



# Nepal Orphans Home Newsletter

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## JUNE 15 UPDATE

The love of two sisters was eloquently illustrated recently by the following letter, translated closely from its Nepalese. Rita, the author is an incredible little girl that I have written about several times before.

"Little sister, this is Rita. I have given to Papa this for you from me. Little sister I have you in my heart in all time, I have your photo under my pillow and in the morning when I wake I first look at you and say good morning my little Gita, and at night before I sleep I look at you and say meet me in my dream sister. [Read more »](#)

## NEWSLETTER

### TREK FOR FREEDOM



We are pleased to announce that on October 7, 2009, we will be running a very special event that will combine a Gokyo Cho La Pass – Everest Base Camp Trek with rescuing girls who have been enslaved through the kamlari system. In addition, we are now offering an exciting array of treks that can be arranged by individuals at any time. [Visit our new trek website »](#)

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### VOLUNTEER REPORT



At Volunteer Nepal, there is no "typical" volunteer profile. Our volunteers are drawn from a broad spectrum of ages, personalities, occupations, and backgrounds and each volunteer has his or her own reasons for electing to take this incredibly rewarding journey. While they are with us, our volunteers engage in a wide range of activities, which vary according to their skills and interests. Notwithstanding the immense diversity within this group, most share a common experience: The children of Nepal Orphans Home embed themselves in our hearts and continue whispering in our ears long after we have departed. Sometimes they softly, but insistently, call us back and we are powerless to refuse to return to them.

Some of our Boards' members first connected with Nepal Orphans Home as ordinary individuals who made life-changing decisions to spend time volunteering in Nepal. This summer, our children summoned home two of them: Jesse Bach, a member of our Board of Advisers and Marcie Westphalen, a member of our Board of Directors.



Jesse is a teacher whose volunteer experience moved him to help save a number of enslaved girls by organizing warm and magical fundraisers. He returned to Papa's House this year to spend a second summer with our children and meet some of the girls who were rescued with the money that he raised. [Watch Jesse's video »](#)



Marcie originally went to Nepal to share her good fortune with needy children, but quickly realized that the children had much more to give to her. She recently celebrated her birthday at Papa's House during her third visit. Though she was only able to stay for about two weeks, the children poured more love and unforgettable moments into her brief time with them than some people experience in a lifetime. On her second visit, Marcie brought her daughter, Alecia, with her.

This year, 18-year-old Alecia returned with her mother and is happily spending the entire summer basking in the love of her Nepalese family before she returns home to start college in the fall. Alecia is generously sharing her time in Nepal with those of us who wish we were there through [her blog](#). Already an extraordinary young woman, we know that Alecia will continue to carry our children in her heart and that the unstoppable combination of the children's magic with her own special spirit and energy will ensure that she will inspire and enrich the lives of everyone she meets at her new school and beyond. Isn't that what life should be about?

[Read about other volunteer experiences »](#)

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## THANK YOU!!!

Nepal Orphans Home recently received some generous donations from a number of different companies. We regret that our donors cannot personally experience the joy and gratitude that our children express when they receive such gifts. Those of us who have the good fortune to see their happiness and be the recipients of their grateful hugs are, however, acutely aware of just how much these donations mean. We hope that our friends will consider supporting the donors who help bring smiles to our children's faces.

**Goody Products, Inc.:** We have found that there is no better quality elastic hairband than Goody's OUCHLESS® hair elastics. Our girls go through roughly 12,000 of them each year. When approached for a donation to assist us in keeping up with this demand, Goody's responded by sending us 400,000 hair elastics!!! [www.goody.com](http://www.goody.com)



**ABS Computers** in Italy: At volunteer Pam Johnston's request, Massimo Trentini of ABS Computers donated two computers.



**Bananagrams, LLC:** In response to a blind request from a volunteer, Bananagrams donated twelve sets of its fun Bananagrams® word game. [www.bananagrams-intl.com](http://www.bananagrams-intl.com)





**ALEX Toys:** In response to a blind request from a volunteer, ALEX Toys donated numerous bracelet making sets and paint and canvas kits. Making two different kinds of bracelets and painting kept the girls at Lawajuni entertained for several days. [www.alextoys.com](http://www.alextoys.com)



**Omnivor, Inc.:** In response to a blind request from a volunteer, Omnivor donated numerous packages of its WIKKI STIX® waxy yarn for creative play. The children used the WIKKI STIX® yarns to make designs on paper provided provided by Omnivor and also twisted the WIKKI STIX® yarns into their own creations. [www.wikkistix.com](http://www.wikkistix.com)



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## DONATE

Nepal Orphans Home receives no government support and relies on the contributions of individuals sharing our mission to provide for the welfare of children in Nepal who are rescued from slavery, orphaned, abandoned, or otherwise not supported by their parents.

Please help support our amazing kids by [making a donation](#) in any amount at [our website](#). Alternatively, various gift packages and descriptions of current projects are available at [Universal Giving](#).

Contribute just by conducting internet searches using the Goodsearch search engine at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and designating Nepal Orphans Home as the recipient of the funds raised by your searches.