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Chittagong, Halal and Suman tending their private
garden, Shelley Adam photo

INCOME IS UP!

Thank you! Some very committed donors have been giving considerably more, so that the overseas programs are being maintained. Thank you, thank you!

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We have received large Memorial Donations from families who have designated Child Haven as the charity to receive donations in honour of a loved one who has died. Many thanks to the families!

We wish to again thank Naseem Vellani and her friends for the donation of hundreds of new and used saris. These women are followers of His Holiness, the Aga Khan.

Patricia's Paul-Carson's book, **Into the Heart of India**, is now on our web site. It's the story of Trisha's experience as a volunteer Intern at a Child Haven Home in Gujarat some years ago.



Chittagong, Rosemoy, left, ready for school, Deverell photo

This issue is 28 pages, with 9000 copies printed. We'll send extra copies free to anyone who wants to distribute them to friends. Published quarterly in Canada (Publication Agreement #1596748)

*Dear Child Haven,
After reading your November newsletter, I must admit that I am one of those 73.32% of drivers who habitually start the car before buckling the seatbelt. Having resolved to mend my ways and confirmed a saving of .000137 liters of gas each time, I enclose \$84.50 in advance on the savings I expect to accrue over the next fifty years.
Sincerely, Susan Bowers, 14 Dec 2009*

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This elegant and erudite newsletter can be seen in colour on www.childhaven.ca

Chittagong, Alpana teaches in our little on-site school. Child Haven is gradually improving the effectiveness of its Montessori School.



Chittagong, Manager Saiful and his wife Enny, with Althaf Zafran Aziz, the most beautiful baby in the world. The unsmiling father may be contemplating the future colossal cost of education for this child.



Chittagong, waiting for the entertainment. Shelley Adam photo

Hyderabad,
 Monica's
 grandmother,
 Monica (with water
 bottle), Suverua,
 Monica's mother,
 and Sarita. Most of
 our kids are
 orphaned or half
 orphan (one parent).
 We encourage
 families to visit.
 Deverell photo.





Hyderabad, above, the new building going up near the old building. Johanne Toutant photo



Hyderabad, photo of the new building taken from the roof of the old, showing the far wall, which encloses the additional land purchased for the new building. We'll tear down the wall between the two when construction is finished. Johanne photo.



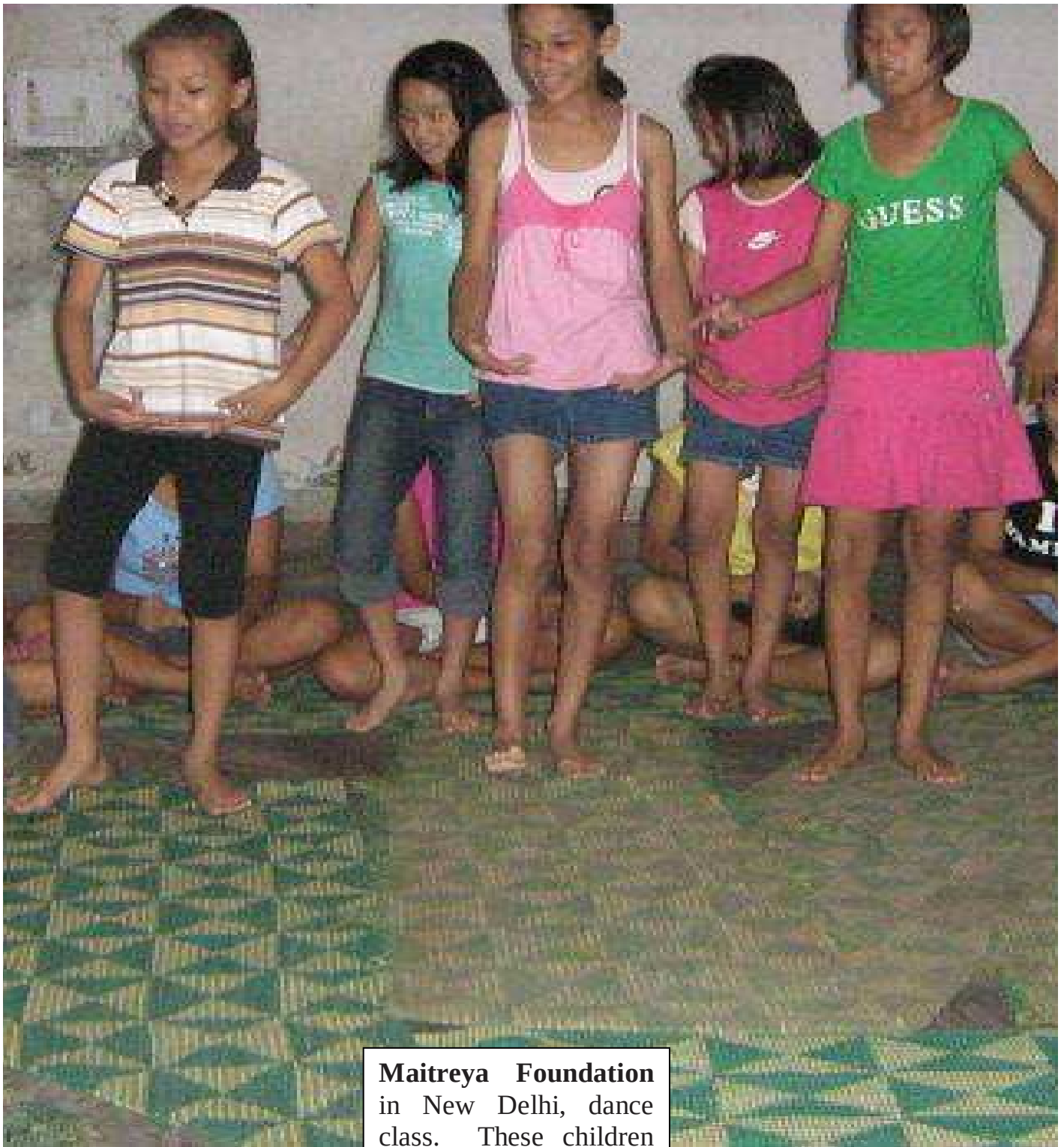
Hyderabad, our kids boarding the bus to the *Little Scholars School*. The water buffalo, like Tom Sawyer, is apparently not interested being educated or civilized. This huge animal is so ubiquitous in India that none of the children are looking at her. Johanne photo



Hyderabad, above, getting the rice ready for lunch boxes, Johanne photo



Hyderabad, good stuff added to the rice, Johanne photo.



Maitreya Foundation
in New Delhi, dance
class. These children
are all Tibetan refugee
children in India. Pam
Hellstrom photo.



Maitreya, in front of their present rented building. Hellstrom photo.

ORPHANAGES - GOOD OR BAD?

Recent research indicates that outcomes for orphaned and abandoned children aged 6 to 12 living in institutions (orphanages) are as good as outcomes for orphaned and abandoned children living in family situations. In fact, when differences were significant they were in the direction of better outcomes for the children in institutions.

Dr. Kathryn Whetten and the Positive Outcomes for Orphans (POFO) Research Team, of Duke University, released results of her research “A Comparison of the Wellbeing of Orphans and Abandoned Children, Ages 6-12, in Institutional and Community-based Care Settings in 5 Less Wealthy Nations.” Almost 3,000 children from India, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia and Cambodia were studied.

Dr. Whetten examined emotional development, cognitive functioning, behaviour, physical growth and health. The study included single orphans (children with one parent living) and they were the only group of children whose outcomes were slightly better than other children in the study. The study demonstrated that much greater variability among children exists within care settings than between care settings.

The study is significant, as leaders are struggling to care for the increasingly serious epidemic of 143,000,000 orphans and millions more abandoned children worldwide. Although many global policy makers are advocating that institution-living orphaned and abandoned children be moved as quickly as possible to a family setting and that institutional care be used only as a last resort, this study suggests that such a policy could result in moving children from a care setting in which they are doing well to one where they might not do well.

For a copy of the complete study you can go to the web site: <http://www.plosone.org> and search Dr. Kathryn Whetten. Information submitted by Trisha Paul-Carson



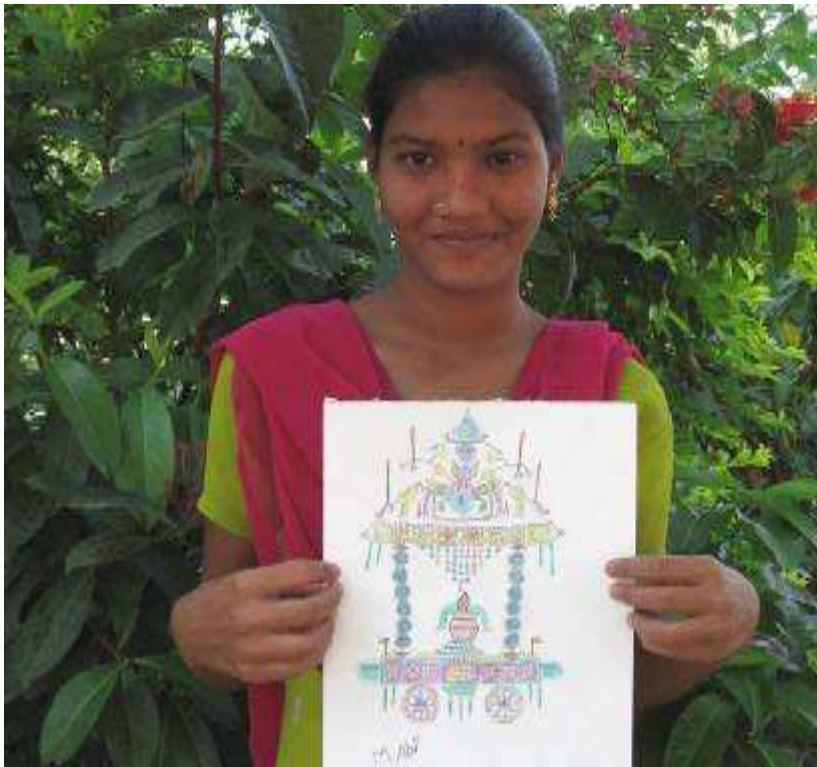
Kaliyampoondi:

Karthik, a Child Haven college student, is doling out dried beans for snack time to the most beautiful baby in the world and former most beautiful babies. Maggie MacLaren photo

Kaliyampoondi:

A future architect, MacLaren photo





Kaliyampoondi, Abi with her drawing of a festival chariot. Many villages have their own ancient chariot which is used at festivals. MacLaren photo.

Below, Art day at Kaliyampoondi Child Haven.





Kaliyampoondi, Maggie MacLaren was kidnapped, and is getting the treatment from a bunch of scary females.

Kaliyampoondi, one of the guest cooks with a visiting Jain organization was making a dessert, *gulab jamun*, and popped it into Shelley Adam's mouth right after she took the photo! Shelley photo





BONNIE LORE - an occasional column by her long-suffering husband. (earlier chapters are on our web site)

Chapter 13 CHILD FROM THE NORTH

TIBIKI

On April 7th 1974 the minister's column in the Unitarian Church newsletter (Pointe Claire, Quebec) had the following:

"For Unto Us Another Child Is Adopted. Our twelfth child is six years old. She comes from Canada's Northwest Territories, of Cree and Ojibway Aboriginal background... Tibiki has brought great joy to our home, and will surely be our final child."

Bonnie gave her a name that was somewhat the opposite of her apparent diminutive nature: TIBIKI NIMKI JANE EYRE CAPPUCCINO. The aboriginal words, loosely translated mean, "Great thunderbird woman of the night". Jane Eyre, one of our favourite heroines in English literature, was reared in an institution, and overcame terrific odds to become a truly liberated person.

Tibiki had been placed with a family as a foster child, and then placed with an institution for adoption. She was then adopted by a family in Montreal who had four boys born to them. They wanted a girl. Later, when the mother gave birth to a daughter, the father felt the adopted girl was no longer needed! - and insisted that she leave.

The mother tearfully asked Bonnie if we would take the child. Bonnie brought her home. We worked it out with the agency later. Tibiki was a quiet, resourceful child. She was good at finding things, like lost rabbits or lost keys.

We had Tibiki only a month before we moved permanently from Pointe Claire to our Maxville farm. She said hardly a word. She seldom opened her mouth - just gazed intently with her big brown eyes. Unlike some of our other kids, she immediately did what she was told to do. A mysterious child, she seemed to look at things with a different perspective from other people.

Soon after we moved to the farm I was talking with her as she stood on the hay wagon, her arm on my shoulder. She said, "Daddy, I'm going to work hard so maybe I can stay here."

I was totally melted. A ball came up into my throat. It just broke my heart to think that a (previous) father could ever, ever, cast out such an absolutely innocent and infinitely lovely child. I gathered her little frame into my arms and gave her a long hug.

Slowly recovering from the immense tidal wave of this moment, I quietly explained to her: "Mommy and I love you, and we want you to stay with us - no matter if you work hard or not - no matter if you are good or not. It doesn't matter. We love you just the way you are, and I guess you're stuck with this new Mommy and Daddy until you're grown up. Then you can decide what you want to do."

But she was good, and she did work hard.



Tibet, washing dishes. The young wife is wearing a traditional Tibetan apron.

Tibet, the trees take a lot of water in this desert climate, but some day they'll shade the Home.
Shelley photo.

Below, new gloves from Canada.
Manager Norbula at left said his family has been living in this valley for a thousand years.





Gujarat, Caregivers Anju and Bupika

SUPPORT GROUPS

Calgary, AB: Dave Greene, 403-295-7224, Lata Patel, plpatel_2000@yahoo.com, Alnoor Bhura, 403-289-3100. Next Dinner April 10, 2010

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Edmonton AB: Sylvia Krogh 780-454-6216. Next Dinner April 17, 2010

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

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Guelph ON: Pankaj Mehta, 519-824-8758, Swami Swaminathan, 519-824-4443

Halifax NS: Marilyn Shinyei 902-827-4702 (Last Dinner raised \$9323)

Kingston ON: Cindy Harvey, 613-389-9154. Next Dinner March 27, 2010

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Nanaimo BC: Rob and Wendy Stewart, 250-758-7532

Oakville ON: Daniela Jansson, 905-338-0416, Palvi Patel, 905-338-6063. Next Dinner April 23, 2010

Ottawa ON: Dinner Group: Dave Basu and Parin Bhimani, 613-526-4588 Next Dinner June 18, 2010

Ottawa ON: EveningFest Group: Barb Weinlander, 613-590-1481, Salim Gias Uddin, 613-863-5103

Qualicum Beach BC: Maureen Hanright, 250-752-3216 Next Dinner Oct 22, 2010

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Toronto ON West: Uma and Gagan Bhalla, 905-608-1993

Vancouver BC: Venilal & Lilaben Sisodraker, 604-985-5540, Ron & Ann Perrick, 604-929-6674, Sam & Yamini Gandesha, 604-937-0270, Neelam & Narendra Amin, 604-294-6759. Next Dinner October 30, 2010

Victoria BC: Mel & Christine Johnston, 250-385-5444, Marya Nyland, 250-592-6484, Sandra and Jim Jordan, 250-654-0672, Suresh Basur, 250-216-2711

Victoria, BC: event at First Unitarian Church October 23

Waterloo ON: Ida Fisher, 519-884-3466. Next Dinner April 25, 2010

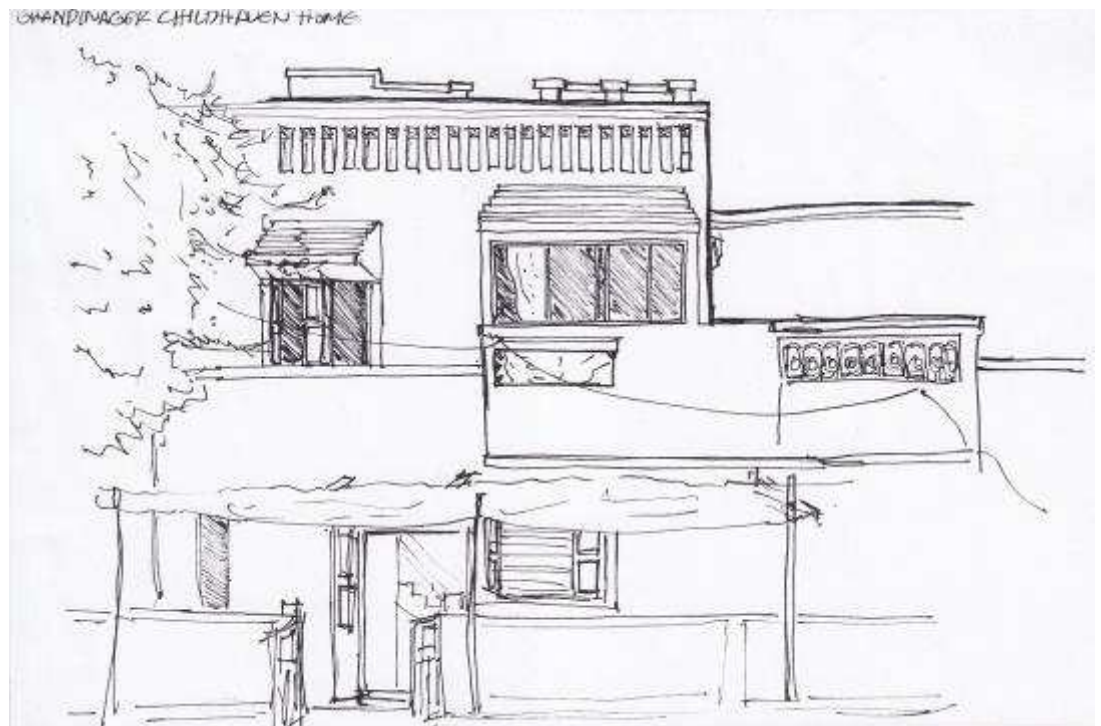


Gujarat, Visitor Marily Mearns and son Cameron with Child Haven kids.



Gujarat, Manager Kalaben, Bookkeeper Ravi, social worker Mr Nayak, Bonnie, and Dineshbhai Ruparel visiting the site on which we hope to build the new Home, moving from our two locations in Gandhinagar (Deverell photo).

Gujarat, present Girls' Home, sketch by Rene Cappuccino. This rental building will be given up when our new buildings are completed near the city of Meu, northeast of Gandhinagar. We'll have separate buildings for boys and girls.



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\$7599 per month comes to Child Haven by **direct bank withdrawal** from the accounts of 202 donors saving us time and paper work (up from \$6917 last quarter and 188 donors).

Post-dated cheques are also acceptable. A single receipt is issued at year-end.

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

Nepal, one of the amazing workers at the Womens Foundation. This organization helps abused women, and is operated by women of great courage and compassion. Shelley photo



Nepal, the Sewing Classroom.

Child Haven orphanages and projects (“Women” are mostly staff, but include some in women’s training programs):

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India 41 children 6 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 110 children 18 women, Language: Telegu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 250 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 21 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India 22 children 4 women, Language: Mahrathi

Kathmandu, Nepal 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

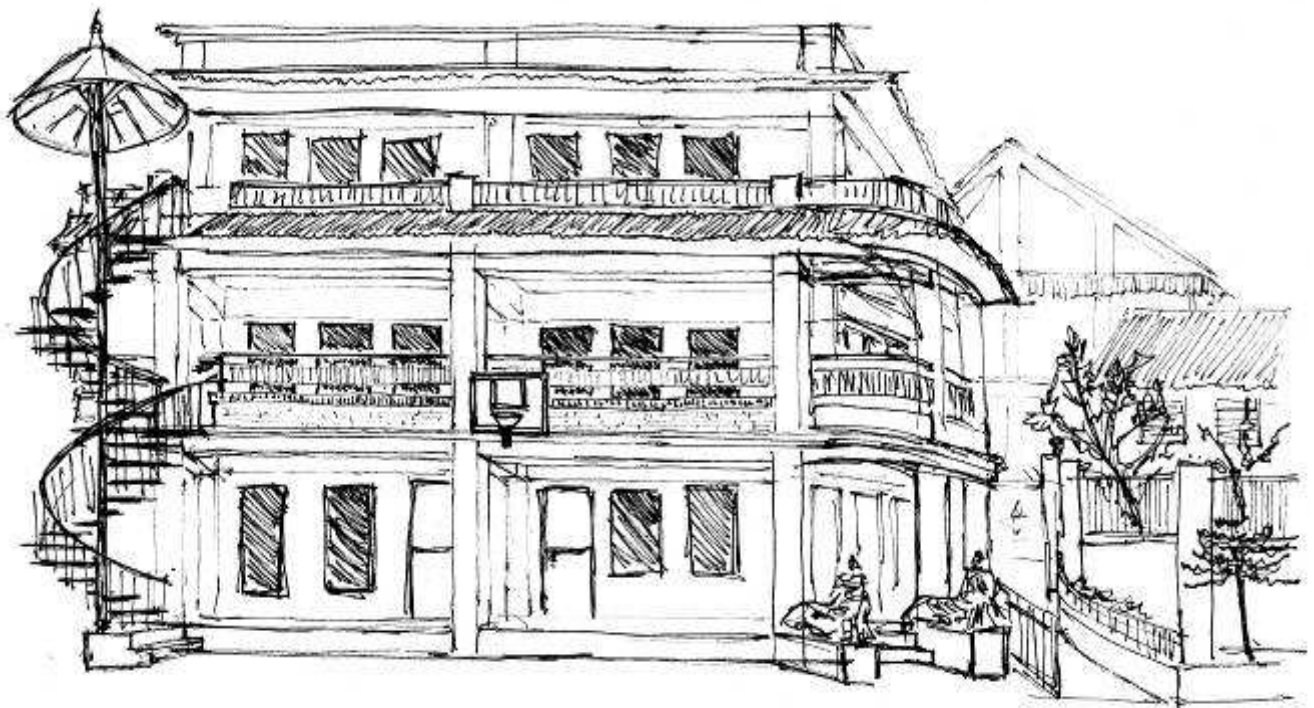
Tibet, 41 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh 52 children 4 women, Language: Bengali

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

Supplies needed: Please don’t buy anything if you can send the money to our office. It’s less expensive to buy supplies overseas (Example: cost of a tube of scabies cream in Bangladesh is \$1. In Canada its \$28 plus shipping.) Also the only way we can send supplies is in Bonnie’s luggage and that of the interns. Most needed: children’s’ & teens’ vitamins, simple teen and children’s’ clothes sizes 4-18, sweat shirts & jogging suits any size, antibiotic first-aid ointment, antibiotic eye and ear drops, fabric band-aids, pens and pencils, towels, sample or hotel toiletries, embroidery thread, needles & hoops, sewing supplies, hearing aids, boys and men’s tee shirts and shirts, yarn & knitting needles.

CHILD HAVEN HOMENEPAL



Nepal, sketch of old Green Tara School, now a dormitory, by Rene Cappuccino

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Sketch of Bonnie and Fred, Andrina Cox
Newsletter editor, Fred Cappuccino

Nepal, Intern Tracy
Tyson took some
older kids for an
overnight camping
trip. Sunit with arm
high, Sapana, Ram
Gopal, Niroj cooking
Tiffin over a camp
fire – a first for all of
them. Tiffin is a kind
of half-meal in late
afternoon. Tracy
Tyson photo

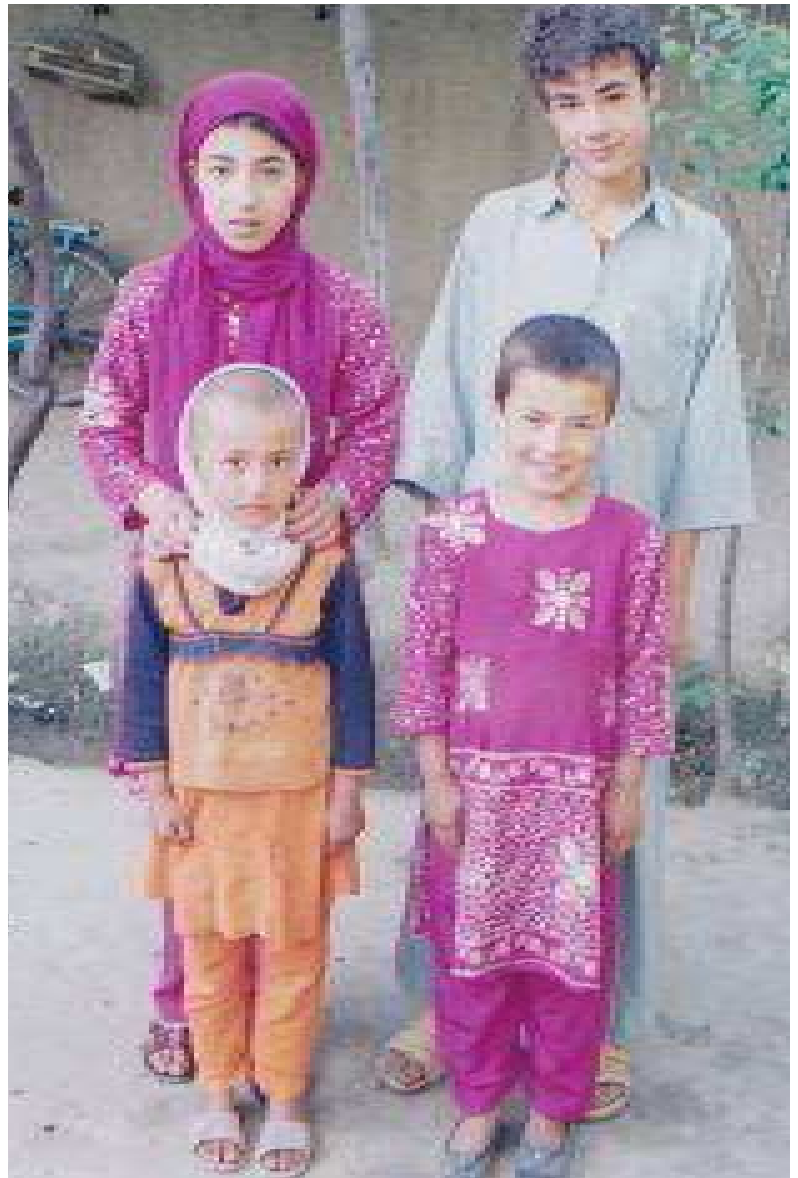


Nepal, the girls' tent: Sapana, Rayal, Tracy, ready for sleep.



Nepal, Suman, Deepak, and Padan playing with sparklers at the Child Haven compound during Tihar. (Not sure who the girls is) Tyson photo.

Afghanistan, two photos showing six of the thirteen children Child Haven is helping. They are orphaned and staying with very poor relatives. Names are being withheld for security reasons. Louise MacDiarmid, our “go-between” reports that girls sometimes cut off their hair because they can’t keep it clean, and there are lice. It is hard to keep clean in the village because there is no warm water and often no shampoo. In winter because houses are not heated, children are not bathed as they are in Canada. However, they are getting enough to eat.





Savarsai, Manager Kavita helps get the kids ready for school.

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- 2. Solicit by phone or door to door;*
- 3. Use professional fund raisers or paid advertising, except for small ads announcing local events*

MORE OVERSEAS INTERNS NEEDED. As our program slowly expands, we are finding space for more people who will pay their own travel and commit three months interning at our projects in India, Nepal or Bangladesh. To obtain an application please contact our office in Maxville by email fred@childhaven.ca. A \$50 fee will cover administrative costs of processing your application and your attendance at a 2-day Orientation in Maxville. An additional \$200 donation to cover overseas costs of room and board is also asked of first-time Interns unless they or their families are regular contributors



Savarsai,
We have a
secret!
We're not
telling you!

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

Tagore



Savarsai, Dr Mapuscar visiting to supervise the installation of the new toilet system to generate methane gas for cooking.

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