



Lama Gangchen Help in Action ONLUS

Dear Friends

Thanks to the efforts of this company and its clients, 21 students in Nepal were given the opportunity to either complete or continue their studies in the school year 2012-13. In a country where education, even that of the state, has a price - which is usually above the means of those that would benefit the most from it - this help is extremely precious and welcome.

The children sponsored through Help in Action have parents in the lowest income bracket: many are labourers on building sites or in factories, others beg from tourists or wash clothes and dishes in restaurants and hotels, others have no fixed work and wander around the factories and markets offering their services on a daily basis. They work long hours to be able to provide just the basic necessities for their children and obviously food, house rent, clothes and medicine have to take priority over school fees.

Of the 21 students helped from the donations of this company 10 sat for their School Leaving Certificate at the end of the school year. After overcoming many difficulties in their day to day life this Exam often marks for these children the passage into adulthood. With this Certificate in hand they are able to look for work as teachers, in hotels and the tourist industry, in offices and so on. With jobs that give them higher wages many of them are able to finance their own further studies in college as well as provide much needed help to their families. In fact in Nepal this Exam is known as the "Iron Gateway" as it is seen as the sure way to a better future.

The help given to the other 11 students over the past year has allowed the Association time to find new sponsors to support them in achieving the goal of completing their education. Many of them are now in class 10 and will finish school in March of 2014. These children have been supported for many years by the Association and it is our deepest wish that this investment in their education is not wasted and that they have the chance to complete the School Leaving Certificate. We do everything possible to support the children to this point.

In a reality that is so far removed from our own - it is perhaps difficult to understand the importance of this support - but knowing these children, their families and living conditions and understanding the difficulties they have to overcome on a daily basis be assured that receiving a good education is the way forward for these children to build themselves a brighter future.

On behalf of the children, their parents and families and of course the Association we thank each and every one of you who has supported the fund-raising efforts of this company.

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