



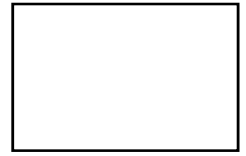
Meg's Children Nepal

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Our major fundraiser for 2007

Jazz Luncheon

Yerong Creek Winery

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Watch this space more details will be made available closer to the date

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Funds raised through Deb Parker's work place, Channel 7 in Melbourne, went toward the building of a chook shed (more like a chook cupboard really!!) and the purchase of some chooks. They will supply eggs and dare we say it.... chicken!!!



Deb Parker with house mothers Bibechana and Nanda
Deb took plenty of photos which will be posted on www.megschildren.org our new web site. Thanks to a camera kindly lent to her by Justin Dallinger of "Foto Supplies Camera House" in Albury, Deb has cut together a five minute piece on the orphanage which will also be placed on the web site. The video gives an insight into what has been achieved at Megs Children and Bikash's vision for its future.

BACK TO NEPAL

Deb Parker, a committee member, recently spent time in Nepal and as well as trekking, visited the orphanage, staying for 5 days. She was able to experience daily life with the 19 kids getting to know them in their own environment. Thanks to funds raised through Channel 7, Deb was able



to purchase a new double gas cooker and an electric rice cooker which has made meal preparation for the house mothers, Nanda and Bibechana much easier.

The key to what makes Megs Children different to other orphanages is that Bikash has created a family for these kids "not just a shelter".

He firmly believes love is what kids need the most, which he and the house mothers, Nanda and Bibechana provide in bucket loads. Deb says she saw 19 well adjusted and very happy kids who believe in their futures and are full of hope.



Deb also presented two lap top computers donated by Ch 7 much to the delight of everyone. They were set up straight away and are in constant use, either with Bikash keeping accounts, as a teaching aid for computer skills,



learning English and perhaps MOST importantly as an "in home" movie theatre!!!! Many a DVD was played to a very captive audience!!!

Deb tells of how much the kids asked about "Trish Mum" wanting to know when she was coming back to see them - they LOVE her. Many hours were

spent making beautiful cards which Deb had express "orders" to hand deliver!

Although she was there for less than a week, Deb said she cried, 'elephant tears' when she left looking at all those little faces waving her goodbye. They have found a place in her heart and given her more resolve to keep helping them.

Bikash reports that all kids now have their results back from mid year exams most did very well. Some need to work harder but both Bibek and Arjun got over 90% average, well done boys!



Radhikar in the new veggie garden

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Two Danish girls who volunteered previously at the Bugmati home returned. They were amazed at the change in the children, how much healthier and happier.

Debs visit coincided with two Finnish volunteers, Erika and Samuel who were staying for 3 months. It is great for the kids to have exposure to so many international "guests" as it encourages them to speak English as well as learning about other countries.

On the day Deb left, Erika and Samuel were taking the kids to a football match in Kathmandu. There was much excitement as they dressed up in their best clothes and had "hamburgers" as a treat before heading out. Deb and the Finns tried to show them how to eat a hamburger pressing it altogether between the two bits of bread but most thought they were mad and proceeded to take it all apart and eat it bit by bit.



All dressed up for the footy

FUNDRAISING

Our major fundraising Auction in August was a huge success, it raised approximately \$15,500. We would like to acknowledge the significant support provided by local businesses in the Albury Wodonga area and surrounding communities.



The Trinity College walkathon raised an amazing \$3,000. They combined this with a Nepalese fun day with traditional dress and food.

A 'tres unique' evening was held at the Gateway Gallery where Joan Oxbrow exhibited her collage trays. Proceeds from the night of \$1,000 were donated to Megs Children. Thankyou Joan.

Daron White raised nearly \$1,000 at his 40th birthday bash. Thanks Daron and Raquel for a great day and thanks to all the generous party goers.

A very sincere thankyou to all who have contributed to the financial success of these fundraisers. A special thankyou to 'Ricoh Printing' for the printing of our newsletters.

LITERACY PACKS a fundraising initiative by Charlie Nichols comprising, a monogrammed back pack with a **dictionary**, at least **8** age suitable **books**, note pad, pencils, sharpener and rubber, a toothbrush and toothpaste. These are available for \$200. Please call Charlie on 0418578327 or contact any committee member for more details. This could be a great thing to purchase as a work group or family. As we get ready for Christmas give some thought to our 19 kids at Megs Children.