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What else would you be doing on a Thursday Afternoon? (Second Day)

The next day we started off early to go shopping for items that the girls wanted as presents. They included Umbrellas for going to school during the rainy season, towels and water bottles for school and clothes airers for their washing.

After traveling around getting all these we headed back to to Ladani to meet the girls after school to go to the Cinema. We went to see a Sri Lankan film called Mirror of Life in English. It was a lovely afternoon where we chatted and had great fun with all the girls.



Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter '17 Asia Trip November 2017

We have just returned from our Asia trip at the end of November, as always a bit tired but rejuvenated to carry on the work of TOUCH Ireland.

Visiting all our projects is the manifestation of all our members and supporters hard work throughout the year. It is only by all our efforts here at home that we can help all the children at the now many projects throughout the world.

As always to ensure all your donations go to help the children we travel at our own expense.

We know that everyone can't afford or even want to travel to see the projects. But with this in mind we hope that you can be part of our trip through this report. I hope you enjoy all the photos and get a sense of the enjoyment we had at meeting all the children that you are helping through your support.

Seamus & Pauline

Ladani Visit - Sri Lanka

The first day of our trip in Sri Lanka we met all our friends again in Ladani Home Kateruniya, Sri Lanka. It was lovely to see them all and we had a lovely afternoon exchanging gifts and stories. We looked forward to meeting them again the next day.



They were so excited with all the presents and we really felt very close to them all and part of their family. Here we share our experience.

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TOUCH Ghar Kathmandu

A visit to The Aviation Museum

On Saturday morning we headed off to meet the children from TOUCH Ghar.

The children had asked to go to The Aviation Museum as a day out and so we met Ram, Shova and all the children there. It was a very impressive tour of a Turkish Airline Boeing 737 that crashed some years ago and has been turned into a Museum. The children really enjoyed it as they had never been inside an airplane before.

Before moving on for lunch we gave the children some gifts we had carried out from home.



We had lunch in Patan with Mo, Mo's, Chips and all sorts of delights.

After lunch we went to the Cinema to see a Nepali movie, a comedy and all the children enjoyed it, they were nearly crying with laughter. We had Popcorn and drinks during the intermission so we were well and truly full after the day. It was with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye for another year as the children boarded the bus to go back to their home, but as always we have lovely memories and pictures to remind us of our time with them.

TOUCH House:

On Tuesday 21st we headed off to Godwari to visit Anil, Tara and all the children.

As always we were given a warm welcome by all with Marigolds and smiles. Following the giving of presents we were entertained by the many talented children with songs and dance.

We then all sat down for a beautiful lunch in true Nepalese style.



Kanti Hospital Kathmandu



Seamus with Birendra Dawadi and Arun Kunwar on the site for the new Khanti Children's Mental Health Facility. The Planned commencement date of building is February 2018.

On Wednesday we headed off early to meet the children to go to the Cinema. We watched a Nepali film munching more popcorn and more drinks and everyone enjoyed it.

Our next stop was to go to a restaurant for some Mo Mo's. The restaurant we went to had a variety of Mo Mo's and the children were so excited about tasting the different types. They were so good and plentiful the day has been christened 'International Mo Mo day' by the children.

Alkatar Village Water Project

A Warm Touch from TOUCH Ireland'

On Tuesday morning at 4.00am we started our journey from Kathmandu with our Nepalese friends Birendra from Kathmandu and Bishnu from Alkatar to travel to Alkatar in the Gorkha region of Nepal. Alkatar is where the water project was installed last year for people living in the hills funded by Shiva Gautam and the 'Help Nepal Rise Again' funds through TOUCH Ireland. This year we had bought warm blankets to distribute for the cold weather for the families in the village.

The trip was exciting and difficult as at times the road seemed to disappear in different areas. We arrived in Alkatar after a 7 hour drive and then climbed into the hills carrying the blankets.

We were welcomed by Bishnu's family with garlands of marigolds and Tikka's. All the villagers were there to welcome us also and we gave gifts of cuddly toys, jewelry, and pens and pencils to the children and Mothers that had so kindly been given to us from our friends in Ireland.



We distributed the blankets and then had some Nepali tea and chatted with the Women and Men of the village. We felt honoured and humbled by our time spent in Alkatar with everyone and once again it was great to feel part of the local Nepalese culture.



Jalbire Child Sponsorship

'Happiness in the Mountains'

On a Monday morning at 5.30am we headed off to Jalbire to meet the children on the Child Sponsorship. We arranged to meet the children at a resort in Jalbire to give them a day out. We arrived at 10.30am and the children came at 11am full of excitement. They had never been to anything like this resort before and were both shy and excited. They were also amazed to see a swimming pool for the first time.

After lunch the children were given their presents and more drinks and sweets. We played games again teaching them some new ones. It was a really lovely day and it was the first time we felt we got to know the children better. This was only our 2nd time to meet the children since the earthquake and we could really see the benefit and the difference to the children from TOUCH Ireland's support through the Child Sponsorship. We look forward to seeing all the children again next year.



They had fun playing on the slides, swings and football. Also having drinks, before sitting down to a slap up meal.



Education in Nepal

In TOUCH House we have 17 people in Education, Primary, Secondary and College



**Anisha
Hira
Jamuna
Kabita
Karina
Neha
Nissu
Preetam
Rakesh
Rita
Sajar
Sundar
Sushma
Sushmita**

TOUCH Ireland is Sponsoring the following children from Grade 1 through to Grade 10



TOUCH House

Esther Shavyata Sonu

Undergoing Grades 10 Plus 2



TOUCH House

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**TOUCH Ghar
Education Sponsorship Scheme
TOUCH Ireland is Sponsoring the following children from Grade 1 through to Grade 10**



TOUCH Ghar

Kaju Saida

Undergoing Grades 10 Plus 2



TOUCH Ghar

Undergoing College Courses

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Jalbire, Nepal 20 Children in primary school

In Ladani in Sri Lanka 50 young girls in primary and secondary



Ladani Institute

Here we are Educating 50 young girls through our Child Sponsorship Scheme



Jalbire Education

Here we are Educating 20 children through our Child Sponsorship Scheme



Goodwill Ambassador

In Total TOUCH Ireland is Sponsoring Education for 104 Children in Sri Lanka and Nepal

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We are delighted to welcome Jim Gavin (Dublin Manager) on board with TOUCH Ireland Jim has a special interest in Education