



"Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present." - Albert Camus

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NOVEMBER UPDATE



I begin this update a couple of days shy of Tihar, the caboose of this month-long train of festivals and celebration. I hope to conclude it by Wednesday, Laxmi Puja, the pinnacle of the festival of light.

It is a day carefully prepared for by every household no matter how humble. Laxmi, the Goddess of Wealth will be guided into the home or business by a pathway of small candles beginning at a Mandela painted outside and culminating in the room where money is stored.

In my first few Tihars, candles were all that was used and its low flickering glow under lighting the faces of those gathered offered a reverential stillness and beauty to all. Now Christmas lights left on through the night drape many homes and businesses, and our pre-dawn walks, when there is power, are in a dazzle of blue and green energizing the otherwise gentleness that beckons before dawn. [\[Continue reading Papa's Update.\]](#)

NEWSLETTER

27 STORIES

By Michael Triozzi

I returned to Nepal to manage the Nepal Orphans Home Boys' House for five weeks this summer. These ended up being five of the most enlightening weeks of my life. I had always loved hanging out with the boys -- playing with them on Saturdays, giving them high-fives on their way to school, cracking jokes with them at lunch -- but in a lot of ways, I had never really had the chance to get to know most of them as individuals before. Over the course of this summer, I learned how truly incredible each of them is.



When you live with someone, you slowly begin to learn their talents, interests and loves. It's the same thing when you live with 27 little brothers: you open 27 windows onto 27 unique and fascinating lives!

The first discovery occurred when the boys and I started playing chess after they finished their studies. I figured they wouldn't have had much practice with it, so I offered a prize to the first boy who could checkmate me. To my shock, **Purna** beat me almost immediately. During the next few weeks, Purna ended up winning two out of every three games we'd play. He's the kind of kid who's a bit of a goofball in class and often gets overlooked by his teachers, so you would never expect him to have such a deeply tactical mind.

Kamal came to me one day and said he wanted to try cooking a special meal for the rest of the boys. When we went out shopping for ingredients, he immediately took command, purchasing onions, flour, vegetables, butter -- all to fit his vision for this project. We ended up inviting all of the volunteers as well and enjoyed an amazing feast on the roof of the boys' house during sunset. Kamal now says he is considering a career as a professional chef.



Each of these boys has talents you wouldn't believe. **Nama** can dominate a basketball court like a Nepali LeBron James. **Bimal** can paint masterpieces and dance like a Bollywood star. **Ram** practices his singing every day and keeps a small radio that he can sing along with.

27 boys with 27 different stories, dreams, and talents. They are all worthy to face the challenges that life will put ahead of them. They each have a whole world inside of them.

FOOTBALL RULES AT PAPA'S HOUSE

By Alan David and Deb Norton

Papa's House scored a big goal when Baden Williams, a talented teenage Australian rules football player, visited to teach the children how to play Australia's most popular professional sport.

With Baden's help, the children learned all of the fundamental skills of the sport, including: kicking, marking, hand-balling and tackling. Soon enough, they were on the field playing practice games with Baden.

Unlike American football or rugby, Australian football is played on an oval-shaped court (and uses an oval-shaped football). And a goal can only be scored if the ball is kicked through the four goal posts.

Baden looks forward to a return visit to play more Australian football in Nepal.



Special thanks to the Australian Rules Football League (AFL) for donating 20 footballs, books and gear bags to NOH.



**SPECIAL
EVENT!**

LIGHTS, CAMERA, NOH!

By Toni Thomson

Big news! We are very excited to announce that we are near completion of a documentary film about Michael Hess and the children of Nepal Orphans Home.

Filming began in 2007 when there were only 34 children. Now, 10 years after NOH first started, these incredible children have grown into empowered, poised and exceptional beings with the warmest hearts. The film, titled *What it Takes to be Extraordinary*, sheds light on many issues facing the children of Nepal. With the support of committed Nepali staff and volunteers from around the world, the film will showcase the far-reaching impact of NOH and the youth it serves.

For our friends in Toronto, Canada, there will be an exclusive screening of the documentary on **Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015**.

The screening and fundraiser will be hosted by Possible Worlds, a long-time supporter of NOH. All proceeds will go directly to the children featured in the film.

Some of our NOH board members will also be present. We hope you can make it to this sneak peek of a truly inspirational story.

Get tickets here:

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1754167/f748f2ce73/573112075/83bea382ed/>

We will keep you posted on additional screenings in the U.S. and worldwide.





DOING A GOOD TURN FOR NEPAL

Katie Delsol, a long-time supporter of Volunteer Nepal, recently organized two Girl Scout meetings in Marin County, CA to teach the girls about compassion, disability and the importance of helping people who are unable to help themselves.

At the troop meetings, the Girl Scouts watched videos and discussed how they might be able to help children on the other side of the world, including the children of Gholadunga, a home for the blind in Nepal. The girls took a peek at what their lives would be like if they were blind. They created Braille signs, looked at Braille books and played blindfolded games to get a sense of how they might do things without any sight.

The Girl Scouts also donated clothing and toys to the Gholadunga home.



Want to throw a fundraising event or learn how you can creatively support NOH? See our webpage for ideas: <http://www.nepalorphanshome.org/fundraising-possibilities>

DONATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Have you thought about giving a gift to NOH in honor of a friend or family this holiday season? Our updated wish list includes much-needed items for our homes. Give a set of knitting needles for only \$4, sports equipment for our athletes for \$25, or even a solar panel to provide the gift of light during our (up to 18-hour) electricity blackouts for \$150. You can see the complete list and give directly on our wishlist webpage. <http://www.nepalorphanshome.org/wish-list>

GOODSHOP AND GOODSEARCH

Please make every gift count this holiday season. More than 1,600 top stores including Amazon, Toys R Us, Best Buy, Apple, Gap, LL Bean and more will donate a percentage of virtually every sale to Nepal Orphans Home. Just go to GoodShop.com, designate Nepal Orphans Home or Papa's House as the cause you support and then click over to your favorite store. You pay nothing extra - and you can even save money as GoodShop lists numerous money-saving coupons and free shipping offers.

Or, add the Goodsearch toolbar to your browser at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar> — and your purchases will count even if you forget to go to GoodShop first. There's no easier way to support us this holiday season. Please spread the word.

Furthermore, you can easily donate money to NOH every time you conduct an internet search just by using the Goodsearch search engine at www.goodsearch.com: Go to "Who do you Goodsearch for?", type in either "Nepal Orphans Home" or "Papa's House", click "Verify", and start donating to NOH as you surf the net!

STOCK GIFTS

We take this opportunity to remind you that Nepal Orphans Home can now receive gifts of stock shares. There may be significant tax advantages to donating stock directly to Nepal Orphans Home since donors may avoid paying capital gains tax on appreciated shares. Of course, NOH cannot provide tax advice and donors should seek advice from tax professionals in connection with their stock donations.

If you wish to donate stock to NOH, please contact Barbara Hess, Treasurer of NOH, Inc., to obtain the routing number of the NOH account. Barbara can be reached via email at bhessnc@aol.com.

CHECKS

Checks, payable to Nepal Orphans Home, can be mailed to Nepal Orphans Home, P.O. Box 1254, Davidson, N.C. 28036. Of course, credit card donations are welcome and can be made through our website. www.NepalOrphansHome.org

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