



2008

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giving a future to the children of nepal

Chairman's Address

New Year's greetings to one and all!

2008 was a frustrating yet productive year for Nagarhope. Nagarhope Ireland is now fully registered as a charity, while Nagarhope Nepal is in the process of being registered in Nepal. On the ground on both sides, be it fundraising or funding, Nagarhope is finally achieving some of its set goals and objectives.



Working closely with the Nepali members of Nagarhope Nepal this past year, a web of trustworthy friends and connections has been established which should prove vital in the coming years. Nagarhope is a dream that is well under way, a dream to build a children's home in a safe and fulfilling environment up the Himalayas, a dream to provide education, love and support to oppressed and destitute families and children through local community-based projects and endeavours.



The construction of four classrooms, as well as extensive groundwork, in Sun Rise School in Nagarkot, has been one of the major smaller projects in '08. Nagarhope will continue to provide voluntary assistance to education, sport, art, cultural and health programmes in Sun Rise as well as continuing to provide voluntary teachers. Plans are also under way to assist more rural and badly funded government schools in the surrounding valleys with educational materials, school furniture and supplies.

I have been constantly moved by what I am surrounded by in Nepal. Working amongst the people and being able to see the grave situation of many from their side has only bolstered my aspirations for the better.

Nagarhope is fully committed to providing as much support to those in need, and can only continue to do so because of the generosity of sponsors and donors, as well as the many involved in fundraising events in Ireland and elsewhere.

I thank you all humbly for your continued support for Nagarhope - I know those at the receiving end are extremely grateful too.

Mise le meas

Fachtna 'Doc' Clandillon *January 7th 2009*



Nagarhope – a History

The concept of Nagarhope began when Doc, a 30 year old Dubliner and Dhurba, a 40 year old Nepali national, met in the small Himalayan village of Nagarkot in the summer of 2006. Both had similar wishes to help the thousands of deprived children in Nepal, both in rural villages and on the streets of Kathmandu, where roughly 1,500 street children currently reside. The many problems that Nepali children face on a daily basis can be attributed to the lack of education they receive. Nepal has a population of 27 million - an estimated 10% (or 2.5 million) are child labourers. Their dream has evolved over the last few years and many children and families have already benefited from the work of Nagarhope on the ground in Nepal. Nagarhope's primary aim is to construct and operate a children's home in Nagarkot, with the aid of local and foreign volunteers, and to provide support to those in need through education and community based programmes.



Sun Rise School

Nagarhope became involved with a small privately-funded school early in 2008. Run by two Newari brothers, Sun Rise offers its students various extra-curricular activities such as music, art, computer training and sport as well as important cultural and health initiatives.

Sun Rise Building

In Spring '08, Nagarhope funded the construction of four classrooms in Sun Rise. In addition new windows were fitted to the whole school and much of the interior of the school was painted and decorated. This new building has increased the capacity of the school to 150 students from 95 the previous year. Nagarhope has also been involved in painting the classroom walls with educational aids such as maps, alphabets, and murals. Many volunteers, teachers, students and passing tourists spent weeks labouring, painting, plastering and fitting to achieve all this.





Sponsorkidz Programme

The four new classrooms built by Nagarhope have accommodated some 50 extra children, 30 of whom now have sponsors in Ireland and elsewhere. For only €10 euro per month, the children will receive a full education with uniform and books, as well as extra items such as warm jumpers for the winter and rain jackets for the four month long monsoon season. Updates and emails are sent to sponsors to let them know exactly how their children are progressing.



Voluntary Teachers

Doc has been teaching in Sun Rise since January 2008 and will continue to do so. Other volunteers have visited and more are due to come this year, mainly to teach English, but also to offer assistance in other fields. A music school was started last year and will continue again in '09, 16 kids in all have been learning beginner's guitar. We hope to have a school band over the next few years.



Community & School Donations

Various clothes, school-bags, shoes and socks have been donated in Sun Rise as well as other schools in the locality to poor village people, both old and young alike. The children send word through the valleys to people whom they know are less fortunate or financially insecure. Many warm winter clothes have been distributed to the needy in this way.



Umbrella

Nagarhope has greatly assisted a large orphanage in Kathmandu called Umbrella by providing volunteers when they were badly needed. Umbrella is an Irish founded INGO (international non-governmental organisation) which currently houses over 300 children, many of whom have been abused, neglected, orphaned, trafficked or sold into slavery. The majority of these children have been rescued from badly run and corrupt NGOs operating under Nepali law. Umbrella also provides much needed legal assistance and advice to Nagarhope from time to time.



Ratpack

Nagarhope has worked with street children in Kathmandu. These children come from various castes and backgrounds and are subjected to horrific forms of abuse and neglect. They sleep rough, availing of shelters on occasion, where they can get a proper meal and a better night's sleep. Their pasts are littered with appalling tales, their presents are days spent sniffing glue, fighting and stealing, and their futures are bleak. Nagarhope hopes to help some of these children in any way possible. In early 2008, Doc managed to get two children, a nine year old girl and a twelve year old boy off the streets and into care.



Past Fundraising Events

Many events since 2006 have been organised in aid of Nagarhope and many people have been involved with the various events.

In brief, 2008 events included: friends of Nagarhope ran the Cork and Dublin marathons; the Lucan Senior Camogie team organised a donation which provided school bags, shoes and socks to over 230 students in a government school in Nagarkot; the Lucan Dramatic Society donated the proceeds of one of their performances; the Lucan & Leixlip Lions clubs donated the proceeds of raffles from their own fundraising events; a very successful coffee morning was held in Athy, Co. Kildare; teachers and school children in various primary schools organised fundraising events; regular proceeds are also donated by Lucan Sarsfields GAA club; on Halloween night, a fancy dress mock wedding attracted a massive crowd to Lucan Sarsfields, vows were exchanged, objections were made, a great night was had by all and a large sum of money was raised – many local businesses / hotels / restaurants donated vouchers on the night also.

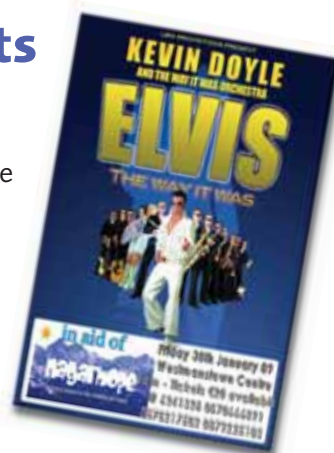


If you would like to run an event in aid of Nagarhope please use the contact details below – the committee members are always willing to help.



Upcoming events

Elvis and 'The Way It Was' Orchestra featuring Kevin Doyle will perform at Westmanstown Sports and Conference Centre, Lucan on Friday the 30th of January 2009.



Tickets are €20 and are available from:
191 Beech Park, Lucan

or by ringing or texting any of the following numbers:

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