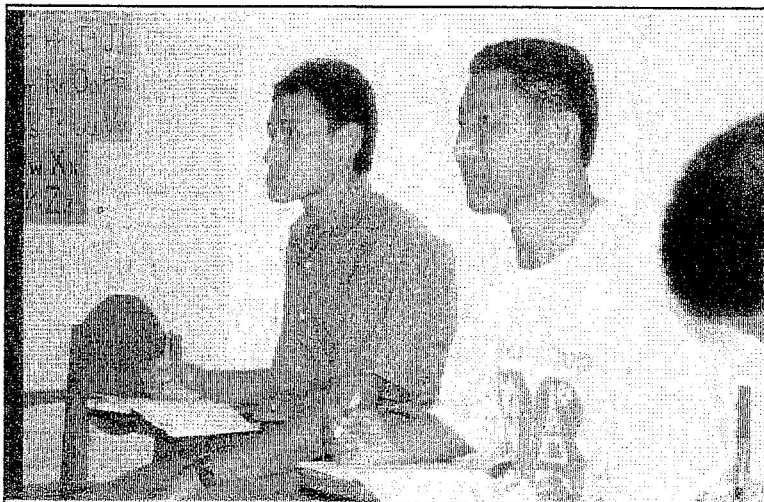


We are featuring Hope International Training Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal in this issue. HADA has pledged an amount for this work in the coming year. Your help would be appreciated.

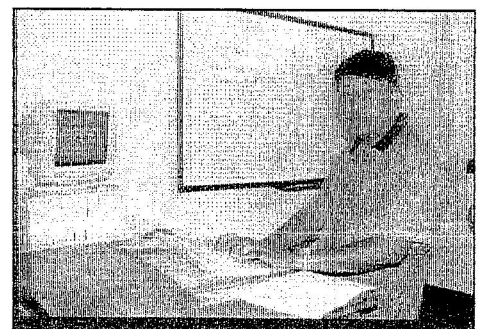
Recent months have been an encouraging time for Hope International. For a considerable time there has been a sense of hostility and distrust from those who live in the local Tibetan settlement, but recent months have seen a good measure of softening taking place, and gradually more and more from the local community are attending the various training courses on offer at the centre.

English teaching and Tailoring have remained firm favourites amongst our students. We have been fortunate enough to have a highly skilled Nepali lady work for us on a full time basis teaching Tailoring to a wide range of students, both Nepali and Tibetan, and from very different ends of the financial spectrum.

It would seem that everyone wants to be able to speak English and at present we have two separate classes in progress: One at the beginners level and the other at the intermediate level. Our voluntary English teachers report that all of the students are very appreciative of the tuition they receive and recent test results show that they are all learning well. One class which concluded recently had exam results not lower than 75%, and as high as 98%. I'm sure we all would like to be able to boast results as consistently high as that!!



Another course run at Hope is the Cooking course. The smells coming from the Hope Kitchen have been distracting everyone from their tasks on numerous occasions! This is predominantly a "fun" course, taught by anyone with a willingness to have a go. We always try however to teach how to make the most out of most basic ingredients. At least one student has been able to apply some business acumen and turn her acquired skills into an income generating project, selling cake and home made bread at a small profit. This is the sort of thing we long to see more of. If we can provide skills that will in any way enhance the lives of our students, then our presence here in Kathmandu is not wasted.



There has been a steady increase in interest to receive training in Computer Literacy. Many of the local people are beginning to realise the importance of computer literacy in today's job market. Others just want to be in a position to be able to help their children as they grow up in this age of Information Technology.

Our ability to meet this demand for computer training has been held up due to our lack of facilities. We have only had a single PC which is used in the office. However, we are very pleased to be able to say that we recently received an extremely generous donation from a group in the U.S.A. for the specific purpose of purchasing computer equipment. As a result we trust that before very long we will have a much more adequate training facility in operation, with 2 new training consoles, and a new PC for the office!

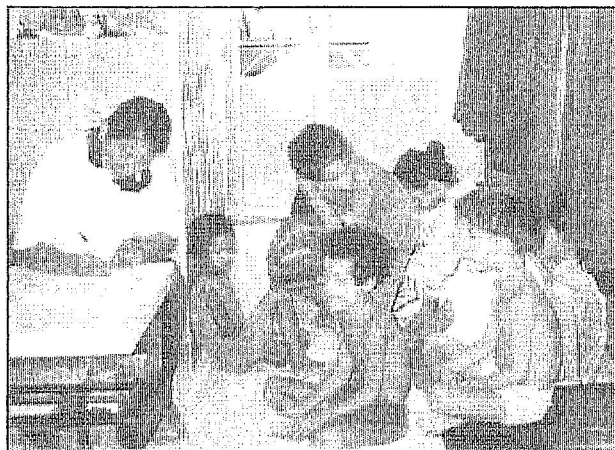
It seems as if every day there is another enquiry about one or other of our courses. This is a very exciting way to be operating, however we are feeling the pinch as we simply don't have the volunteer teachers to fill the possible teaching slots! **Perhaps, this is where YOU could be of assistance.**

CAMBODIA

Harvest International Services (HIS) is doing a mighty work in Phnom Penh and have a number of programmes.

Kingdom Kids: A loving home situation for the children whose ages range from nursery class to teenagers. The staff are trusting for provision to buy a property for the Children's Home. It is quite disruptive for the children and the staff if they have to move every two or three years.

Mobile Drop In Centre: The workers have a bus where they can drive around to where the street kids are.



Registration of street kids in the Mobile Drop In Centre. (Bus fitted out for the purpose)

Let's face it, Nepal is one of the top tourist destinations in the world at the moment! Why not extend that vacation and give something of lasting benefit to the people of this nation? If you have 6 weeks or more to spare, and a willingness to dive into a new and often challenging environment, then why not contact us and begin the process? We promise you'll leave Nepal with more than just some mountain memories!

If you are interested in helping in Kathmandu please contact Neil and Jeanie Young for further information

Ph 07 55647476

Donations for the ongoing training of both Tibetan and Nepali people can be sent to:

**The Treasurer, HADA,
PO Box 54, Clayfield, 4011.**

Halfway Home for street kids: Khymer house parents screen the street kids who are interested in coming into the home. Many have not lived in houses for years.

Day Kids Programme: Numbers have reduced in September and October as the children have been taken back or required to work. Our helpers are wanting to encourage them to come back to study.

Vocational Training Centre: Basic courses in English and Engineering are given to the older children at the home.

Education Support / Education Care Project: To date 56 children have been supported at school. Tuition classes are planned for children who cannot afford to pay for extra lessons in the school.

URGENT NEED.....

Harvest International Services are in need of:

a diesel engine mechanic

an art and craft teacher

an engineering instructor

ARE YOU ABLE TO ASSIST?

KAZAKSTAN

The authorities in Astana have asked for additional information to enable the office for HADA to be established. Bruce and Edith have recently moved into a new apartment and are working on the preparation of the material for the government authorities.

TURKEY

The response to our calls for assistance were swift and generous. Thank you. Monies were forwarded to the leader of the Protestant churches in Turkey. Below is an account from a worker giving assistance.

For those not familiar with our country, "Christian Aid" is often viewed as an opportunity for Christians to take advantage of people in trauma and to spread propaganda. People were very suspicious of our motives. I especially felt this during the setup of our last kitchen in a place called Adapazari. Fortunately, as the people experienced the compassion in our lives their prejudices fell away. In every kitchen people were thrilled not to be treated as projects, or as victims, but as people. We often ended up being able to share hope and love with them.

Needless to say, due to political factors outside our local kitchens, each of the kitchens we were running were taken over and we had to leave. We and the people were sad because of this, but we were glad to have left a good taste in peoples mouths. I really believe that the people have seen the love and compassion from the Christians in western nations. The needs still are great, especially as hundreds of thousands are still living in tents or makeshift shelters and winter is almost upon us. There are still many efforts within the country to supply compassionate service.

INDIA

We wait, and we wait, and continue to remind the Consulate in India that we are waiting! To date no news has been forthcoming about our application to the Government of India to establish an office for HADA in UP. Carol has gone to India as a tourist and will endeavour to register HADA from within the country.

CHINA

There are a number of expats in China who are inquiring about establishing a work under HADA. We continue to be in contact with Karen as she makes preliminary investigations as to the best city to commence the work. Educational help for the Hui people continues.

Your donation to assist any of our projects or to help offset administrative costs can be forwarded to:
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Christmas is a Season of Giving and Giving is the key to Living

So let us give ourselves away
Not just at Christmas but every day
And remember kind and thoughtful deeds
Or a hand outstretched in time of need
Is the rarest of gifts for it is a part
Not of the purse but a loving heart
And he who gives of himself will find
True joy of heart and peace of mind.

by Helen Steiner Rice



The Management Committee of HADA extend to you all their Christmas greetings that this may be a time of joy, praise and thanksgiving, as you celebrate again the birth of the Prince of Peace.

If undelivered please return to:
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PO Box 54
Clayfield Qld 4011

The Management Committee are keen to increase the circulation of this newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy or distribute a number among your fellowship please contact the secretary and advise the quantity you require.

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and mailing of this newsletter.**