



"I have seen the struggle that my mother has faced to provide for the family. I have a dream to give her a comfortable life."

Namaste!

I am Ganesh Phuyal and I am 17 years old. After my father passed away, my single mother struggled to provide for the family, as we were all very young, so both of my sisters got married at a very young age. [My brothers] were brought to Meg's, they got all the great opportunities to make their life better. After my mother got a job as a house mother at Meg's I was also brought to Kathmandu and started living with her.

I also became very lucky to get sponsored by Meg's for education, from which I completed my school with good marks and recently I passed my entrance for Diploma in Civil Engineering.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Meg's and all the donors who are constantly helping us and changing our life.

Ganesh Phuyal

Meg's Children resident

CHRISTMAS IN NEPAL

Did You Know?

- ❖ In 2016 the Nepali government declared Christmas Day a national holiday, following the steady gain in popularity among the majority non-Christian population of Nepal.
- ❖ Many Nepali people now embrace the same Christmas traditions that we have here – exchanging gifts, decorating the home and gathering with friends & family.
- ❖ Tourism has contributed to the growing focus on Christmas. During December, tourist hubs like Thamel in Kathmandu and the city of Pokhara in the Annapurna region of central Nepal are festooned with Christmas decorations & lights, and host to concerts & celebrations of the season.
- ❖ Although Christmas is celebrated by an increasing number of Nepali people, the biggest and most popular festivals by far are Dashain & Tihar – both of which are linked to Hindu mythology. The 15-day Dashain festival celebrating the victory of good over evil begins in mid-October, and is followed by Tihar – the festival of lights and flowers. Tihar is celebrated for five days, and is also the festival where Nepali people worship dogs for their loyalty, offering them garlands and food!

On behalf of the Meg's Children Nepal Committee, I would like to wish all of our friends & supporters a wonderful Christmas, and a happy new year. Thank you for your ongoing support, which is making a real difference to the lives of our children in Nepal. We very much look forward to catching up with you all in 2022!

Trish Ryan – Meg's Children founder

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Spring Luncheon at The Ten Mile

On Sunday 21st November 2021, we held a gathering at The Ten Mile in Holbrook for a lunch in support of Meg's. It was wonderful to be able to come together again, 7 months since our last event. As always, Sarah & her team at The Ten Mile served up delicious food in their unique environment. Friends enjoyed the food and accompanying music by Steve & Greg. Thank you to all involved, including those who couldn't attend on the day, for showing your support for our children in Nepal.



Left: guests enjoying lunch at The Ten Mile.
Above: Ali & Marie Lou at the luncheon selling products handmade by committee members.

Christmas Gift Idea

This Christmas, make a contribution to help our children grow, learn and achieve their ambitions.

Donate any amount to Meg's Children and have a donation certificate sent to you in recognition of your generosity. Make it out in someone else's name to give them as a gift (or keep it for yourself!).

Complete the form on our website at megschildren.org/get-involved/ or call Marie Lou on 0418 635 004 to arrange.

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 Nepal 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**

Bronze

\$20 per month or
\$240 annually

Silver

\$40 per month or
\$480 annually

Gold

\$80 per month or
\$960 annually

Platinum

\$2500 per annum

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