



Welcome to CWS News – all the latest with a brand new style! This first edition gives you just a few highlights from the past year, but we hope that future editions will be bigger and better! We'd love our supporters to be involved, so if you have any ideas or would like to read about something in particular, please let us know. To save costs, save the environment, and ensure more of each donation goes to our projects, we will also produce an e-newsletter in future, so if you haven't already, please send us your email address.

2007 was an amazing year - with your support, our work directly benefited more than 20,000 of Nepal's poorest children and young people! We helped street and working children, girls at risk of, or victims of trafficking, children in mountain villages and slum areas, and many more.

A new look:

We wanted a new look to reflect our changes and growth. We shortened our name to 'CWS', designed a new logo, and our new website will be launched soon. We hope you like it!

New people:

To prepare for growth, new staff in Nepal have joined us, including Sangita and Pradeep, graduates from JYOTI Vocational Training Centre. For more projects, we need more donors and funds, so Anna joined us in London as a fundraiser. We're delighted to announce the arrival of Douglas's new baby girl, Aisha Maclagan!



Douglas, Insyba & Baby Aisha

New offices:

To cope with the increased number of staff, we moved to a new office in Pokhara, Nepal, and we move to a new London office in August.



Andrew Clarke receives award

An Award-Winning Year!

We've been delighted to win 3 awards in the past year, which demonstrate the talent and dedication of our staff and trustees:

- **'Trustee of the Week'** for our Chairman, Michael Jacobs (CTN The Trustee Network)
- **'Richard Tiffany International Award'** for our Health Programme Coordinator, Andrew Clarke (Nursing Standard Awards 2008)
- **'Unsung Heroes Award'** for our Founder and Operations Director, Douglas Maclagan (Celebrities Guild of Great Britain)



The most important things haven't changed, including our commitment to supporting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Nepal.

Key Project Achievements

Over the past year, we worked with 4 local partners aiming to give children and young people their rights to:

Healthcare

- CWSN's wonderful new Asha Clinic is fully operational, and had almost 45,000 patient visits in 2007
- CWSN has a new, purpose-built mobile clinic vehicle, and runs 3 regular and busy mobile clinics

Education and Training

- The opening of 2 new Day Care Health Centres, allowed us to reach almost 600 children through early years education
- 24 young people graduated from JYOTI Vocational Training Centre, and over 90% went into a job
- The care giver course was accredited by the government – a first in Nepal!



Protection and Empowerment

- Our Consortium for Working Children has completed its' first year, providing services for over 800 street and working children through 4 organisations working together.
- 82 children were reunited with their families
- 285 children were helped to go to school
- 148 used the night shelter and emergency girls' shelter
- 310 had their own bank account in the children's development bank

If you'd like to see a short film about our projects, please contact us and we'll send you a copy.



Surprise Maoist Success!

Following months of anticipation, on April 10th 2008, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) surprised everyone by winning 120 out of 240 seats in the election. Until two years ago a feared rebel army, they will now be the biggest party, missing out on the majority by just one seat!

"It is clear that the people had had enough and were fed up by the traditional faces. They voted for something new, even though it could be risky as the Maoists are frequently unpredictable. The village farmers, the poor,

and the disadvantaged caste labourers didn't really know what to vote, but believe in the promises the Maoists have been spreading of their cause and uplifting the people. I believe that the Maoists are now facing a massive challenge." *Douglas MacLagan, Operations Director*

However, CWS is confident that our neutral relations with the Maoists during the civil unrest, will allow us to continue working with the Government in the next stage of Nepal's political life.

Looking to the future

Over the next year we will increase the number of Nepalese organisations we work with, to reach more of the many children who need our help. We have just signed the first agreement with one of our new partners, PHASE Nepal, for a maternal and child health project.



Lalit's motivating tale

Lalit is an orphan and had to drop out of school when he was 7, so could not read or write properly when he came to JYOTI Vocational Training Centre.

After just one year as an electrical trainee, he has made remarkable progress, and is now at a very high level, particularly in maths. He says:

"I was very happy to get chance to come to this organisation and learn a vocational skill. I was also equally worried for I had to study together with other students who had higher level of education. My mathematics teacher impressed me and encouraged me to study and work sincerely. Then I started to labor hard. Besides learning in the classes, I also used to ask for my friends who were better in studies and got help from them. I never ignored and forgot to do the homeworks and other assignments. Slowly I improved my lesson. I could learn and make progress especially in mathematics because I like the way math teacher teaches us."

Lalit's name has been changed

Fundraising round-up

The difference we make to children's lives, is only possible because of your generosity and hard work, which helped us raise over £35,000 in the past year from individual donations and fundraising events!



Jeremy Irons on air

Our appeal on BBC Radio 4 raised one of the highest amounts ever, and Jeremy Irons

did us proud with his inspiring broadcast.

We have many wonderful supporters who go to extraordinary lengths to raise money for CWS. One couple turn their home into a restaurant one weekend a month, and transform from businesswoman to chef, and navy officer to waiter!



Hazel's marathon success

The 2008 Flora London Marathon was a tremendous success for our two runners, with Hazel Richardson finishing in 4 hours, and raising over £800, and Andrew Snell finishing in under 5 hours, and raising £1,700!

Preparations for Everest Base Camp are well underway, and our fantastic team of trekkers have already raised over £14,000!

A huge thank you

In the words of our Chairman, Michael Jacobs:

"We could achieve nothing without our supporters, whose belief in our work underpins everything we do. They and the children in Nepal inspire and motivate us and our partners to do all we can."

We're immensely grateful for your continued support, which means that together we can reach out to hundreds of the most disadvantaged children in Nepal.



Ambitious adventurers needed!

- Trek to the base camp of the world's highest mountain
- Spectacular panoramic views, deep gorges and glaciers
- Visit the vital projects you have fundraised for

Dates: November 8th-27th 2008

Minimum sponsorship: £3,500 (includes trip cost)

We would love you to join us, so please contact Anna as soon as possible if you're interested! If the trek isn't for you, please spread the word to friends, family and anyone else who might like to join us!

How else can I help?

- **Make a regular contribution** – we are grateful for any donation, but regular standing orders are invaluable, enabling us to plan ahead and give children the continued support they need.
- **Give us feedback** – we value your views, and would love to hear any feedback about this newsletter, our projects, or any other part of our work, to help us learn and improve in future.
- **Get involved** – if you'd like to get more involved, but the ideas in this newsletter aren't for you, contact Anna for other options.

Contacting CWS

For details on any of the information and events in this newsletter, please contact Anna on 020 7488 4394 or enquiries@childwelfareScheme.org. If you'd prefer not to receive updates from us, please let us know and we'll be happy to adjust our records.



It's party time!

Would you like to help CWS but can't make a big commitment? Do you have a group of friends you could invite to a lunch, afternoon tea or dinner party? **Please consider holding a CWS party for us!**

During the party, you can tell your friends about CWS, show them our CWS film, and encourage them to spread the word by holding their own CWS party. If 10 friends come, and half of them hold their own parties, your efforts will have enabled us to reach 50 people!

Get fit for CWS!

Fancy getting fit, having fun, and raising funds for CWS at the same time? Please join our fantastic supporters, The Trevor Edmonds Memorial Fund, for a sponsored walk this summer.



The walk is about 7 miles along Worthing seafront on 13th July – please phone Mary Edmonds if you're interested: 01903 733 799