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We are helping to rebuild the Sharada School in Bhaktapur as part of our School Rebuilding Project.

Earthquake Update

AUGUST 28, 2015

A Message from Beverly

It is now four months since the first earthquake in Nepal, and I am happy to report all the children in our House with Heart family are well and beginning to recover from their traumatic experiences.

I am so very grateful to all of you who donated to our earthquake recovery fund. All of the money raised will be used to repair our facility and rebuild or repair a number of schools here in the city and in villages, as well as continue to help individuals in need of recovery help.

As soon as the monsoon season is over, we will begin the huge task of retrofitting our home, which should take about three months. We hope to move back inside before the winter season. Despite the relentless rain and the frogs, rats and snakes that abound during this season, we continue to sleep outside in tents and a tin hut because of the many aftershocks. In addition to retrofitting our House, we will rebuild our other buildings, including our Children's Learning Centre, Women's Training Program room, and office.

Of course we are not the only people living in tents. It is heartbreaking to see makeshift homes—mainly tarps covering bamboo sticks—all over the sides of the roads because there are not many open spaces for camping in the city. In the villages, people also have to worry about the dreadful landslides during this season.

In order to help the largest number of people recover from the earthquake, we have decided to set up a **School Rebuilding Project**. We are evaluating all projects as they are presented. These are our first two projects:

- **Sharada School in Bhaktapur** served 1,200 students before the quake destroyed their main building. We will provide \$14,000 to complete a three-story partially finished building that will have six classrooms for 300 students while they work to raise the money to rebuild their main building. Two years ago the school ran out of funds before they could complete this second building, but with our funding, they should be able to finish the work within three months.
- In the **village of Barabheti in the hard-hit Nuwakot district**, a school

class six. Our donation of \$1,880 will provide them with a new roof, including the cost of transportation of materials to this remote village.

We recently welcomed a new child into our home, **two-year-old Masang Tamang**. Her pregnant mother had been working in the fields in their village called Gunsu when the earthquake hit. The mother bravely ran into their small house to rescue Masang, throwing the child out of the house just before it collapsed on her, killing herself and her unborn child. Masang was naturally upset when she first joined our family, but has settled in quickly, surrounded by her adoring new sisters and our loving staff. After our House is rebuilt, we will be able to offer a home to two or three more children in dire circumstances.



Masang, the newest HwH family member, is shown (left) on a pile of rubble in the village where her mother died in the earthquake. After a somewhat difficult start, she has settled well (right) into her new life at House with Heart.

It has not been an easy time for any of us. I am proud of and grateful for our staff who could easily have deserted us and run to a more comfortable environment, but chose to stay to look after our children. Each staff member was given a small but well deserved Earthquake Bonus to help their families recover, some of whom come from the badly hit districts.

grateful! We have listed their efforts on our [website](#). (If we've forgotten any, please [contact us](#) so that we can add them.) I would like to recognize the efforts of **Aarti Shah**, who has worked tirelessly for us in the UK. Also, **Philip Glass and the team** who put together the concert fundraiser for us, did an amazing job. Our friends at the **Independent Schools Foundation Academy in Hong Kong** went over and above in their fundraising efforts. Many thanks to **Noel Faulkner and Russell Brand** for their comedy benefit in London and to **Corning Rotary International Committee** for their fundraising efforts. There are so many who have helped and I wish I could list them all here. Again, please visit our [website](#) to read about their efforts. I am also grateful to my family and friends and the individual and organizational donors, without whom we wouldn't be recovering at nearly this speed.

Please continue to keep Nepal in your thoughts. This country is going to take many years to recover and will need all the help, love, and support you can give.

With love and thanks from all of us here at House with Heart,
Beverly

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