



As ever the year is flying by, and we are pleased to report good news on all fronts for the Meg's Children Nepal family. In early May I and several Committee members travelled to Nepal to visit the children and our friends at Siddhi Memorial Foundation. This was the first visit to Nepal for our invaluable and long-serving Treasurer David Hicks, and the second visit for his wife and fellow Meg's Committee member Carmel. We were delighted to be accompanied by Suzanne Salter, who has had a long association with Nepal and is committed to supporting Meg's.

We are pleased to report that our kids continue to do well at school, and their home life is very stable and happy under the experienced care of Manohar, who continues to guide and mentor the children. Our able house mother and cook, Tirtha Maya Ghale provides nutritious meals to fuel our busy kids - powering our young soccer players shown in the photo below after receiving their end of season medals in May this year!

In this newsletter we tell the story of Kamala Phuyal, mother of five children, the youngest of which are finalising their high school studies with the support of Meg's. We also provide a report on the fantastic series of fundraisers held so far this year - and ask you to save the date for our official 20-year celebration, to be held in Albury on 8 March 2025!! We look forward to celebrating this wonderful milestone - with as many of you as possible.

On behalf of the Meg's Children Nepal Committee, I as always thank each and every one of our supporters - your generosity is making a genuine difference to the lives of the children and young adults we are supporting in Nepal.

With gratitude,

Trish Ryan - Founder, Meg's Children Nepal



The Phuyal family



The Phuyal family has had a more than 10-year association with Meg's, and seeing Kamala and her three sons thrive over that period has been a source of great joy for all.

Kamala (*pictured left, with Sagar*) was widowed as a young mother and left with five children to care for and very little money. Her eldest children, two daughters, were married at a young age, and Kamala

was left with no choice but to send her youngest sons - twins, Ram and Laxman - to Meg's to be cared for, while her middle child Ganesh stayed with her.

Meg's Children arranged for Kamala to find work at the Siddhi Memorial Hospital, where she could be closer to Ram and Laxman. We were also able to support Kamala's oldest son Ganesh (*pictured, right*) to complete his schooling, and he is now proudly completing his final year of a Diploma in Engineering, under the sponsorship of a generous family who have long been supporters of Meg's.



Twins Ram and Laxman (*pictured below, over the years*) have always been bright and inquisitive, energetic members of the Noble House family, and at 17 are completing their Plus 2 (final years of high school). Like their older brother, Ram and Laxman are intending to pursue careers in Engineering. Kamala is rightly proud of her sons' achievements, and Meg's has been privileged to be able to support them.



Fundraising success - thank you to all who have been involved!

It's been a great year of fundraising to date, and we thank all of those who have enthusiastically attended the various events, as well as those who dedicated their time, skill, talent and resources to bringing the events to life. Our major fundraiser was held at the Lincoln on Gateway Island on 15 June, where we were treated to a unique 'fireside chat' and music by the talented Danny Phegan and local MP Justin Clancy. It was a fantastic night, featuring auctions, stall, raffle (of the fabulous quilt handmade by Doris - pictured below), and conviviality.



This event was closely followed by a fabulous evening at the Bald Archy Prize, hosted at the Holbrook Shire Hall on 6 July. The art works delighted one and all, as did our guest speaker Chris Mirams from Art Partners. Thank you to all involved in bringing this event together!



Want to know more about Meg's? Take some time to browse our website www.megschildren.org. We're steadily updating information, children's stories and sponsorship recognition. While you're there, subscribe to our blog and you'll receive updates on upcoming events and news features! And don't forget to follow Meg's Children Nepal on Facebook!

SAVE THE DATE!

Meg's Children Nepal is celebrating its **20th anniversary** in 2025!

We invite you to join us in celebrating this special achievement on

Saturday 8 March 2025 from 6.30pm

at the SS&A Club, Olive St, Albury.

Featuring entertainment by the fabulous Danny Phegan and Band!

Further details and ticketing information to follow.

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