



## *Season's Greetings to you all!*



Another year has passed by in a blur, and what a year it has been! As you would be aware, it has been a very challenging year in Nepal. Between the April earthquakes and the blockade at the Nepali-India border this year has been more difficult than many. As the blockade continues, fuel, necessary medications, and education supplies all dwindle, and further compounding the misery, building materials are now in short supply hampering the rebuilding efforts. We are glad to report that our children are all safe and well. We were also amazed and inspired by the

generosity of our community of supporters who helped us raise much needed funds, all of which went directly to the amazing work being done by the Siddhi Memorial Hospital in Bhaktapur, Kathmandu.

Despite the difficult year they had, the kids have done an amazing job at school and university- several of them shining! The twins, Ram and Laxmann, both achieved excellent marks, and Ankita achieved distinctions! With our support, the twins' mum has started working at the Siddhi Memorial Hospital, and her eldest son has now returned to school. This means they are able to spend more time together as a family. With Ankita now living back with her family, we are excited that she has achieved so much at school, and we will continue to monitor her and support her financially where necessary. We are also pleased that we are able to comply with the Nepali Government's wishes to reunite families, and provide them with support until they are back on their feet.

Our family also grew this year, with Rejion and Elysha being welcomed to Meg's. The girls are both 9 and are cousins. Meg's will be supporting their education at Precious Public, and they will continue to live at home with their families while possible.

Next year, the irrepressible Sagar will be starting university, studying fashion design. Reema will be studying nursing, having changed her mind about dentistry. Exams for Sujeeta and Roshni were postponed due to the fuel shortage, but we (and they!) are pleased with how they are going.



Back home, this year was a massive one for the committee as we celebrated 10 years of Meg's. Once again, Bill Mac was an amazing support, as he and the Mully Mob scrambled together a MASSIVE evening to support the earthquake relief efforts. We, again, thank them for their support and hard work!

We also held our Christmas in July celebration, and again it was a roaring success! A wonderful evening was had by all, and we extend our thanks to all our supports and sponsors, especially the Great Aussie Holiday Park for the wonderful venue, and Tim and Leisa who did all the catering. We also had a huge number of local businesses that supported us. You can see a full list of them on our Facebook page.



To finish our fundraising activities for the year, we (and some of our friends) spent a very relaxing evening at the cinema where we were treated to 'The Dressmaker' in Gold Class. A great time was had by all!



Looking forward to next year, we will be holding a huge fundraiser in March that we hope everyone can get involved in. 'Meg's for March' will be held for the entire month. You will all receive your invites early in the New Year and the whole committee is very excited!

Don't forget we have a wonderful website at [megschildren.org](http://megschildren.org), as well as a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/megschildren](http://www.facebook.com/megschildren) (or search for Meg's Children). Information on upcoming events and fundraisers can be found here, so if you haven't already, like us on Facebook. If you need any information that you cannot find on the website or Facebook page, feel free to email us at [megschildren@hotmail.com.au](mailto:megschildren@hotmail.com.au). Please pass this newsletter, or our information, on to anyone you think may be interested- many hands make light work!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us and attended our events throughout 2015. Without your support, the Meg's Children Committee would not be able to continue to enrich the lives of these children. The support you give makes a huge difference-every little bit counts.



With every wish for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years,

Meg's Children Committee.

