



Fondation Ashah Orphanage
Brigitte et Patrick Susse - 1195 Bursinel
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Newsletter December 2008

Dear Donators,

First of all allow us to wish you

A Beautiful New Year 2009

filled with happiness, serenity and first of all a very good health.

For those who were not present during our traditional June lunch, we are very happy to inform you that our Foundation is now placed under the authority of the "Département Fédéral de l'Intérieur" and more specifically the "Service de la Surveillance Fédérale des Fondations" in Berne.

Moreover the accounts of the Swiss Foundation were audited for the first year on December 31st, 2007.

Ashah Orphanage Swiss Foundation concentrated its efforts of the first 2008 semester in the creation of a website, which you can browse on "www.ashah.ch".

As for our activities in Nepal over the past year, these were crowned with success, since the "Children and Social Welfare Department" of the Nepali Government listed us amongst the best orphanages in the country.

Indeed, several orphanages were forced to stop their activity because of negligence and malnutrition, requiring putting the children in transit structures until they could be placed in institutions as serious and recognized as ours.

It is in this context that the Government solicited us to accept an 8-year-old boy, Prem, whom we welcomed with open arms and gave our love to.

The doors of our orphanage also opened for a 5-year-old boy, Ajay as well as for a 12-year-old girl, Meera, who was placed by the SOUP "Society for Urban Poor" association. The number of children under our care is now 19.



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Brigitte Susse went to Nepal twice in 2008, in March and at the beginning of December. The children all passed their March exams and Suman, our eldest, began a business and tourism school which he likes very much.

The health of the children is good. Besides we set up a contract with the doctor in chief of the Kathmandu police, so that he comes to see the children once a month at the orphanage to ensure that they are all well.

As you know, it is our philosophy to favor quality rather than quantity. That's why we jointly decided, with our Nepali and Swiss committees, not to take on additional children in 2009. This decision is motivated by the current general economic difficulties. Indeed, we do not want to risk not being able to face up to our commitments; it would be for our children a second rejection, which is simply not acceptable.

More than ever we count on your precious support to continue sending to school and giving a normal family life to all these children who are sincerely thankful for the chance you're giving them.

With these few lines we join some copies of the letters they gave to Brigitte Susse at the beginning of December during her stay in Kathmandu.

With our deep gratitude for your invaluable support,

Ashah Orphanage
The Committee

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