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Greetings from the ECEC family!

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## *Building Fund Raising*

During the last year the fundraising for our own ECEC building took a lot of time and effort both abroad and locally.

In December 2009 the staff of ECEC organised a fundraising cultural programme, which was a big success.

The large hall in the British school was filled with people enjoying Nepali songs and dances as well as one Dutch item- a clog dance.



*Many events have taken place at ECEC in the last 6 months. It is with grateful hearts that we share all this with you!*

*Sometimes we have had to pinch ourselves: did all these things really happen?*

## *25 years in Nepal*

In January 2010 managing Director Reiny de Wit celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in Nepal. With all the ECEC colleagues and some close friends, we surprised Reiny with a party on the roof of her house. After that she rode to the office on the back of an elephant.



Just recently while at home in the Netherlands Reiny received a royal decoration for all the work she has done in Nepal in the past 25 years. Congratulations, We're all very proud of her!



## *Graduation 1 year students*

In February 2010 the graduation ceremony of the first group of students of the 1 year course for preschool teachers was another mile-stone in the life of ECEC.

In 2005 the ideas of a longer, more in depth course for preschool teachers had been described in ECEC's 5 year plan, but seeing it realised was a dream come true.

The cooperation with our partners in this course- Kathmandu-University (KU) and a Norwegian teacher trainings college (NLA)- has been an added blessing for ECEC.



In March a new intake of 14 people started this course. The introductory week was kicked off with a 'shadowplay project' led by visiting NLA teacher Ruth.

## *Opening ECEC Building*

March 2010 marked another historic event: the opening of our new, very own ECEC building.

Another dream come true!

Within the planned period of 1 year and within the planned budget the building has been completed under the able coordination of a good contractor, design engineer and advisor. When the new building was started ECEC did not have sufficient finance for completing the work and not everybody was happy with us starting. But the sense of it being the God-given time was strong and has proven to be right!



Many individuals and organizations have responded to the fundraising campaign. If 600 people pay 1 square meter of Euro 300 (US\$400) each, the building will be paid for. We are still looking for funds for 130 more square meters.

## *Out in the field*

In between those highlights we have continued to be very involved with our core business: all kinds of activities to improve early childhood education in Nepal.

Many trainings were conducted, in our own building, but increasingly out in the field as well.

We have contracts with donors which give us the opportunity to serve preschool settings that cannot pay for the training and services themselves.



## *Radio programme*

Our weekly programme on the popular Kantipur fm sender is a very good opportunity to spread the word on how to take care of small children. In this way we reach parents, grandparents, teachers and family members of small children all over the country. We are able to inform them about all kinds of issues concerning the healthy development of the little ones.



The past 6 months have been special in many ways.

At the centre of all of ECEC activities and accomplishments, be they great or small, has been our stated mission: to give the children of Nepal our best so that they can reach their God-given potential.

We thank our God who is good and whose love never ends for His presence with us and the blessings He has bestowed on ECEC.

We are very thankful for you, our fellow workers in this ministry.

### **Scholarship**

Many teachers take the Step 1 course (160 hours), which gives them good basic knowledge and at the same time job opportunity as well. However, many are too poor to pay for it. We have started a scholarship fund. We are looking for sponsors. You can help one teacher for Euro 150 per person. Think of the preschoolers who will get much more child-friendly teaching.

### **Pressing NEED**

We are very much in need of a well trained ECD (pre primary school) teacher with experience to help our trainers in the practical part of the training. We would prefer someone who could come for 5 months or long term (2 to 3 years).

We also need an accountant with experience who knows how to manage finances and to train Nepali colleagues on the job. We are hoping for someone who can commit him or herself for 2 years or longer.

If you know anyone, please, pass on the message. Thank you.

Warm greeting from the ECEC team plus expatriates ,  
(Reiny de Wit, Riitta Leena Voutilainen, Rianne Binnenmars, Josien Los and Veronica Gundersun)