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To our members, supporters and all those interested in our activities

Time goes on and while we enjoy the trees and bushes in full blossom, there is good news of our work in Nepal. Mahadevi School in Patan is looking forward to its 10-years anniversary celebration on October 6 in a local restaurant, with Detlef Gründel and other members and friends being present.

We are pleased by the fact that another school for women has been initiated in the mountain village of Valche Gaun, 60 km northwest of Kathmandu. There we supported the reconstruction of the abbey and the water system after the terrible earthquake. Last year we asked about the educational level of the local women, and immediately 50 women showed interest in reading and writing tuition. Through the help of Robin Chamling – who was already reliable in managing the earthquake fund – we found a woman teacher willing to do the job. Contracts have been settled with her, Mr Chamling and the local chairman. Mrs Yamu Maya Tamang, 29, would teach on six days two hours each. As a precondition, the village provides for the location. Mr Chamling is managing the fund and helping as a mediator. The start was on March 30 when Mrs Tamang and Mr Aata Ghale, Chairman of Valche, opened the school. At the moment 30 to 35 women are attending. Mr Chamling wrote on April 19:

Number of women are up to 43, but, all are not regular due to rain or their household chores. Regular are between 30 and 35, and, the women & teacher decided to have only one group but six days a week. They suggested the teacher that if they come only 3 days a week, they might forget what they have learnt. So, they prefer to have 6 days continues class in a week. As they are so eager to learn, our teacher is happy to run the class as they wish. So, it is only one group, but, 6 days a week with all the women.

Detlef Gründel will visit the school on October 9, probably together with our member Dorothea Schütz. We are eager to hear how the school is doing. The enlargement of reading-and-writing classes is only possible through our faithful members, sponsors and helpers in our activities. A lot of thanks to all of them.

Mr Anupendra, chairman of Mahadevi School, has expressed his congratulation for the new project:

Wow, this is wonderful news about the new school near Lamtang. Thank you for all the documents too. I read with great interest and I think all is good. I congratulate you and all the members for this decision. Definitely, this type of schools are very important for the women of Nepal, especially from the villages and the mountains. Perhaps, slowly in the future, sewing and handicraft training might be also necessary there. I am always happy and ready to share our experiences and extend the helping hands for co-operation for the development of the new school. After all, it's our common goal for the extension. We are a family for sure. I am very happy to know that the village development committee has helped a lot there. Free room is a big thing. Let's hope, we can continue this for a long time. Once again, this is very generous of all the members and the board-directors to start something more for the Nepalese women. So please convey my special thanks and namastya too.

Coming events in 2018:

May 12	Presentation of our association at the assembly of new citizens in Hohengehren
June 6	Meeting of the chair persons
July 7	Flea market in Esslingen
Sept 15	Members hike
Sept 25	Presentation of our association at the One-World Store in Altbach
Oct 6	Anniversary of Mahadevi Women Project
Oct 9	Visit to the Saraswati Project in Valche Gaun
Nov 29	Annual members meeting in Hohengehren
Dec 15	Rock-and-Pop Concert with "BOB"

Nepal celebrated New Years Day on April 14 and is now in the year 2075, according to its calendar. See Anupendra's note at <http://newyeargreetingsnepal.blogspot.com/>

Our theatre event on April 14 was a complete success in cultural and financial aspects. Bianca Uhl fascinated the audience of 140 in the meeting house in Hohengehren with her beneficial show "Come what may". Many thanks from the chair committee.

Thanks to all our supporters on behalf of the chair committee and our partners in Nepal. Keep on.

Namaste

Detlef Gründel

Attached are some photos of the new Saraswati project in Valche Gaun:

