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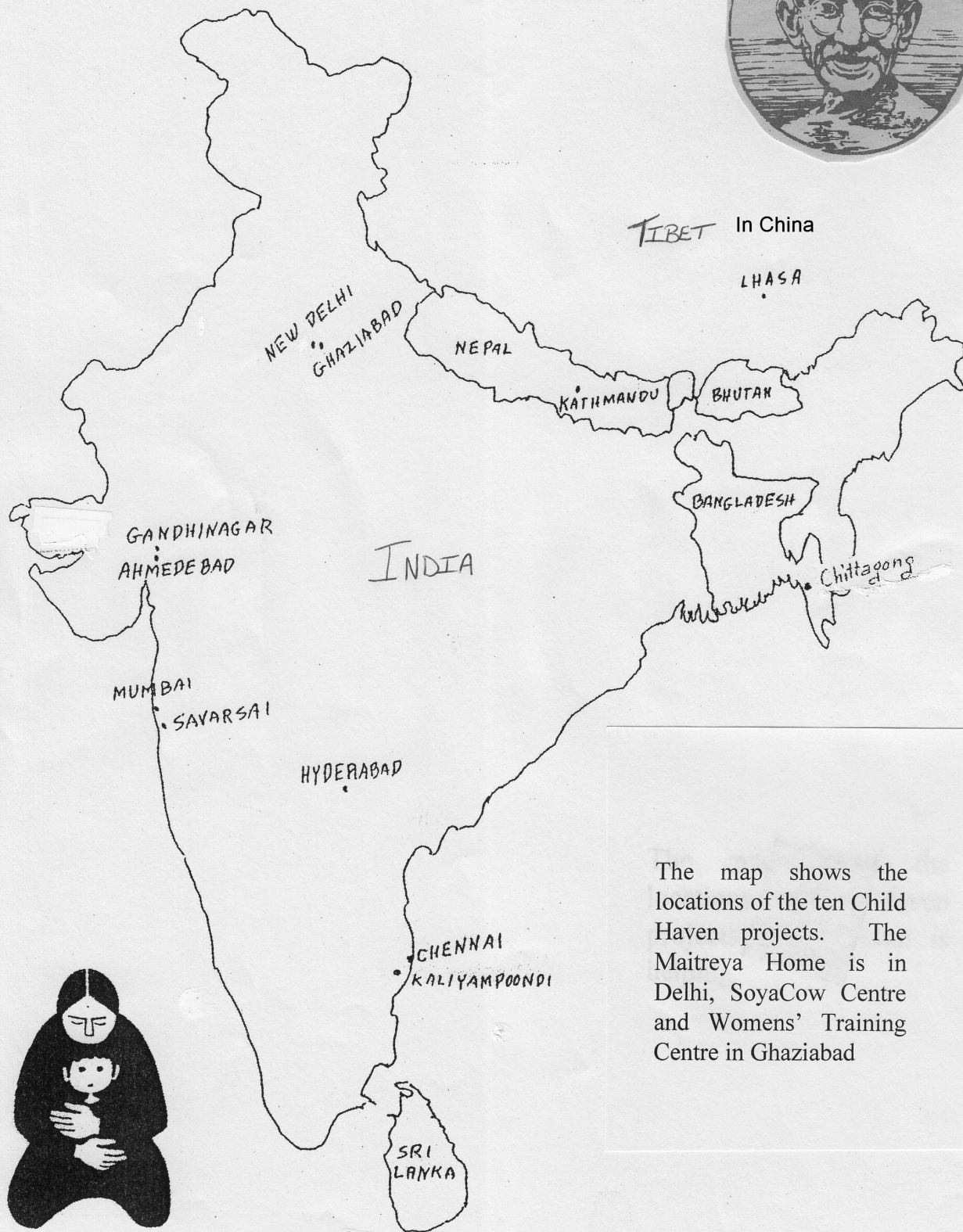
Nepal – Three wise men of Child Haven Kathmandu, Tenzing, Aashish, and Sanjeet, in traditional dress waiting for their turn to shine in a dance program at our Green Tara Child Haven School.

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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

Nepal – Bonniema has some good friends at our Home in Kathmandu including Sundira Karki. Sudira is in Grade 5 at our Green Tara Child Haven School and the daughter of one of our long-serving care givers, Meena Karki. They even have matching nose posts!



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.)

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Nepal - Caregiver and Gate Keeper Ganga Dhakal and helper Sarada with some bouquets of fresh mustard greens for our cooks. Mustard greens are a staple of the menu at our Kathmandu Home. Ganga always has a smile. Somewhere we have a photo of her not smiling. It was taken with a high speed camera. Above Ganga's head are vines that remind one of the "ivied walls" that lend an eminence to a building. In this case it is pink and orange Bougainvillea which blooms over the gateway.



Nepal— Undaunted by the rain, Narayan, shelters Bonniema from the storm, while she and Ganesh, the visiting Manager of the Child Haven Kaliyampoondi Home, listen to Dil Subba, (white shirt) Principal of the Green Tara Child Haven School, and manager of the Nepal Home. Volunteer Intern Pam Hellstrom apparently eschewed an umbrella. Ganesh came along with Bonniema to visit the Nepal Home to share ideas and compare notes about what works well in our homes. Later Dil, and Kanya, the Co-ordinator of our Nepal Home, (not in the photo), went to visit Kaliyampoondi. Below, a game of *Duck, Duck, Goose*, on a field-trip to a high meadow near our home.

Samantha Cappuccino Photos





Nepal– Kate Trotter, from Calgary, immersed in a bevy of Nepali Child Havenites. Kate was a Volunteer Intern at the Home for three months. She helped out with English lessons, tutoring homework classes, vegetable chopping, and all manner of support and encouragement for kids and staff. It looks like maybe they got along OK.

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..

Gandhinagar – Prayers affirming and respecting all religions are a daily practice at all our homes, an expression of our Gandhian philosophy.





Hyderabad – Above, Sravani, Ushakiran Teja and Sadhya Rani, whirling away the hours on a Sunday afternoon, while studying the effects of centrifugal force.



Left, Anil and Shankar have a lot in common especially their devotion to volleyball.



Hyderabad – Our two nurses, Nagar Jothi left and Sandhya Rani. Sandhya came to Child Haven at the age of nine and grew up at our home. After she graduated from high school, Child Haven agreed to send her to nurse’s training, which she completed last year. She says it was always her dream to come back and serve as a nurse at our home, and fortunately for us her dream has come true. While in nursing training, she met Jothi and convinced her to come join our Child Haven family as nurse as well. Below are some of their 192 healthy charges.



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Celebrating their anniversary in this way, was such a fun way to do a fundraiser, we have decided to start “Anniversaries for Charity” You will be able to donate to Child Haven in lieu of gifts from friends. It will be launched shortly. Watch for it!



Buddies at our Nepal Home

Pam Hellstrom Photo

Kaliyampoondi – study time in class groups happens twice a day – perhaps part of the reason our kids do so well in the local school.



Another reason would have to be all the nutritious food. Here the most wonderful cooks in the world, Jothi, Kuppammal, and Vijaya, chop greens for supper.





Volunteer Intern, Lino, above right, keeping score for a girl's badminton game on a recent sports tournament day. Below, the winning volleyball team celebrates. This is Lino and his wife Ramuni's second visit to our home. On their last trip they painted the mural you can see on page 12.

Maggie MacLaren Photos





Kaliyampoondi Home Day - Once again this year, many of our former children and our college students organised a special day for the children at the home. The day featured games, (like the “bite the sweet” pictured here) special meals, snacks, and a cultural presentation in the evening. There had been lots of preparations, and a wonderful program all day long which everyone thoroughly enjoyed! Another event was the field-trip by train for some of our older kids at our Hyderabad Home to visit their compatriots at our Kaliyampoondi Home. The older girls from our two homes (below) got along famously.





Kaliyampoondi – One of our senior orphans, Pattima, making a new broom from palm leaves while below Volunteer Intern Alyssa LeFort, from Courtenay, B.C., tries her hand at rolling chapattis with lots of help from the best cook in the world, Amala, and Murugan who's keeping a good count.



SUPPORT GROUPS - Listed by date of 2013/14 Events

Canmore/Banff AB: Paula Duncan & Simon Bryant, 403-609-8125, Next Dinner Sept 6

Vancouver BC: Venilal & Lilaben Sisodraker 604-985-5540, Katherine Doyle & Ian Cameron 604-255-4077, Ron & Ann Perrick 604-929-6674, Sam & Yamini Gandesha 604-937-0270, Neelam & Narendra Amin 604-294-6759, Next Dinner Sept 7

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Montreal: Conny Belanger 514-542-3260, Sheila Laursen 514-697-4195 Karnak Temple Next Dinner Sept 28

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Hardwick, Vermont: Robin Cappuccino & Sharon Fialco 802-533-2296, Rachel Davey 413-250-6204 Oct 12

Glengarry ON: Susan Joiner 613-525-5177, Next Dinner Oct 19

Comox/Courtenay BC: Heather Holm 250-338-2181, Next Dinner Oct 24

Qualicum Beach BC: Leona Matte 250-752-7404, Maggie MacLaren 250-252-4741, Next Dinner Oct 25

Victoria BC: Dale Lawlor 778-433-9876, Mel & Christine Johnston 250-385-5444, Marya Nyland 250-592-6484, Sandra & Jim Jordan 250-654-0672, Suresh Basur 250-216-2711, Dinner Oct 26

Nanaimo BC: Rob & Wendy Stewart 250-758-7532

Friends of Tibet Dinner, Ottawa: Jurme Wangda 613-738-9871 next Dinner November 15

Cornwall ON: Elaine MacDonald 613-938-7763, Next Dinner March 21

Kingston ON: Andy Rush 613-542-6992, Next Dinner April 5

St Anne de Bellevue QC: Susan Hawker 514-457-1793

Mississauga ON: Shyam Sheth & Leena Motwani 416-357-3478, Tushar Mehta 416-839-1938, Din Apr 26

Oakville ON: Daniela Jansson 905-338-0416, Palvi Patel 905-338-6063, Apr 26 (Combined With Mississauga)

Waterloo ON: Ida Fisher 519-884-3466. Next Dinner April 27

Ottawa ON: Glebe Charity Soiree: Salim Gias Uddin 613-863-5103, Shawn O'Reilly 613-709-4237

Nepal Woman's Foundation, Ottawa, ON: Tara Upreti 613-523-8242 April 26

Calgary AB: Dave Greene 403-295-7224 drgreene@telus.net, Alnoor Bhura 403-289-3100, Din May 3

Edmonton AB: Sylvia Krogh 780-454-6216, Next Dinner May 4

Ottawa ON: Tudor Hall: Linda Uhryniuk 613-730-5412, Dave Basu and Parin Bhimani 613-422-1573, Valerie Dougherty 613-727-5756, Next Dinner June 21

Germany: Rev Dr Eckhart Pilick, 49-721-405762, Pilick@t-online.de



Kaliyampoondi – Some of our kids with chicken pox resting and coloring. Neem leaves are spread around them. Known in India as “the sacred tree” and “nature’s drugstore”, neem leaves are antibacterial and antiviral. Ayurvedic Medicine prescribes their use with skin diseases. We have several much-used neem trees planted in our compound.



Tribal Home – After searching for many years, we have finally found and purchased affordable land for the construction of a permanent residence for our Tribal Home. The drawings are being revised by our architect, Manohar Nangrepatil. Construction will begin as soon as we can afford to do so. Contributions towards this much needed facility are most welcome and appreciated. Below, some of our girls all dressed up for a dance performance at our current rented facility in Pen.



BONNIE LORE

(an occasional column by her long- suffering husband)

An Urgent Message

In June, 2013, Bonnie heard of a crucial situation at Nepal Child Haven. A ten-year-old girl was starting her menses - and was having excruciating pain. After extensive tests and a CAT Scan it was found that there was no place for the menstrual blood to go because she was born without a vagina.



Bonnie immediately consulted with her parents and various doctors and learned that an operation was necessary, and soon. A decision had to be made about where to do it: Kathmandu, New Delhi, or Chennai? We had contacts at all these places. After more consultation with parents and others, Delhi was chosen. Staff people at our Maitreya Home in Delhi acted as go-between and helped arrange for surgery at the Apollo Hospital, which kindly gave us a discount. Bonnie sent \$3600 to cover initial expenses, including \$200/day (after discount) at the hospital. The Maitreya Home offered hospitality to the mother during her stay in New Delhi.

Our Maxville office arranged the most frugal air transportation between Kathmandu and Delhi. The mother took the child to the hospital, and on July 4th a team of four doctors in a six-hour operation fashioned a vagina from a portion of the child's intestine. The operation was done by robot through a small opening in the abdomen. The doctor said it was a success, and she is expected to lead a normal life. She will go back for a follow-up 6 weeks after the initial surgery to see how she is doing and if she needs any more surgery etc. She may need another procedure. We are all relieved and happy.



Nepal – A Nepali Crow warming in the early morning sun above her heart-shaped nest over-looking our Nepal Home. Crows in Nepal, India and Bangladesh have a grey neck and breast, and are just as talkative as their North American cousins.



Tibet In China – In addition to supporting our Children's Home outside Lhasa, Child Haven also supports the education of students in the community in need of such support. Two such children are Shaila and Setan Dolkar.

Setan (left) got a very good score on her Tibetan language penmanship which she is showing here.

Maitreya Home – “*Tashi delek*” the Tibetan salutation loosely translated as “blessings and good luck” welcomes visitors to our home for Tibetan refugee children in Delhi.



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Savarsai – Along with helping out with computer and English classes in our Savarsai Home, volunteer intern, Jenn Bhatla, a third year engineering student from the University of British Columbia, is receiving college credit for an independent study program with our own Dr. Mapuskar. He is teaching her about the Decentralised Integrated Waste Management system he has designed for our Children’s Homes in India, which creates bio-gas from the human wastes which is then piped into the kitchen for cooking. Below, three of our boys sitting on the wall around our thriving mango orchard. A lasting legacy of this home’s founder, Mukhund Kolhatkar, these trees are beginning to produce mangos.

Samantha Cappuccino Photos





MVP - Ms. Rajni, Director, two of the women working on sanitary napkin production and Mr. Srivastava, Board Member of the MVP, show Ganesh, the Manager of our Kaliyampoondi Home, (far left) and Bonniema how the project is going. Child Haven hopes to initiate other low-cost sanitary napkin production set-ups in other locations when the funds become available.



Bonniema's grand-daughter, Volunteer Intern Samantha Cappuccino, from Canyon Country, CA, with some new friends. Samantha travelled with Bonniema and took many of the photos in this newsletter.

Bangladesh - Moram and Rini are great friends. Moram's mother was no longer able to care for her after her husband left her and so she brought her daughter Moram to Child Haven. Rini is the daughter of Manir, one of the staff at our home. Is there anything – anything in this world – as beautiful – or as precious – as a child?



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



Kaliyampoondi - Boobalan leading a math tutorial for some of our Grade 10 students on the front porch of our library. Boobalan, while working on his own Master of Engineering degree in Computer Science, still makes time to come to our home to help out and tutor our older kids. The Goddess of Learning, Saraswati, to the right, no doubt approves.

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