



Interview with the new chairman of the Duhabi Board mr Keshav Battarai, the home in charge mr. Raj Kumar Raut and the new board member mr Ramesh Thapa.

Interview with mr. Battarai, chairman of the Duhabi Children's Home

The interview takes place in the office of the Duhabi Children's Home. Present are: mr Keshav Battarai, chairman Duhabi Children's Home board, mr Raut, home-in-charge and teacher, Duhabi Children's Home, mr. Anir Khatiwada, SHC manager and mr. Henk Hooghuis, chairman of the stichting Children's Homes Dharan, the Netherlands

Q. Henk: Mr. Chairman, how do you see the relationship with the Dutch donor organization, do you think it is temporary or lasting?

A. Mr Battarai: first of all I want to express our gratitude for helping us to solve Nepalese problems. That people in a country so far away as the Netherlands are concerned about our orphans! To answer your question: I think we cannot sustain alone for at least 5 - 7 years. After that time we might be able to maintain the children's home from our own resources. It means that we must find ways to generate enough income for the children's home. A possibility is to develop a vocational training centre where also children outside the home can participate and

pay the fees. With support of local enterprises income can be generated. Also children in the home can be trained and mediated to find a job when they are adult.

Q. How do you see the cultural differences in approaching and education of children? For example in Nepal it is normal to beat children very frequently, whereas in The Netherlands it is forbidden by law.

A. Mr Raut: in this home we do not beat the children. When a child is doing wrong he/she will be isolated for a certain time, maybe 30 min for small children but for bigger children I will give moral education for correction.

Q. What do you mean by moral education?

A. Mr Raut For example I will tell the child to take example of a disabled boy who grew up in Duhabi, in a less comfortable position. He has used the opportunities we gave him, completed vocational training as a cook and now has a job, is married and has a baby! This boy has an artificial leg and is still able to maintain his family!. So learn from him and be benefited from the opportunities provided for you.



Pramod, 16 years old, in Duhabi Home since 2005.

Interview with Pramod, child of Duhabi Home

Q. Henk: How are you?

A. Pramod: I am fine sir, thank you!

Q. Do you feel happy?

A. Yes! it is much better since September, when new board was installed and uncle came (the new home-in-charge, Mr Raut) . Board members come almost daily and ask us if we are well and if our health is good. It is much more as a home now than before! The old board never came and asked us nothing. The new board seems to really care about our education and future. Under the previous home in-charge we all got sick frequently because he bought cheap food. Now we are very satisfied.

Q. what class are you reading?

A. Class 9.

Q. What profession you like to make living when you are grown up?

A. I want to study science and engineering.

Q. if you have a problem, can share that with the home mother/ or Mr Raut?

A. If they can handle it I will tell them.

Q. would it be helpful to have a person that you can tell everything with, without being punished?

A. Yes it would help us because then we are not afraid to tell when something is not good.

Q. How do you like the Dutch volunteers that are coming sometimes?

A. We like it very much! They are nice and friendly and ask us about how we feel, how is our life and so on.

Q. Do you need anything at the moment?

A. We don't have enough toys to play with. Also for younger children there is not enough. We like to play chess but the games are incomplete.

Mr Henk: Thank you Pramod for this interview!