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Bangladesh – Akhi, Nokia and Onnona with peace cranes they folded while Satu holds the lily she created. Lilies are the national flower of Bangladesh!

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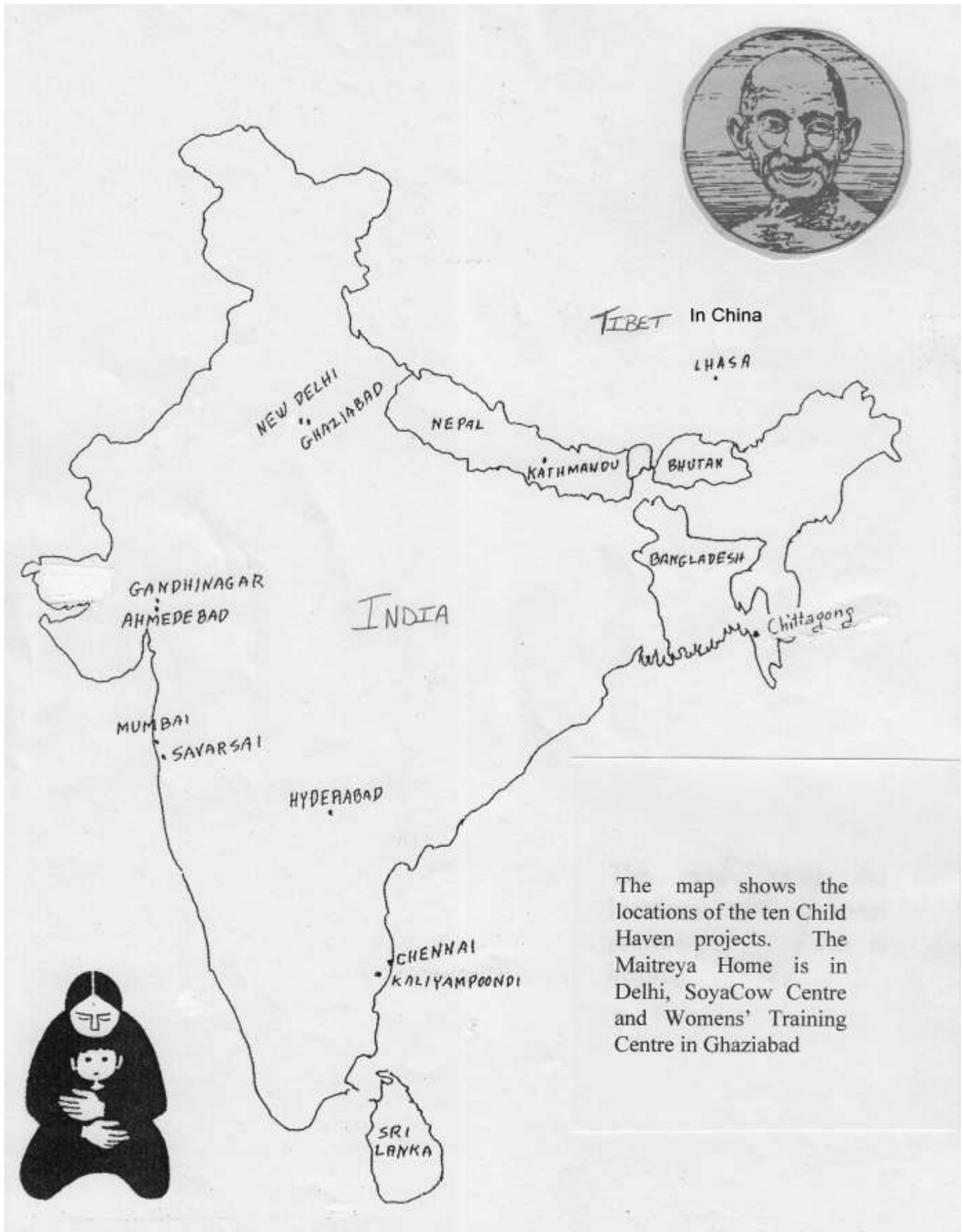
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Tribal Home – These girls bring to life the image of the many armed goddess Durga in their welcoming performance for Bonniema and other visitors this summer. This and many other photos in this issue are by Child Haven Videographer James Douglas, who travelled with Bonniema on her last trip.

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.)



Gujarat – The girls have energy to spare, especially when they are on break from home-work or chores. Whether it's triple jump-rope, or playing a circle hand-slap game, there's always something to do when they set their minds to it.





Gujarat – Bonniema looks forward to meeting with the older children in all the homes to hear how they're doing and talk over their ideas. Here she and Rene, look at the study book of Balraj. Below, Home Manager Kalaben, helps them pick out some special saris for the Home's staff at one of Bonniema's favorite sari shops.





Savarsai – Above, some of our older girls catch Bonniema up on all the latest news on her most recent visit.

Left, Indika and Yash demonstrate that even when your hair is too short for a ribbon, they can be used for other uses including the ubiquitous and ever fashionable doll bracelet!



Savarsai – Our cook Rohini Dalvi (above) washes some water jugs in the afternoon sun giving thirsty Akash a chance to get a welcome drink. The jug had been used for refreshment for a volleyball game that afternoon.





Savarsai - Kajal, Sonali and Karishma with their favorite books of the moment. Indika on the right likes all of them. Kajal is an especially good reader and often translates for volunteers and visitors. Jenn Bhatla photo

One of the great things about building a new boy's dorm has been having space for community meetings like this one on women's health led by Dr. Mapuskar and his daughter Dr. Shilpa Narayanan, who is also a medical doctor. The workshop was attended by our older girls, the older girls from the Tribal Home and local women.





Tribal Home Here are some of our children marching to commemorate the life of the Indian Freedom Fighter Nagya Mahadu Kathkari, who came from a tribal background. On April 6th, 1930, Mahatma Gandhi started the civil disobedience campaign at Dandi with the Salt March Satyagraha. When the Salt Satyagraha ended because of the onset of the monsoon rains, it was followed by “jungal” (forest) Satyagrahas in various places, including Pen, where our Children’s Home is located. On 25th September 1930, the Jungal Satyagraha was launched in the Akkakevi Hills. Approximately five thousand people entered the forest shouting “We are breaking the forest law” and symbolically started cutting the grass in the forest. The police opened fire on the otherwise peaceful and non-violent Satyagrahis. Eight Satyagrahis died. Nagya Mahadu Kathkari was one of them. In spite of having a young wife and a small child, this twenty-one-year young tribal took part in the Jungal Satyagraha and became a martyr for India’s Independence. Our Tribal Home celebrates the life of Nagya Mahadu Kathkari, and other heroes, heroines and role-models for our children.

This elegant and erudite newsletter is now at our website. If you don’t want the paper copy mailed to you – and would like to be notified when new newsletters are created, please go to www.childhaven.ca, and enter your email address. One problem is that the mailed newsletter also contains a return envelope for donation!

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BONNIE LORE

(an occasional column by her long- suffering husband)

Back in 2001 the most beautiful baby in the world, four-month-old Aasish Dhimal, came to Child Haven Nepal. His mother, Usha, had been working in a carpet factory, almost as a slave. Her husband had absconded, leaving her destitute.

Her pay in the carpet factory was a plate of food a day, not enough to enable her to nurse her baby. The staff heard about this situation and invited her to come and work at Child Haven. Usha was so relieved to be able to leave the carpet factory, that at Child Haven she worked extremely hard. Apparently she was afraid that she would be sent away. She ate very little, for the same reason.

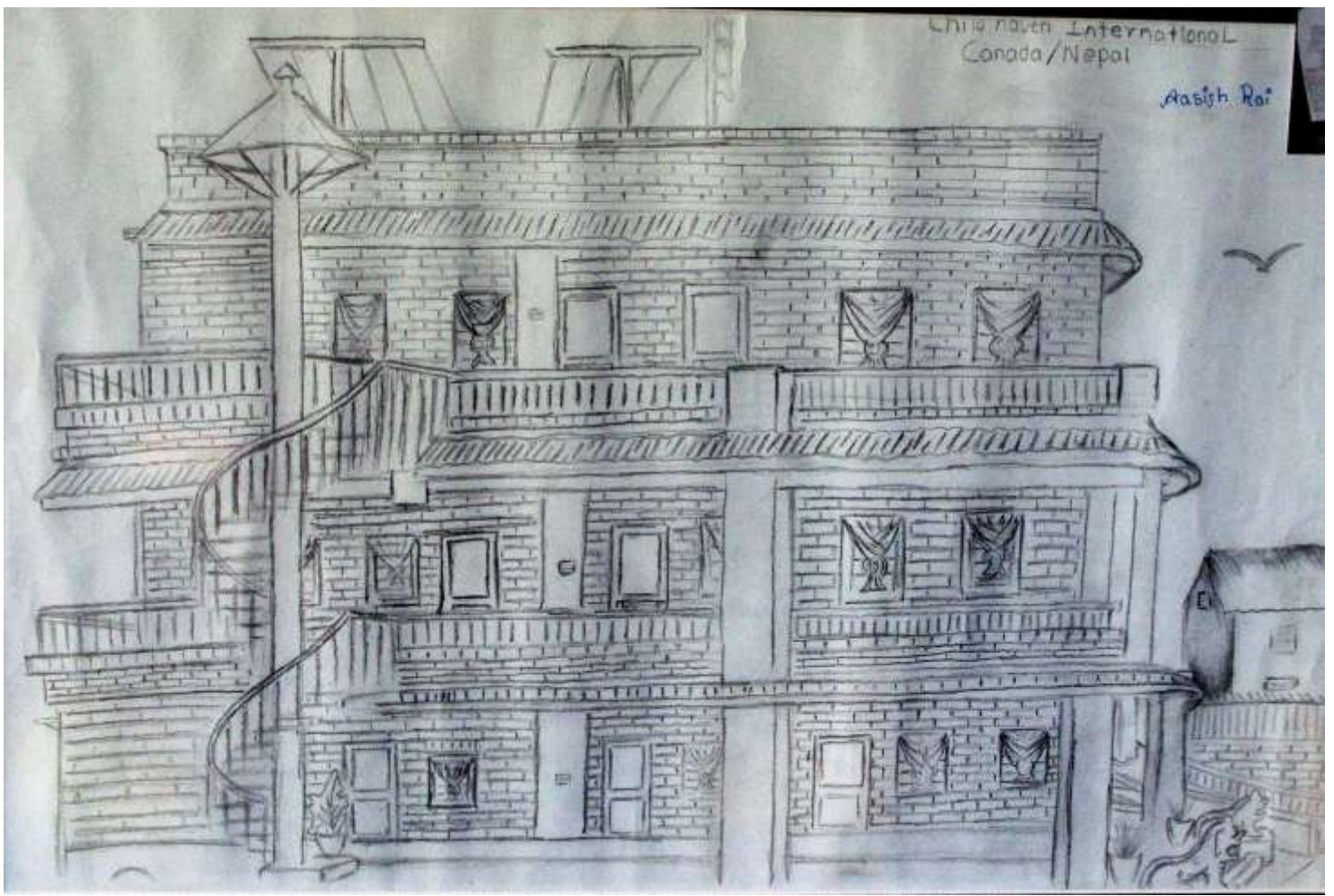


The staff were worried that she wasn't giving her child enough time, and wasn't eating enough. They told her to eat more and to spend time with her baby, but it didn't seem to get through to her.

Finally a conference was called with the Co-ordinator, Arjun, the Matron, and Bonnie, who explained to Usha (with Arjun interpreting): "Don't worry about being sent away. No one is going to do that. Moreover, your first duty at this time is to care for your baby. You can't nurse your baby in two minutes. You have to relax and hold him, and take time, then the milk will flow better." After some discussion Usha seemed to understand that she would be safe at Child Haven. Then Bonnie hugged her for a long time.



Here is a photo of Usha holding Ashish when they first arrived, and the two of them now. Aasish is studying in the Green Tara Child Haven School. He enjoys drawing and made the sketch of our Child Haven Home on the next page. Usha continues to be a very hard-working member of our Home's staff.



Nepal- The drawing above is a rendition of our Nepal Home by 12-year-old Aasish Rai. (see previous page)

To the left is Nishan Shrestha, three-and-a-half years old and enrolled in the first year of the Montessori Program at our Child Haven Green Tara Montessori School.



Nepal– Above Rajendra Shrestha, who grew up in our Home, teaching science to his Grade 8 class at Child Haven’s Green Tara School. Below Binita Baral teaches English to her Grade 5 class. The school now serves 230 elementary and high school students through Grade 8. 77 are from our Home and 153 students from the surrounding community. Of those 153 community students, 91 are sponsored by Child Haven and 62 are paying students.





Nepal – Don't look Bonniema! The kids above are doing a Nepali dance on the cement table tennis table pictured below in it's more common usage.





Maitreya Home – Here are the five oldest kids at our Maitreya Home for Tibetan refugee children outside Delhi. From the left is Nyima lhamo, Rinchen Tsomo, Tsering Yangkey in the black shirt, Norbu Tsering, and Dhonyou Gyalpo in the red shirt. They are all about to graduate from High School this year with flying colours. Below is the reason why – lots of hard work and study. They also excel in their study of the Tibetan language, and rich cultural heritage.





Kaliyampoondi – Volunteer Intern Walker Hartt helping with the hot pepper harvest in our vegetable garden. Walker also gave English lessons, helped in the kitchen, walked the kids to school, played endless games of carom and generally had a lapful of little kids.





Kaliyampoondi – Two of our girls flying high on the swings in the playground. We're not sure which joke the kids below are laughing at, but we think it's probably the one about Bonniema's bangle baggage!



CHILD HAVEN INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	2012	2011
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 1,083,543	\$ 1,291,538
Canadian charities	91,921	53,581
Net fundraising activities (Schedule 1)	100,237	174,028
Investment (loss) income	(3,837)	6,049
	1,271,864	1,525,196
EXPENDITURES		
Amortization	4,643	6,293
Automotive	10,126	11,998
Bank charges	12,018	8,627
Canadian programs	14,775	16,567
Employee benefits	9,400	10,833
Insurance	3,143	3,349
Newsletters	34,932	38,482
Office	48,778	53,714
Professional fees	2,000	2,000
Projects	251,033	327,860
Telephone	4,304	4,671
Training	516	935
Travel	85,984	91,147
Wages and contract services	167,612	142,478
	649,264	718,954
SURPLUS BEFORE TRANSFERS	622,600	806,242
TRANSFERS TO FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS	698,233	833,276
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	\$ (75,633)	\$ (27,034)



Most of the amount for travel (\$85,984 left) is money our Interns have spent for their own travel to and from our projects. It goes through our books so the Interns can receive a charitable tax receipt. - Fred Cappuccino

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. .

Kaliyampoondi

The Sankara Eye Hospital from Chennai came to offer an eye check-up for all of the 300+ children, staff, and senior orphans in our Home. A nurse from the Hospital examines Chandru, who is in 1st grade, with help from our nurse, Sivasankari. On hand were several doctors from the Hospital for more extensive diagnosis where needed. The visit was arranged by our Child Haven All-India Board Chairman Mr. K. Ilangovan



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Nov 1? **Toronto**, ON - Beaches: Michelle Lalonde 416-699-5199



Kaliyampoondi

Devayani and Kavitha, both in 7th grade hang laundry on the roof of the girl's dorm.



Tibet in China – Photo taken on Bonniema’s most recent visit to our Children’s Home in Nanang Village about an hour’s drive outside of Lhasa. In the white welcoming “Khatas” or scarves are Bonniema’s driver, Marilyn Tobin, Nargis Mitha, Bonniema, Renee Cappuccino and Pema Dorje, our long-time guide. To Bonniema’s left is Home Manager, Norbula. Many of the children were away at school when this photo was taken.



Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund



Million Dollar Donation

Every day I go down to our mail box, a quarter mile down our driveway from the house. Sometimes I say, "I'm going down to pick up our million dollar cheque," and nobody believes me. Well, on Halloween we got word of a one million dollar donation from Valley Properties, Ltd, in Vancouver. The goal of our Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund is \$6,000,000. This donation brings the total so far to \$1,200,000.

The person instrumental in obtaining this large donation (which will show in next year's audit) has visited all of our projects several times with Bonnie.

Whether the checks are for one million dollars, or \$25, they are all greatly appreciated. The interest from donations to this fund will help off-set ever increasing food and education costs into the future. At the same time, we will always rely on contributions to our operating expenses to meet our children's daily needs.



Bangladesh

Nokia providing
sisterly care for,
Asmaul, the most
beautiful baby in the
world.



Bangladesh

Area mothers drop their children off at the Montessori School Program which Child Haven runs for our children and other kids in the community. While doing so, Several mothers mentioned to our matron, Shokina Begum, that they would like to learn more about tailoring as a means of helping to support their families. Having some experience with this, she agreed to start a class with help from our care-giver, Razia Sultana.



Above, Shokina explains the use of patterns and to the left, Razia helps a new sewer learn how to use a hand-treadle sewing machine.

Child Haven has provided three sewing machines for the class. Several of our older children are excited to learn tailoring skills as well.

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Maitreya Home The most beautiful baby in the world, Dhondup, son of staff member Karma and his wife Dechen Dolkar, held by the Manager of the Home, Tenzing Dakpa.

*LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR,
AND NEVER DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK
Rabindranath Tagore*



Hyderabad – How many kids can fit into our Child Haven three-wheeler on the way to school? (It's probably better not to know.)

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