



Covid-19 has reached Nepal, with the numbers of infections currently increasing at a rather alarming rate, but still with a relatively low death rate as at June 2020. Nepal's ability to test for the virus is not of the same standard as in Australia, and added to this is the people's fear and anger at the government, particularly as the lockdowns are causing such economic harm. Many Nepalese people are experiencing severe financial hardship as a result of job losses.

The children in our care have managed the virus remarkably well under the great guidance of Mr Monihar, the manager at Noble House. He has been ably assisted by our house mothers, who are ensuring that everyone is practicing good hygiene to keep healthy. The lockdown in Nepal, which has been gradually eased since mid-June, has seen the children at Noble House explore their creativity. Many hours have been spent on arts and crafts, and they have been helping the house mothers with the cooking!

Our partner, the Siddhi Memorial Hospital, has been providing essential food and water, free medicine and healthcare services for those experiencing hardship as a result of the lockdown. We are remaining in regular contact with the Siddhi Memorial Hospital and everyone in the Meg's Children family, and we are comforted by the knowledge that they are keeping well and looking after each other.

Trish Ryan

Founder, Meg's Children Nepal



2020 has seen a challenging start to the year for many people, and has had a pronounced impact on charities. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated social restrictions, Meg's Children had to cancel some planned fundraising events. However, the reality for us as a charity is that we have vulnerable children in our care who depend on us financially to provide for their daily living needs and to meet their right to education. Your ongoing support since the creation of Meg's Children 15 years ago has been invaluable, and for that we are thankful. We are now calling on your continued support to help us provide for our children in Nepal, by becoming a regular donor and hence being recognised under our Sponsorship Recognition Levels. A little every month goes a long way.

We look forward to seeing you all again on the other side of this pandemic.

David Taylor

President, Meg's Children Nepal

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Trip to Nepal, December 2019

In December last year, I was fortunate to have the chance to travel to Nepal with my mum Trish Ryan, to catch up with the kids at Meg's, the Noble House staff and the Meg's Children program partners and friends. We arrived from an Australian summer into a Kathmandu winter, which is always a shock to the system! The warm welcome more than made up for the temperature shock.

Sagar had taken time off from his job at VOICE to host us and ably guided us all over Kathmandu and Bhaktapur. We were also fortunate to visit Sagar's workplace at VOICE on the day that a cohort of people graduated from an extraordinary training program that Sagar is involved in delivering. We felt humbled to be able to take part in the graduation ceremony, and proud to see the role that Sagar plays, and how valued he is. Similarly, we were very lucky to be able to visit the Spinal Rehabilitation Hospital overseen by Hari Adhikari, who is a very important part of the Meg's Children program.

A highlight was surprising the Meg's Children kids at school, and later enjoying a very energetic concert that they put on for us at Noble House. It brought home to us what a happy, safe and loving family environment that the house parents and staff have created for the kids. They're the picture of health and vitality!

We also had the chance to visit the Precious Public English School and meet with four of the children involved in the Outreach Program, together with their parents and teachers. It was fantastic to hear about their progress at school and to see what a difference the support that this program makes to their families. Finally, we caught up with most of the older children, which was a great chance to talk to them about their work and study plans, and their aspirations for the future. These young adults are living independently, but all make the time to regularly visit Noble House and spend time with the kids and their carers, who they see as their extended family.

Looking forward to the next visit – whenever that might be.

Adrienne Ryan

Meg's Children Committee Member



Sponsorship Recognition Levels

The vulnerable and at-risk children in our care rely on funds raised through our trust to provide for their daily living needs and meet their right to education.

Contributions to Meg's Children Trust allow each child to feel valued and to have equal opportunities whilst in our care. Any donation equal to or greater than \$240 per annum will allow the sponsor to be recognised under the following Sponsorship Recognition Levels.

Further information about how to become a sponsor can be found at www.megschildren.org or email megschildren@hotmail.com.au or call Trish Ryan (Founder) **0418 999 917** David Hicks (Treasurer) **0419 251 036**

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