cartoon someone asked someone else "Are you ready for Freddie?" The person shrieked and ran off. This happened on several occasions, and then cartoonist Al Capp revealed that Freddie was the undertaker!

Child Haven's Freddie, while not an undertaker is anxious for Child Haven to receive bequests. Even though he knows only 13.7% of the information needed to make a bequest, he will be happy to phone people and talk over their upcoming bequest.



KALIYAMPOONDI, The tattered volleyball net still suffices. Behind is the toilet block, girls' upstairs and boys' downstairs. Methane for cooking fuel is extracted from the toilet effluent. Below, Once in a while the food on someone else's tray tastes better. Baby Robin knows that 8th grader Yuvaraj is a soft touch.





KALIYAMPOONDI, The two most beautiful babies in the world, Porsivan, and Robin, son of Murugan and Poppi. On the Dining Hall wall behind them are mural figures that were modeled by students and painted by architect/artist Interns Lino and Ramune. Each image has its proud child model.



MAITREYA, Bonniema with Karma and his wife Dechen Dolkar, with their two children, the most beautiful babies in the world, son Tashi and baby Dhundup Sengay. Karma is a main staff person at this Home. Children and staff are of Tibetan heritage. Bonnie is always wasting time holding babies. Sometimes they tangle her medallions. Serves her right. Below, These are the first Maitreya kids to graduate from High School (grade 10), from left, Nyima Lhamo, Tsering Yankee, Rinchin Chomu, Norbu Tsering, and Dhoyoun Gyalpo. They all graduated at the top of their class.





CHITTAGONG, fine hair-braiding is an art. Below, a game played with dried peas.



NEPAL, Intern Leah Shoemaker tutoring Tulsi Shahi.



Intern Susan Bowers wrote: Tulsi was born in the Humla district at the west end of Nepal. Farms are poor, with rocky soil and steep terraces. Tulsi's mother died soon after he was born, and the father had to pass his son from one family to another to be breast-fed.

In 2002 Child Haven Intern Katy McNiven was visiting a Unitarian Service Committee project in western Nepal when she came across 4-month-old Tulsi, tiny, and unlikely to survive in an area where 80% of children die before age five. Katy phoned and arranged to have Tulsi admitted to Child Haven. He was immediately the focus of much cuddling and affection. He was carried about by other children like a doll, and fed so much that he soon became overweight and had difficulty learning to walk.

Tulsi has only 30% hearing, so he is functionally deaf. He has hearing aids, but he plays with them so they are often broken. Tulsi is bussed to a school for disabled children. His teacher has no training for helping deaf students, so she shouts instructions at him. Now in Grade two, Tulsi is learning words and letters in both English and Nepali, and he practices his times tables. As is typical in Nepal, he learns by rote with lots of drill.

Tulsi is learning to look at people when they speak to him, and to read facial expressions. He refuses to use sign language, preferring spoken language. He is just starting to put together sentences in English and Nepali, and to listen when people speak to him. As a result he is able to communicate and play with other children for the first time. When he was younger, Tulsi would just grab what he wanted and could be quite aggressive, but now he is showing a thoughtful and affectionate nature, and is making satisfactory progress in school thanks to individual tutoring.

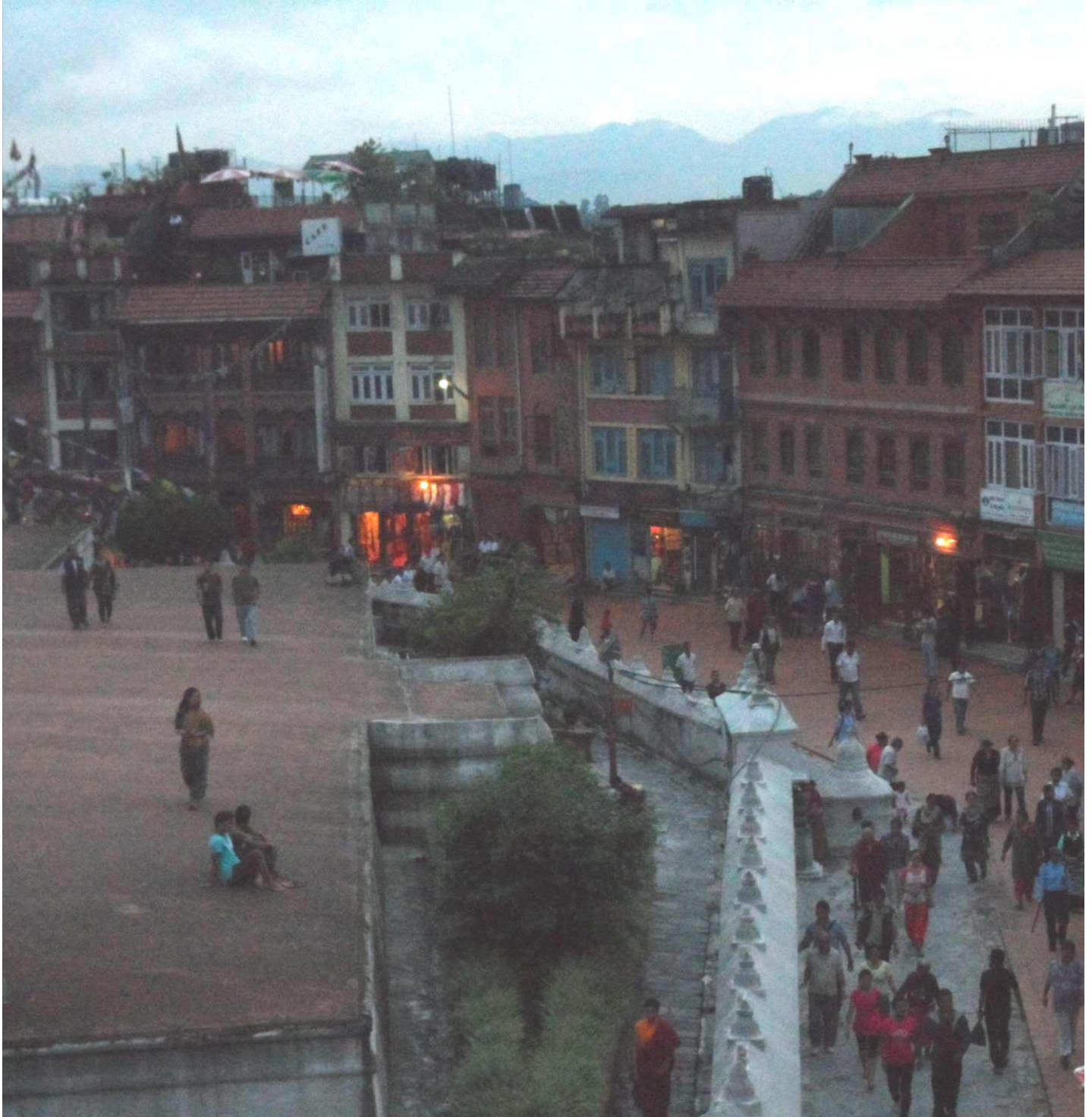


NEPAL. Boudanath (two photos) is the largest Buddhist Stupa in Nepal, about a half-hour walk from Child Haven. A wide walking promenade surrounds the place, with shops opposite.

One day, some 15 years ago, Bonnie took me and two female Interns to visit this place. I was wearing shoes, but the three women were in sandals. Bonnie explained, “The protocol is that we walk around the Stupa three times, spinning the prayer wheels that are in the walls encircling the Stupa.” (see a prayer wheel on page 24)

I responded, “Well, I’ll just look at the shops (photo below) while you women go and exercise your superstitions.” No sooner had I taken three steps away from them when a vicious little dog came and bit my foot! A Tibetan woman came out of a shop with a broom and rescued me. Luckily I had shoes on. There is a sermon here somewhere, but I haven’t figured it out yet. FC.

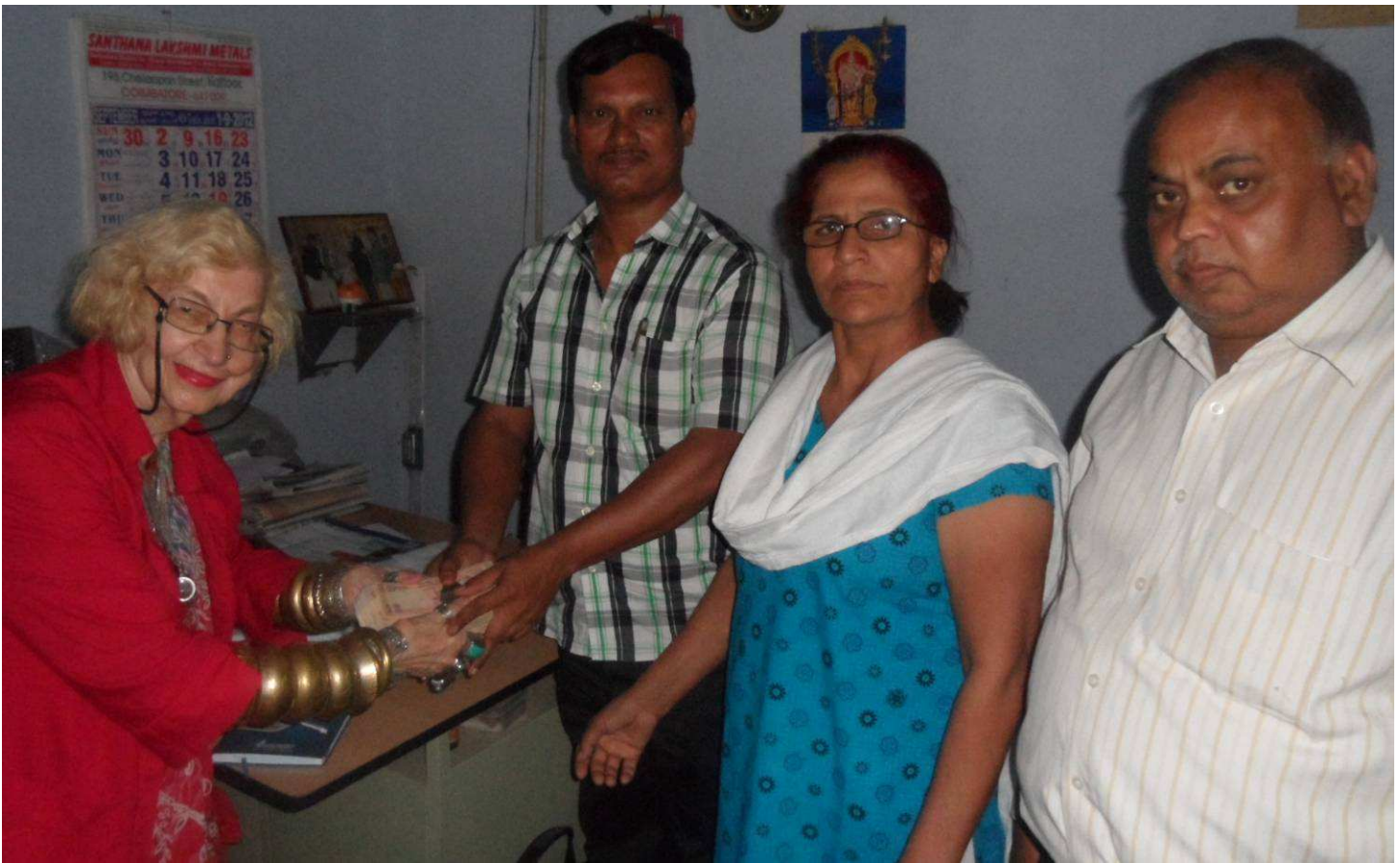
Bonnie heard that these dogs are said to be re-incarnated monks who were mischievous in a previous life. In the photo below, two people to the right of the wall seem to be turning prayer wheels. People on the left are on one of the raised tiers of the massive Stupa.





HYDERABAD, When bricks have to be moved, everybody helps. Below, the eminent Dr Mapuskar cutting the ribbon for the new girls' toilet block, funded by Tanya Pinto and Baal Dan.





Bonnie Cappuccino handing a pile of rupees (equivalent of \$5500) to Muruganatham to purchase the battery of machines to produce sanitary napkins. With them are Ms Rajni and Mr Srivastava, workers from Child Haven's Womens' project in Ghaziabad. They came by train from New Delhi to South India to meet the amazing Muruganatham. At this writing the machine system has already been delivered and is producing napkins. Below, five women at Muruganatham's place in Coimbatore operating the machines to make sanitary napkins.





Tibet in China – It's *COLD!* at Child Haven. Coats and hats are OK inside, even with the yak-dung stove (also using sticks or paper or any other scarce fuel). One young intellectual (off screen) is enjoying the educational and erudite Child Haven Newsletter.

Question: "Why try to help children overseas when there are destitute children here at home in North America? Answers:

- to benefit the world by studying and practicing the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.*
- to erase the false dichotomy between children of different countries. We are all in the same boat worldwide.*
- to promote cultural interchange for global understanding.*
- to provide a social safety net in countries, unlike Canada and USA, without one.*

LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR, AND NEVER

DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK

Tagore

Glowing – glowing deep – within each one of you – is a divine spark.

Though some of you may be skeptical, or feel that you are unworthy – yet the divine spark glows – there inside you.

Sometimes it is overlaid with self-interest; sometimes it is encrusted with fear – yet the divine spark illumines your soul.

We may tend to deny it – knowing that we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Yet the divine spark never leaves you.

This divine spark may surprise you as the future unfolds. It may lead you to risk much – in some wild act of compassion.

You are of infinite worth; you possess a dazzling beauty that is irresistible. Trust this divine spark glowing – glowing in your deepest being. FC 2005



This is a huge prayer wheel in a Tibetan monastery in Nepal

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