

HOPE DISABILITY CENTRE

Uplifting disabled & disadvantaged people of Nepal

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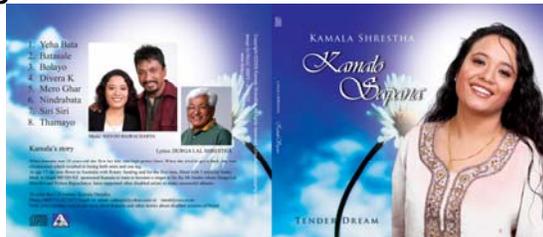
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NEWSLETTER

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Maybe we can best highlight our programmes by showing you some of the life-changing stories of our members?



NEPAL

Kamala..triple amputee

The printing of the first 1000 CDs will be completed soon and Kamala's first album launched. Taking 4 years to produce may have been a blessing in disguise as Kamala's voice has steadily improved and matured with her growth as a singer from an amateur 4 years ago.

From the price of **\$15(NZ) per CD** (\$10 US, 10 euros) **33%** of all sales of Kamala's album will support another disabled musician through leading Nepali composer Nhyoo Bajracharya.

By being the album's distributors we will gain most of the profits to best utilize ourselves and avoid a local record company controlling all sales and small royalties!

If you have any contacts in the US or Europe of Nepalis or organisations /distributors who can help with sales please let us know.

Updates about Kamala's CD sales, reviews and TV stories and a sample song are on www.mendnz.com

Field visits



Here Hope staff take a local jeep on field trip in this remote district near Pokhara & Annapurna.

A new vehicle looks old after 2 years use with axles often breaking from loads of 16-20 people plus goods as the jeeps drive along riverbeds and up steep tracks

Building our new rehabilitation centre:

Sami has very low vision and is not going to the local government school now as he cannot see the blackboard even with powerful glasses. In Nepal special needs are not priority in schools and so his teachers make no attempt to help him challenge his disability.



So we plan to have a special needs' school for sight and hearing impaired kids.

Construction



Traditional stone, wood and slate roof houses in Nepali villages use no concrete or steel and cost only \$4000 to build with two stories.



Hope Centre is now being built using pillar construction and concrete to be earthquake proof.



Follow-up:

Dan went to Kathmandu 2 years ago to have both feet surgically corrected for club feet and we wanted to make sure he had good shoes so there was no added infection and to keep his feet shaped well for walking.

As he is from a poor family we supply his shoes each year.

Medical misadventure: This boy fell and broke his arm which was then set in plaster



which apparently was too tight resulting in infection. The mother left matters too long and when she eventually went to India for treatment he had to have his arm removed.

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The staff at Hope Centre invite you to come and visit us!

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