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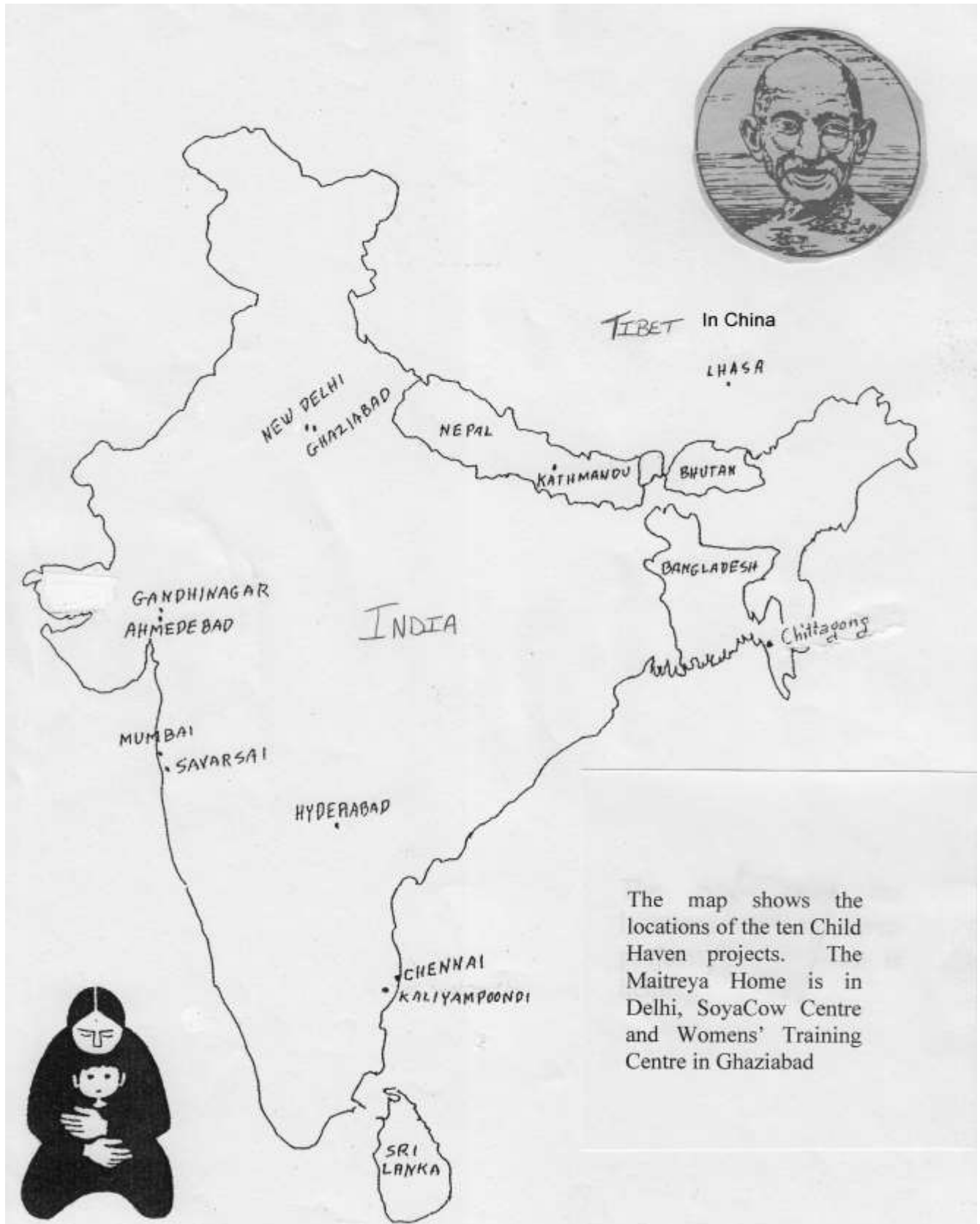
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Kaliyampoondi Lokesh, Prethirveraj, and Vignesh. Lokesh and Vignesh are brothers. Both parents passed away and their grandmother comes to visit when she can.

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Bangladesh – Aisha, left, Morium and Salma play a ring around Morium game. Salma is one of the new children at our Home. She comes from a family of limited resources and after her father recently died of cancer, her mother was having a hard time taking care of either of them.

Child Haven Homes

Meu (Gandhinagar), Gujarat, India 52 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Telangana, India 209 children 18 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, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 72 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Ghaziabad, India, informal education in tailoring for 50 women, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale, Language: Hindi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Mahrathi plus tribal languages
(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



Bangladesh Rakib, above left, is new to the Home. His father ran away and he was left with his grandmother who was unable to provide for him. Onona, above center, was recommended by Mrs. Chowdry, the Director of the Gandhi Ashram in Noakali. We're not sure who is hugging her, but it looks like she doesn't mind at all. Mostafa, above right, came a year ago. His parents are beggars and had a hard time providing for him. Below, the girls play a rousing game of tag.





Bangladesh – Our building is the beautiful old family home of long time Child Haven supporter, Gias Salim Uddin, whose family generously rent it to Child Haven for a nominal fee. When Salim and his brothers and sister were growing up, their house stood high above the surrounding rice paddies here in the outskirts of Chittagong. With the growth of the city, the house is surrounded by new buildings, many built in the few years since Child Haven made it our Home. It now has become the lowest point in the neighborhood. This causes flooding every year during monsoon.

In these photos Suman and some of the other older boys look for sunken treasure in the medical room and explore the wading pool in what sometimes serves as the Game Room.



In part as a result of this water level problem and in part because as our children are getting older we need more space for them to move about, exercise and play, we are looking to purchase land and build a new Home of our own somewhere in the area. Land is incredibly costly however, as is new construction. We expect the cost will be in the \$300,000 to \$600,000 range depending on whether we can convince the government or other benefactors to donate the land. If you would like to contribute to this project, your help would be most appreciated!

Bonnie Lore

by guest author, Robin Cappuccino

On a recent trip to Bangladesh, Bonniema and I stop at the National Liberation War Museum for a program honoring her. Travelling with Bonniema is often a little like travelling with a rock star. I'm not sure if it's her saris or bangles or pendants or debonair travelling companion, but everywhere people stop us to ask if they can have their picture taken with her. This ceremony, held around the anniversary of Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan, is covered by about a half a dozen TV crews, a similar number of newspaper reporters further burnishes the superstar image. She is being recognized for coming to Bangladesh in 1972 along with Fredpa and some other Canadians, to bring 15 at-risk orphaned infants from Bangladesh to new homes in Canada immediately following the Independence struggle.



During her talk, Bonniema speaks about the cruel and brutal impact of that war (and all wars) on everyone, especially woman and children. She describes the challenges her group faced back in 1972 in getting permission for the children to be adopted by Canadian families from the young newly formed nation. Everyone including Bangladesh officials cared deeply for the welfare of the children, but laws governing adoption were not yet in place. After many days of meetings, the children were finally released “under the adoption law about to be promulgated” by the new government. Bonniema is asked what made her persevere in the face of so many obstacles to these children receiving permission to leave the country. She says, “We tended the babies every afternoon in Mother Theresa’s Home and developed a motherly bond. Once that bond is created mothers will do what needs to be done to protect their children.” Here’s to mighty mothers everywhere.



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 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 Interns. You can check out our new Intern Brochure on our web-site www.childhaven.ca



Nepal Above cook Bishnumaya, right, receives some assistance from Diane and Lucie Barre of Quebec, (top), Virginia Kowalski of Winnipeg and Radha Bajgain, a child in the Home. Diane and Lucie have been Volunteer Interns several times at the Home, and came back after the earthquake to offer their support. Diane took the picture below of Radha, who is in Grade 5 and Sushmita Tamang, in Grade 4, helping her cut potatoes on another kitchen adventure. Both girls are 10 years old.





Nepal Above left, children and staff at the Home prepare tarps, blankets and other supplies for delivery to remote villages in the days following the massive earthquake. Above right, Kanya Gurung, Nepal Project Coordinator helps deliver packages of relief items. Below, Virginia Kowalski, standing with hat, is from Winnipeg. During her three-month internship at our Kathmandu Home the earthquakes struck. With her in the photo are Badri, Tikka and Kanya sitting with villagers to whom they have just delivered much-needed earthquake relief supplies. Virginia wrote shortly after the quake:

"For three nights the staff and children slept outside. They had no water or electricity. When the aftershocks came everyone ran together in a tight group. Some crying...some screaming. The staff and caregivers are amazing. The staff is cooking in the courtyard. The kids were thirsty ... I filled as many 2-litre bottles as I could with my bought water. The kids all lined up ... like little birds ... mouth open ... to have a little water. They have lost so much ... lives, homes, and so much history. This will be so hard for them to come back from. Many of our children are from outlying villages where all the homes are destroyed and many lives lost. It is difficult for the little ones to comprehend. These folks are so resilient ... I really admire them."





Nepal Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Child Haven has raised over \$211,000 to assist survivors of the Nepal Earthquake. One project we have been helping with is the relocation of a village in grave danger of sliding down the mountainside into the 160 meter chasm below. Almost all of their 65 houses crumbled. It has been the home of Dinesh Tamang, whose training as a Community Health Assistant Child Haven has been supporting for the past several years. The village is where his health clinic was to be located.

We are pleased to report that with Child Haven's help, new land has been purchased, and the families relocated. The top photo shows the new encampment. New homes are being designed and will be under construction very soon.



Some of the children have started constructing structures of their own (middle photo).

The building of latrines and showers for the community is underway (right). Plans are in the works for a new Community Center and Health Clinic which Dinesh will serve.

Regular readers of this erudite journal will remember Dinesh as the coordinator of our prolapsed uterus project several years ago, bringing rural women to Kathmandu for corrective surgery over the past few years.



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Maitreya Home - Nawang, above left, got 1st Place in Grade 11 last year and Pema (right) got 2nd place in Grade 9. Bonniema fondly remembers Nawang singing *She'll be Coming Round the Mountain When she Comes* when she was just 3 years old! This was just after Bonniema had to be carried over an avalanche in the Himalayas.

New to the Home is Nawang Dolma, below left. She is from Arunachal Pradesh. Her father died, and mother couldn't care for her. At right are Norbu Tsering, who finished the first year of his arts degree and Diki, in grade 11. They are slicing bitter gourds for the evening meal.





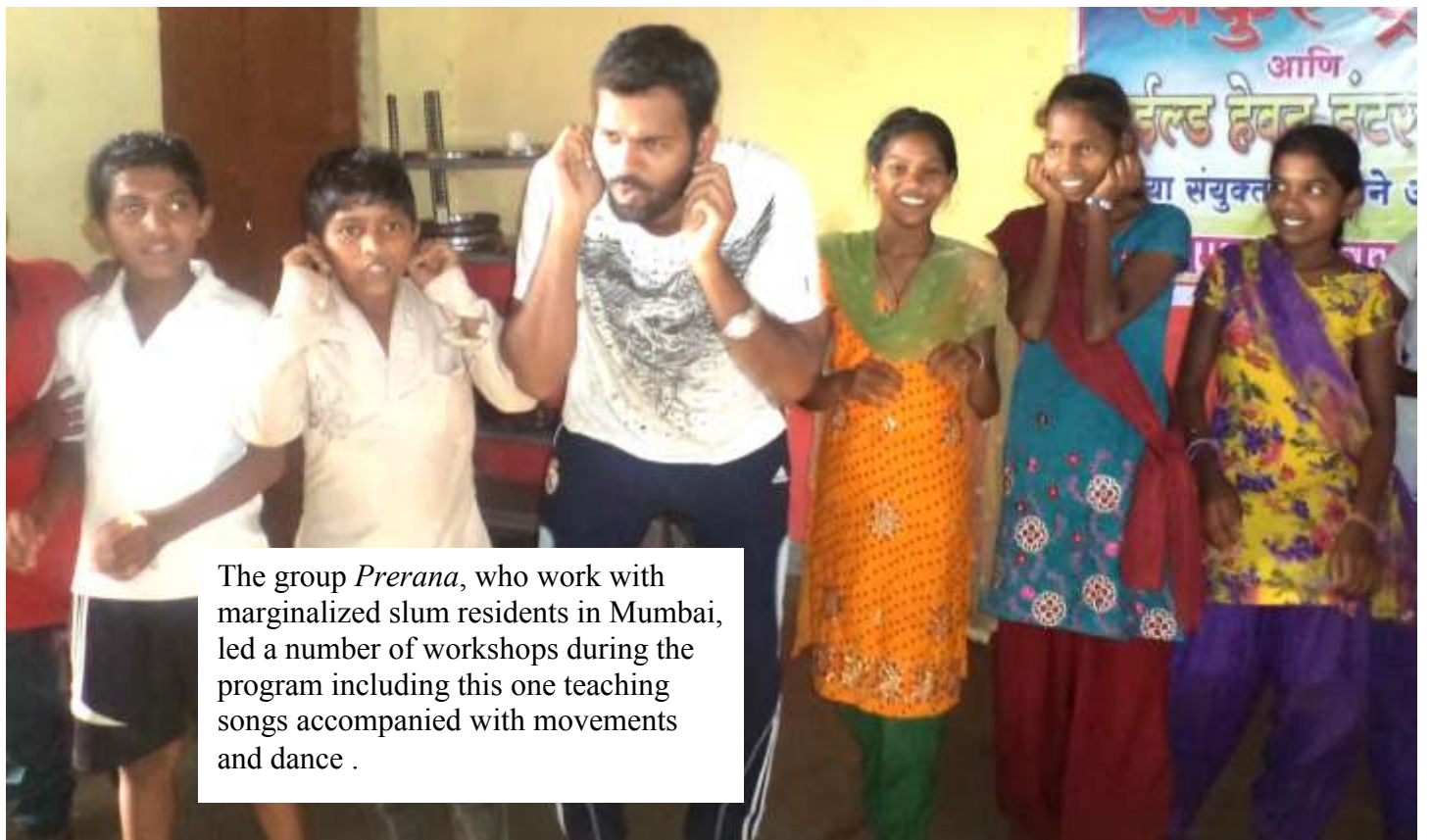
Savarsai and Tribal Home – Since our Home in Savarsai, and the Tribal Home which Child Haven supports in Pen are so close together, the two Homes decided to hold a Summer Program together during school vacation. Guest workshop leaders were brought in to lead workshops in street theatre, music, creating art from waste and many other exciting topics.

Above Whaghe and Omkar from the Tribal Home help during a Gardening Workshop. Below, the boys take a turn swimming in the river behind the Savarsai Home.





Left, Tribal Home Matron, Nikita, is holding a mother snake during a Summer Program Workshop. Hemant right holds one of her offspring.



The group *Prerana*, who work with marginalized slum residents in Mumbai, led a number of workshops during the program including this one teaching songs accompanied with movements and dance .



Tribal and Savarsai Homes One of the workshops during the Summer Program was about creating art from natural objects found in the grounds of the Home. Here are a few of the masterpieces.





Children and staff from the *Tribal Home and Savarsai Home* taking part in a street theatre workshop during the Summer Program.

CHILD HAVEN INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Endowment Fund	2014	2013
REVENUE				
Bequest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,000
Canadian charities	92,881	-	92,881	59,638
Donations	1,712,874	18,792	1,731,666	2,705,585
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	(16,718)	(1,455)	(18,173)	15,066
Investment (loss) income	(514)	78,460	77,946	2,488
Net fundraising activities (Schedule 1)	20,129	-	20,129	179,602
	1,808,652	95,797	1,904,449	2,984,379
EXPENDITURES				
Amortization	2,557	-	2,557	3,439
Automotive	11,589	-	11,589	10,901
Bank charges	10,477	-	10,477	11,596
Canadian programs	7,363	-	7,363	9,485
Donations to other agencies	35,000	-	35,000	-
Insurance	3,203	-	3,203	3,097
Newsletter	26,333	-	26,333	39,724
Office	63,905	-	63,905	66,482
Professional fees	6,455	20,141	26,596	2,000
Projects	210,840	-	210,840	209,525
Telephone	2,236	-	2,236	4,217
Training	974	-	974	399
Travel	82,288	-	82,288	81,074
Wages, benefits and contract services	201,890	-	201,890	186,338
	665,110	20,141	685,251	628,277
SURPLUS BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,143,542	75,656	1,219,198	2,356,102
TRANSFERS TO FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS (Note 4)	1,294,680	-	1,294,680	747,525
NET (DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$ (151,138)	\$ 75,656	\$ (75,482)	\$ 1,608,577

Fred's notes on the 2014 audited statement:

The **Travel** item is monies paid by our Volunteer Interns for their travel to and from India. It is put through our account so they can receive a tax receipt as per Revenue Canada Instructions. It is not money Child Haven can use any other way.

Audit done by Craig, Keen, Despatie, Markell LLP - Chartered Accountants



Tibet in China Dickey, left and Tenzin Dolkar, right, are two of the children Child Haven supports in Tibet. Dickey in Grade 6 came in fourth in her school in Tibetan Language. Tenzin Dolkar is in Grade 10 and Tibetan and mathematics are her two favorite subjects. Since our Children's Home has been closed along with all the other non-governmental children's homes in Tibet, we are continuing to support the care and education of children from destitute families with the help of our Tibet Project Co-ordinator Norbula, and translator Pema Dorje. Norbula still lives in the village where our Home was located as his family has for hundreds of years. With his knowledge of the community we have been able to find and support children in need. Among them are Lhamtso, whose father left home. She is living with her mother who cannot afford the school fees for her to attend Grade 8. Dolma Yeshe, in Grade 9, lives near the village and also has no father. Her mother has a hard time supporting the two of them. Another Dolkar, also in Grade 9, has no mother. Her father has three children going to school. Child Haven is helping with the school expenses.

From Jeanette Holm, who sent this along with her contribution, July, 2015:

I remember as a child with my mother seeing Mahatma Gandhi, near to Victoria Station, London, U.K. We lived in Brighton Sussex and had come up to London to visit my Aunt Daisy. He (Gandhi) was totally in white with sandals and bare-headed. I will be 90 this October, God willing, but that memory is clear.

Jeanette is mother-in-law to Heather Holm, chair of our Comox Dinner Committee,

Photo of Gandhi and mill workers in England





Meu Above, Preana and Roshni are new children at the Home. Their mother left them, and their father who works in a factory is unable to care for them.

Below left, Neeta, who does laundry at the Home, with the most beautiful baby in the world, her daughter Komal.

Below right, husband and wife, Vaghubhai and Samuben harvesting beans in the new garden at the Home. Fresh vegetables and the opportunity for our children to learn about and enjoy gardening are offered by this lush garden.





Kaliyampoondi It's a brick race! The girls take their turn in a race in which you pull the brick along under your foot. Boys standing on their bricks are waiting. Here in Kaliyampoondi, the bricks are from a batch made at the Home left-over from constructing the new building. Fredpa weighed one and says it was over 5 pounds.
Below it's a fast paced game of soccer in the yard. The players in the mural are ready to help out if the ball comes their way!



Kaliyampoondi Our Home Manager, Ganesh, with his new bride, Sowmiya, at their wedding in June. Ganesh grew up in our Home as both his mother and grand-mother worked for Child Haven for many years. We wish them every happiness.

Below, Cooks Mira, and Sashikala, with help from Bhatmini, one of the seniors living in the senior's rooms at the Home, cutting eggplant, beans, and drum-sticks for the sambar, and peeling mangoes for the rice.





Hyderabad - A Highlight of the Summer Vacation Program at the Home was a friendly Rangoli competition. Rangolis are made with colored rice flour. Usually white, they are made in many colors for special occasions such as this one.





Hyderabad – At all of our Child Haven Homes, we make every effort to keep the children in touch with whatever family members they have. Nandini, above left and her father are members of the Lombada tribe. Nandini's mother passed away. Rekha and her mother are in the photo above right. Rekha's father also passed away.

Below, Pravalika and Prathiba with grand-mother. Both of their parents passed away.



Child Haven Support Groups and our Fundraising Dinners

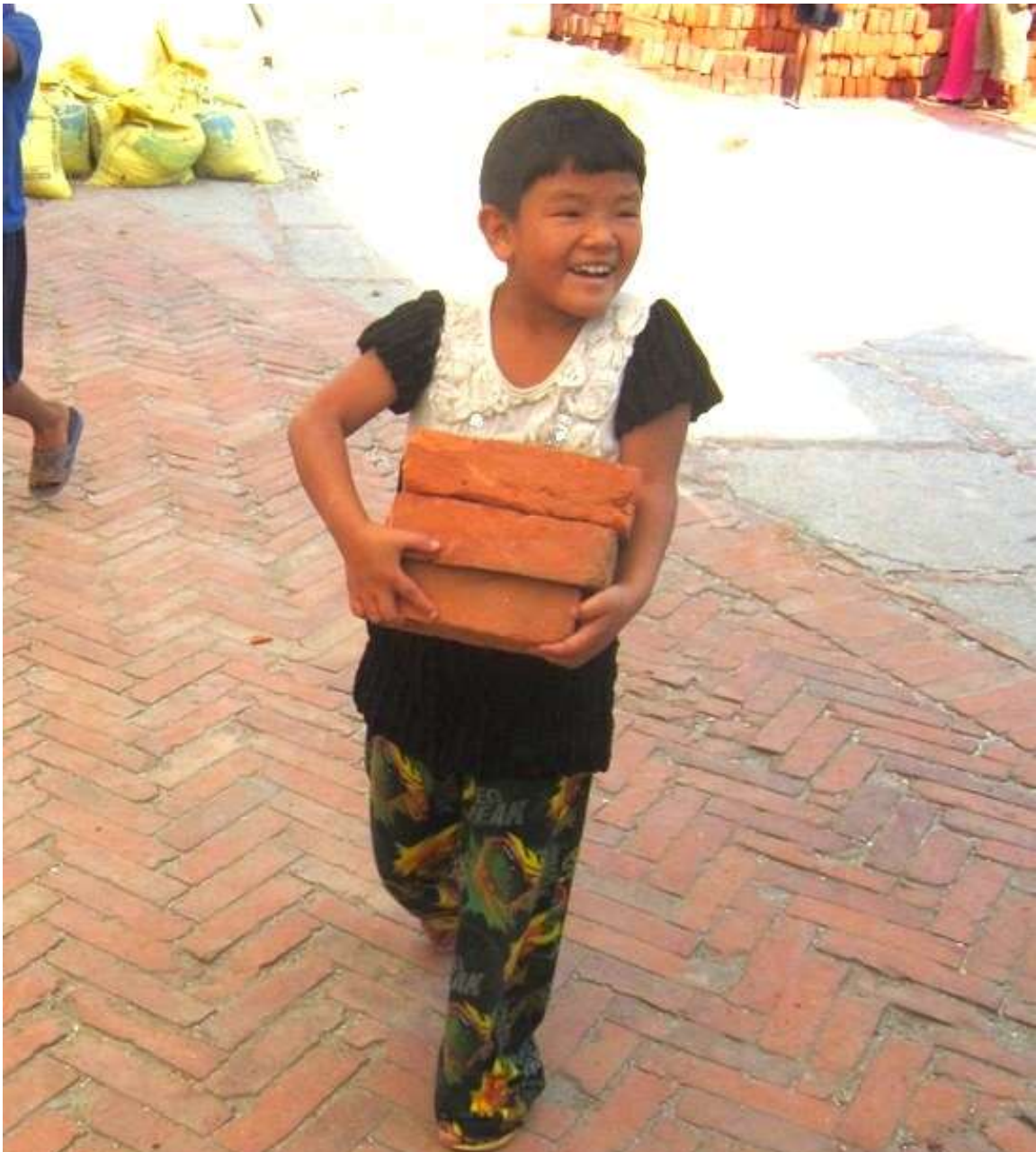
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Oct 03	Edmonton, AB	Sylvia Krogh 780-454-6216
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Oct 16	Qualicum/Parksville, BC	Leona Matte 250-752-7404
Oct 18	Canmore, AB	Paula Duncan & Simon Bryant 403-609-8125
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Ghaziabad-

Some of the young tailoring students sing a welcoming song for Bonniema on a recent visit to the Child Haven sponsored program in their low income community. Since school was out for the summer, some younger students took the opportunity to learn tailoring skills.



Nepal Rebika volunteers her help in moving the mountain of bricks needed to rebuild the Home's boundary wall which fell over during the earthquake there this spring. Rebika came to Child Haven after it was discovered that the children's home she had been staying in was sending their children out begging.

*Let me light my light, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark
Rabindranath Tagore*



Kaliyampoondi Best friends Gomathi and Vinodaragini reading in the Home's Library.
Both girls have no father.

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