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## A page from the Family Album

Happy Nepali Mothers Day!

I woke up on Mothers Day with 19 children all wishing me a Happy Mothers Day, and it was indeed a happy one. It was a surprising one, too, because by the end of the day there were two additional children in my care!



*Ashmita, 3 1/2, and Asika, 2, with their mother Sita.*

Sita was a destitute mother of three, living in a distant village with her disabled husband. Last month she came to our home - House with a Heart - and begged me to take her children into my care. She told me she was too poor to feed them and would never be able to educate them. The family lived in a converted cow shed, and her husband was unable to work after being severely burned eight years ago. Most of the children in my care are abandoned, a few are complete orphans, but I have never been given children by a mother who obviously loved them and wanted the best for them.

When I agreed to take them, I saw no joy on her face, and I felt no joy in my heart. I wish there was an alternative, but she was adamant about giving them to me and giving them a chance. I could not deny her.



*We conducted an earthquake drill in collaboration with a neighboring children's home that included erecting these tents and sleeping in them.*

The children were happy enough and distracted during the day - but I admit, it was hard and heartbreaking to hear their cries for their mother as we put them to sleep. Let's hope for their sake they settle in soon. Asika is 2 and Ashmita is 3 1/2.

We welcome both girls into our happy home, bringing the total number of children under our care to 21.

Best wishes, Beverly

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*This is the latest photo of the House with a Heart family taken on a beautiful spring day in our garden. The older children are playing an important part in welcoming and assimilating the newer, younger members of the family.*

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