



*"The power of one, if fearless and focused, is formidable, but the power of many working together is better...." — Gloria Macapagal Arroyo*

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## NEWSLETTER

### PAPA'S UPDATE

#### Special Visitors to NOH

Our Board Member Ted Seymour returned for his fourth time with us. His presence coincided perfectly with a visit by Suresh Acharya and his family and Sanjeev Dahal, our new director of outreach and education programs.

Suresh brought his two teenage daughters and wife Namita to Nepal for a quick two week visit with family and volunteering with the Chelsea Center. We look forward to a future with these fine folks as our newest family members.



*Ted Seymour, Suresh Acharya, and Sanjeev Dahal.*

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#### Aakriti Graduates!

Our daughter Aakriti, shown below sitting in front of her 24-hour a day care giver and our older daughter Santoshi, at her recent graduation from her entry level school for the

blind.

Aakriti will now attend a school with a mix of younger and older blind children in a much larger population.



## The Chelsea Center Update

The Chelsea Center continues to fight the monsoon to get ahead. Things will look much better by the time you read this and then out of the ground, the rain will have less effect on our forward momentum.

The view below is from the Boys' House front porch and towards the college boys' cottage. Upon completion of the Chelsea Center, these boys will join ten more in a new location for the college house, and the cottage will become both a classroom and office.



## **BIMAL'S GOT TALENT!**

*By Bimal Shahi*



Everyday at the beginning and end of class, Papa greets us and says goodbye. This day was no different. We shook hands with Papa at the end of the day. Once we got outside the gate, I saw two sisters handing out flyers. Sandip got one and I looked at it. I was so happy when I realized it was for a talent show! The other children were surprised too. I said I would like to go. Some brothers said it was just for kids, but others said I should go. I decided to talk to my house manager, Manon sister.

There were different talents to compete in, such as: dancing, acting, painting, and a spelling bee. I chose painting because I can paint and I thought it would make Papa happy. I wasn't sure he would let me go, but he was happy for me and said I could! I was so happy that Papa said yes and that sister helped me.

The day of the talent show, I was really excited and couldn't wait to go! I got up early so I would feel fresh and ready. I went there thinking of my house and my brothers. I hoped to make them proud.

My cousin came to pick me up and we walked to the venue. We arrived early and had to wait for two hours. It was a little bit boring, but I made two friends, who were really nice. We sang and danced before the contest started. I looked around as we were waiting and saw so many children. Some were nervous, while others were practicing, putting makeup, hanging out with friends or families, or on their own.

I was a bit nervous when they told us we only had 45 minutes to paint. I usually paint for an hour and a half or two hours. Plus, they only gave us A4 sized paper, so my cousin ran outside to buy thicker paper. Finally she came back and I painted really fast! We didn't have a theme, but I chose one "Save Nature."

I painted a hand with a heart in it, along with trees and a stupa (Swayambunath) with the words, "save nature." Everyone supported me, telling me that I had a chance to win. It was really nice but I wasn't sure. I looked at the other paintings, some were really good and some were so so. Everyone tried their best. Everyone was really nice -- the family of a little girl who was dancing asked us if they could give us a lift somewhere. I was really excited to get in the car. It was so kind of them.

I couldn't wait to tell Papa when I got back, and he was so happy for me!

We called the talent show at night, and they said my painting got selected for the semi-finals!



*Original artwork by Bimal Shahi.  
(These were not submissions for the talent contest.)*

## **SECOND CHANCES AT THE CHELSEA EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

*By Louis Spencer*

In the fall of 2014 I was fortunate enough to become associated with NOH. A fellow teacher, John Lambert, became aware of this organization and introduced his Saudi Aramco Student Group to the home during their annual trip to Nepal.



While I was volunteering in 2014, my work assignment was at the Chelsea Education and Community Center. I worked with the children in the afternoon after they had completed their school day. Then this past July, I volunteered again at the Center. But this time, I found an entirely different adventure waiting for me there.

During the last year, the Chelsea Center started an adult educational program for women in the community of Dhapasi Height. These were women ranging in ages from late twenties to early seventies. Some of these women had not had the

opportunity to attend school when they were young. Some could not read and write Nepalese. Some had grown up in small farming villages and others had married at an

early age.

Now the Chelsea Center was giving them the opportunity that they had missed. Classes included basic math, English, and Nepalese. Classes started at 10 AM and continued until 3 PM. Many of the women stayed the entire 5 hours, taking several different classes. The teaching staff was composed of young Nepalese teachers, some of whom were former children from NOH. I was accepted into this friendly environment and was able to assist them in their classes, which ranged from basic English to advanced grammar and conversation. I very much enjoyed the conversations that we shared in the classroom. The enthusiasm and interest of the women was most impressive and heartwarming. They were being given a second chance to learn and improve the quality of their lives.



This was a wonderful outreach program for the local Dhapasi Height community. The adult program made use of the Chelsea Center during a time when it would be empty, since the children were attending the Skylark School. After the adults departed at 3:00 PM the children arrived at 4:00 to begin their tutoring that went until 6:00 PM.

Being a retired teacher I was impressed by both the children's and adults' desire to learn. Once more NOH has opened doors to those who had them closed to them.



## **1000 SQUATS FOR SUPPORT**

*By Nicole Gillepsie*

In March and April of 2015, my best friend and I travelled to Nepal to volunteer with Volunteer Nepal and meet the truly amazing children of Nepal Orphans Home.

These truly incredible souls changed our lives forever. They are in our thoughts every day and will stay in our hearts forever.

We can't wait to return one day!

We were made aware of Nepal Orphans Home through the foundation we both love and support: Sanctuary for Kids. Being in Nepal and seeing where the funds have gone and how Sanctuary for Kids has improved the lives of these children is something we will never forget!

We are always looking for ways to support Sanctuary for Kids and Nepal Orphans Home. In the past I have done 1000 push-ups, my bestie smashed 12km in honour of her gorgeous, late niece Mila and last year we hiked 50km non-stop in 15 and a half hours together.

Ever since Nepal last year I have been wanting to do another fundraiser. So on Saturday, Sept. 3, I smashed out 1000 squats for Sanctuary for Kids. I dedicated this feat to everyone we met through Nepal Orphans Home.

I was thinking of every single beautiful soul we met. It helped push me through every repetition and set and push me through the pain.

To everyone at Nepal Orphans Home, thank you for the amazing, life changing experience you gave us last year.



## 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](#). Get an inside look at Nepal Orphans Home for [donation ideas](#). Alternatively, various gift packages and descriptions of current projects are available at [Universal Giving](#).

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