



## CPS NOVEMBER VISIT UPDATE

Jan has just returned from a wonderful trip to Nepal and spent a week staying with CPS. As always, her visit and the activities undertaken with the children were self-funded.

The situation in Kathmandu post earthquake is difficult with political problems and the fuel crisis in particular making daily life a struggle. Vehicle drivers are having to queue for 3 to 4 days to fill up and there are massive lines outside the petrol stations. Cooking and heating gas is extremely difficult to obtain, prices have doubled and the reconstruction effort has ground to a halt. The Nepali people are a resilient and resourceful bunch and as always confront these problems with a smile on their faces!



## The orphanage and the children

Despite all the difficulties of daily life, the children and staff are fit and well, and seem to have dealt successfully with the trauma of the earthquake.



We now have 24 children –  
12 boys and 12 girls – aged  
from 6 to 19.  
(with Bharat on the left and  
his wife Anjana on the  
right)

The newest member of the CPS family is Unik (aged 6).

Unik was brought to CPS by the authorities in early November – a week before Jan's visit.

His mother died and his father is a hopeless alcoholic who was constantly being arrested by the police. Unik was locked in a room for long periods of time and verbally abused by his father. Thankfully neighbours reported this mistreatment to the authorities and Unik is very happy to be at CPS – he has settled in beautifully and is a real cutie.



Our 12 handsome boys celebrating Tihar festival with Jan (plus old boy Niranjana [4<sup>th</sup> from left] and Abison – Bharat and Anjana's son)



Our 12 beautiful girls

## The visit

Jan and the children had a fun-packed week with a day out to the Kathmandu Fun Park, a pizza evening, cinema (the oldest boys and Bharat went to see Spectre – yes, it is showing in Kathmandu but no, they had never heard of James Bond!), shopping with the older girls for a UK style picnic (they had never been in a supermarket before!), and lots of dancing, singing and chocolate!



### Information

CPS has just had its annual inspection by the Central Child Welfare Board, who were so impressed with the running of the orphanage that they wish to use us as an exemplar and have other managers visit to see how it should be done! Congratulations to Bharat, our manager, and his team!

One large problem on the horizon is that the landlord of House 1 wishes to terminate our lease in order to occupy the house himself. Bharat has negotiated a year's notice and has already begun the long process of looking for a suitable alternative in the local area so that the children can continue at the same school. Needless to say, we are expecting a marked increase in the rental costs. No immediate panic but still an ongoing concern.

### New initiative

We are in the planning stages of implementing a new bursary programme to be aimed at local children aged around 7 to 8 of single parents who are living in poverty and therefore not attending school. Such a bursary would provide the payment of school fees, admission and exam fees, books and copy books and uniform and shoes – costing around £210 per year. Bharat would oversee the selection and administration of the scheme, ensuring regular attendance and checking on progress. We'll keep you posted!



**HUGE THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!**

*Jan, Julia and Karen (trustees)*

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