

EduVision Family Newsletter: May 2012

Achievements



National dedicated newsreporter visited Hetauda to write a story about the EduVision kids' new learning methods based on extra and co-curricular activities. It highlighted how their personal confidence has increased and made them socially responsible.

Featured in national weekly newspapers



Special events in EduVision family's life

- Achievements: In national news
- Activities
- Computer lab & Volunteer Hostel gives a solid base
- Sponsored students list
- Analysis and vision



Sharu Khan, grade 9 currently, was featured as a budding scientist. He has been selected to receive a national honor by Nepal Academy of Science and Technology. He dreams to be a world class physicist.

EduVision poem for every kid

If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you are
If you'd like to win but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later, the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can.

Activities



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Visit to the fort of Sen dynasty that used to rule the present Makwanpur district

Left: Taking students to other historical and important sites is one of the main activities. This year students visited a historical fort more than 250 years old dating back before the unification of Nepal.

Below: Students have started their own wall newspaper to promote their journalistic and literary skills. The monthly paper features photo journalism and reflective writing too.



Fun and Excitements



Performing English songs, dances & a drama



Sponsor visit: February 2, 2012



Sponsors visited kids and made everyone very happy and excited. Dr. Wolfgang Schöhl, Katharina Vöcle-Schöhl, Kerstin Karkowski, and Helmut Mai visited EduVision and met their kids. Ever since then kids have been more motivated and await next visit from sponsors. All of them decided to sponsor other kids. Dr. Wolfgang had couple of his friends also sponsor a child. Now we have 22 sponsored kids.



First time concert attendance for our kids. National bands make occasional visits to Hetauda. Arts/Music etc. program covers for all our students regardless of sponsorship status.

Our 22 sponsorship list

Brigitte Russ (Narayan Bal)
Dieter Roskoni (Roshina KC)
Frank Paratsch (Nisha Sapkota)
Getrud Wolf (Anil Koirala)
Helmut Mai (Rajeev Thapa)
Holger Sommer (Susmita Lama)
Johanna von Geyr (Rabina KC)
Karsten Tichelmann (Suraj Thapa)
Kerstin Karkowski (Asmita A.)
Kerstin Karkowski (Pratikshya S.)
Kirstin Jungmeier (Anisha S.)
Martha Mohr (Sujina Shrestha)
TSB+VHT Mona Bechtel (Aastha)
Ulrika Netzler (Rita KC)
Ulrike Perstl (Sindhu Ghimire)
Waltraud Gies (Susmita A.)
Wilma Mohr (Sabita Ghimire)
Wolfgang Schöhl (Srijana M.)
Wolfgang Schöhl (Sarika Rai)
Michael Heber (Kanchan S.)
Friedrich von Schönberg
(Susandesh Risal)

We place volunteers to teach children or train youth for skills/social work/leadership.



Gordana Vragolic: First volunteer scheduled to stay July 16-September 16.

Hostel facility: The base for all EduVision programs

Once the hostel was set up, it started to become a center for all the kids to gather and organize for volunteering, socializing, providing snacks and other activities.

The hostel has given us a secure location for kids to come at any time they feel a need to find a safe house. In emergencies, they can stay with us, and get emotional and physical security.

It also gives us a place for mass meals, play space for badminton, skipping, etc. It is an ideal place to practice dance with large groups of students.

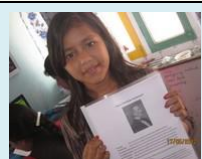
Keeping the hostel running has become of paramount importance.



Volunteering Home stay (food/room/laundry service)

- 1 week: 100 euro
- 2 weeks: 200 euro
- 3 weeks: 275 euro
- 1 month: 350 euro/month

A golden opportunity for close interaction with amazing kids & determined youth.

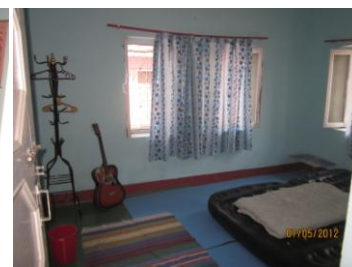


Study room: A place for newspapers, books and computer learning. Three computers with access to the internet keeps us connected to the world, and tons of educational downloads.
Guest room: For guests from out of town who come to share their learning with our kids.

Volunteer Hostel to support Computer Lab project



To provide for digital learning facility to our students, we tried to establish a computer lab in two different schools. We ended up having a rented space to run the computer lab. To make the lab sustainable, we introduced volunteering program do rented a hostel which has a study room with computers and guests bedrooms for German volunteers. The place is secure and clean. In exchange for room, board, cleaning services, volunteers will pay a fee, which will pay the rent of the computer lab project.



Three EduVision sponsored kids stay in the hostel at the moment. There are four rooms available for guests and volunteers, so can house 4 guests at any one time. We also invite professional artists, journalists, and social workers etc. to share their experience and give information to our kids to help them become aware about various issues. We provide them room and board. This year, we already had a musician, a journalist and an entrepreneur from Finland.

Some more activities



Team of the Month honor to Sindhu's team



Srijana: Best book report; Roshina best volunteer



Basic food during final exam at hostel facility



Political transition into federal democracy is becoming a huge challenge. The whole country is shut down by political opposition for days and weeks on end. Students suffer the most. EduVision is open on all such days, unless the streets are not safe. We are dedicated to their welfare.

Analysis and Vision

Once a peaceful land, Nepal has turned into a conflict zone, a far cry from **Sangrila**. Ethnic rivalry seems to be rising because of incitements from Maoist political party leaders. Eastern and Western as well as many central areas of Nepal have been shut down for weeks. New constitution to lay a foundation of New Nepal does not hold much promise anymore.

It is in this reality that we are sponsoring needy and talented kids to be agents of change, whose life will be run according to highest moral principle of self-discipline and social responsibilities. It is important because in this society corruption and moral degradation has become normal. It is difficult to even find a partner organization to work with. Government officers seek commission for granting assistance to NGO's. Hence, we are limited to work tirelessly fighting corruption all around us.

We are planting pure seeds to change this moral darkness and evil running rampant in this land. This is no easy task, but it is a unique effort, and I would like to thank you for supporting the kids and hence the mission to help us find truth and moral upliftment once again through the education of new generation that will change the future of this fallen country and contribute to make a better world based on mutual respect, understanding, and love for humanity

From the children's weekly journal assignment:

What I learned this week:

I have learned that it is better to do something even before someone tells us. (Roshina)

Self analysis: My behavior and attitudes are better than before. I believe if we try, we can do anything. (All students)

What I did to help others: I gave Rs. 5 to an old woman who was begging. (Nisha) I helped my sister with her homework. (Sindhu)

What "bad" things I noticed: I saw people urinating on the street. I heard children using vulgar language. I saw boys teasing girls on the street. I saw people throwing trash on the street. (All students)

Cultural factor for violence against women & children

It may sound unbelievable, but women's secondary place in society can be attributed largely to cultural factors--movies and cultural shows.

Nepalese movies and songs are cheap copies of Indian movies and songs that are primarily for entertainment values. Entertainment basically means treating women as sex objects or to serve the men, and produce a son as heir.

Movies, songs, and dance institutes perpetuate this image of women, and their songs and entertainment makes it okay for women to be abused. Popular songs and dances cater to the lowest animal instinct in men.

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