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"Rescuing the forgotten children of Nepal."

"WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND", and VCN is very, very grateful for the wisdom of this adage.

Rubin (Babu) Nepali has joined our board of directors and will fully participate as a volunteer in the administration of our program.

Rubin, 50, was our first scholarship student in Nepal, way back in the early days of our supportive efforts for Nepali orphans. Rubin was a senior student and resident of an orphanage in Kathmandu in 1986 when we first began to assist these children in pursuing higher studies and finding stability for them beyond orphanage life.

Rubin succeeded far beyond all expectations, and with time, opportunity and unyielding diligence he worked his way through Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore to earn a master's degree in computer science.

Much has changed in his life since graduation, including an excellent position in Silicon Valley with a high-tech company, a lovely wife who has become a registered nurse in oncology, and an outstanding daughter who is presently in medical school, with plans to practice medicine in Third World countries after graduation. Rubin is a shining example of the way your support can utterly transform the lives of children struggling to survive in one of the poorest places on earth. Now he is ready to use his time and energies for the rescue and service to orphaned and impoverished Nepali children who share his beginnings.

At their own expense, Rubin and his family have visited our programs in Nepal twice in the past year. Rubin was committed to familiarizing himself with all aspects of our work and the people in Nepal who assist us. It was a highly successful effort and fully appreciated by all VCN board members. Welcome aboard, Rubin.

Allan Aistrope



Rubin Nepali, his wife Gosia and daughter Nika

RUBIN REDISCOVERS HIS EARLY YEARS

My travels to Nepal with Allan Aistrophe last year took me back to a place where my life began. I first met Allan in 1984, when he came to voluntarily teach English at my orphanage. Little did I know just how advantageous meeting someone from across the globe could be. Having been raised in the orphanage and being a recipient of encouragement and support from friends, I can personally attest to the impact VCN's work has had on my life and other orphaned and impoverished children. Over the past two years, my family and I have had the opportunity to visit Nepal and spend generous amounts of time with all the programs VCN is supporting. It is inspirational to meet volunteers and contributors to VCN, but the greatest joy of all is to witness the achieving children that VCN has been rescuing and supporting.

Rubin Nepali

PAROPAKAR GIRLS' ORPHANAGE

The Paropakar Girls' Orphanage is an orphanage in Kathmandu that VCN constructed for 25 orphaned girls more than seven years ago. VCN has been supporting the orphanage from the beginning and will continue to support, including college scholarships when the children are prepared.

Every child is a reminder that an incredibly cruel life would have been waiting for all of these abandoned girls if they had not been rescued. Many, perhaps all, would have become victims of human trafficking, the worst curse of all. The orphanage is one of the happiest environments that we witnessed during our time in Nepal.

PAROPAKAR BOYS' ORPHANAGE

The Paropakar Boys' Orphanage was originally located in the center of Kathmandu. Unfortunately, their home was destroyed by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal two years ago. The 32 boys are now housed on the outskirts of Kathmandu. They attend an outstanding local school, and they all are doing very well. Donations from VCN provide clothes for the winter, school bags, educational materials, shoes, sports equipment, medical care and housing improvements. The most essential work of VCN has been continuing college scholarships for those who desire to pursue higher education and seek a life of purpose.

BAL SARATHI

To be born into the "untouchable" caste is to be cursed in Nepali society. The children born into this caste rarely have the opportunity to escape poverty and find opportunity. These children are condemned as social outcasts and are often forced into begging or crime, with little shelter, support or any prospect of a stable life. The Bal Sarathi program provides free education up to Class-5, school uniforms, books and school supplies, periodic medical check-ups, and serves daily free meals to over 200 children. VCN has been working with Bal Sarathi in this noble cause.

For children who seek self-assurance and education beyond Class-5, VCN provides scholarships and other financial assistance to continue their studies to higher grade levels,

MNCO

Manang Nepalese Children Organization is a Kathmandu home to nine wonderful children of VCN. The children are girls that come from the high village of Manang or other remote, rural locations. These abandoned or orphaned small girls lived in the most dire conditions, and would likely have faced life-threatening hardships with little hope of a safe future. Now these rescued children attend excellent schools and excel in their studies. These girls are amazing; they play and study together as true sisters. VCN is the sole donor for MNCO and provides all the daily needs, including food, school tuition and fees, school supplies, clothes, and medical care. They consider their housing as "home", and a joyous one.

SCHOLARSHIPS

From the beginning, VCN has had special interest in helping orphans and the physically impaired achieve their dreams of a college education. VCN is supporting 45 college-aged blind, disabled, orphaned boys and girls seeking high education. We cover their school tuition and living expenses. The Nepali government is notorious for providing little aid to assist poor students in college, as well as the blind and disabled. VCN has been involved for several years with the specific purpose of providing scholarships for many blind and disabled boys and girls, with continued VCN outreach to impoverished students who are scholastically motivated.

Please remember that VCN is totally dependent upon encouragement and contributions from friends and supporters to our cause. We continue our efforts as an all-volunteer NGO, with no funds allowed for salaries or travel. Nepal is one of the poorest nations on our planet and the misery of so many children there is an overwhelming motivation to keep pursuing our goals of making a positive difference to as many young lives that we can reach, with your help.

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