

August/September 2013 visit to the “Little Feet Children’s Home”, Kathmandu-Nepal

Here is the report of Jennie Waterman’s trip to **Kathmandu, Nepal in August/September 2013** to visit the recently founded “**Little Feet Children’s Home**” and follow up the ongoing work.



Jennie with the 8 children at the Little Feet Home

“During my trip last year, the seeds for this new home were sown in several different ways and with the participation of Pastor Krishna Pariyar, in Kathmandu, the “Little Feet Children’s Home” was founded in February 2013.

With the help of funds raised by the New Dawn Association, the basic necessities for the new home were provided. Initially 3 children were taken in from impoverished remote areas of Nepal. There are now 8 young children in the home. Today, due to administrative requirements, the home has been officially registered in the Jorpati, Kathmandu district, (having originally begun in the Lalitpur district.) There are 5 girls and 3 boys with ages ranging from 6 to 12 years. They are all enrolled and attending a good local school.

It was lovely to meet and spend time with the children. They were happy and interested in all that was going on and because English is the language used in all the schools in Nepal, I was able to communicate with each child.

The orphanage is located in a rented building in a busy street of the Jorpati district of Kathmandu. It has ample space for all the children, however, it is hoped that in the future, another more suitable building may be found closer to their school.



“Little Feet Children’s Home” situated on first floor

I took with me, and placed while I was there, monies that had been specially raised and donated for this work. During my stay, I arranged to have wooden clothes lockers made for the girl’s and the boy’s rooms, which were finished and installed while I was there. Also, clothes hanging stands and hangers were bought, enabling the children to hang up their school uniforms neatly when they return to the home after classes. Also, with donated funds, a toy box was bought for the home and filled with some books, toys, colouring books and pens, and posters to put on the walls.



Boys filling their new lockers



Labelling the new lockers



New toys and books



Receiving pencil cases



Trying on new shoes

One afternoon I had the pleasure of taking them all on a shopping expedition during which each child had the opportunity to choose a new set of much-needed clothes and a pair of new shoes. This was a very exciting time for them and great fun.

It was also possible, with donated funds, to buy good quality new school bags for each child, and fully equipped pencil cases.



Out shopping, "wearing" the new school bags

A treat was also organised including a big, specially ordered cake, with cookies, bananas and sweet drinks. Needless to say, the children were delighted with all these activities and very grateful.



All eyes on the cake !

I also took the opportunity to visit the children's school founded by an Australian Charity. Amazingly, this school happens to be a Christian school, quite a rare thing in Nepal. The curriculum is that of a normal Nepalese school and is open to all local children but Christian values are also interwoven in the daily activities.



Computers in well-equipped school

It appears to be an excellent school and remarkably well equipped with exceptional facilities including a library, a fully equipped kinder-garden play room, a music room, a computer work room with 18 computers and a medical dispensary. All the children at the Little Feet Home attend different classes in this school. They have a 6 day week and a school bus collects them in the morning and brings them back to the home in the afternoon. In this home 8 young children have found shelter, security and love and we want to thank all donors for making this possible."



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From the children of the "Little Feet Children's Home" – Thank you all so very much.