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Earthquake Update / Relief Benefit Reminder

MAY 13, 2015

A Message from Beverly

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Two days ago the children and staff at House with Heart moved out of the tents they had been living in since April 25 and moved back into the house. Ferocious winds and violent storms had damaged the tents causing them to leak, and the children were coughing and miserable in the wet bedding.

Early yesterday there was another 7.4 earthquake. Everyone was on the second floor at the time. Our manager Rajina reports that she saw the whole house shaking. Kids were screaming and running. "Don't run. Don't scream," she shouted. All of the kids picked up pillows to cover their heads and after thirty seconds, everyone ran out to safety and back to the leaky tent. Samistha Auntie was outside and saw the house shaking, convinced that it would fall down. Miraculously it didn't. Time will tell if it withstands more aftershocks.

Once again we are lucky to be safe. We are so grateful to the people who have reached out and donated. All of the donations will go towards House with Heart's recovery and our work reaching out into the community, where the lives of so many families have been devastated.

Our facility will require a combination of rebuilding, repairs and significant retrofitting to make it habitable and safe. Our work in the community has begun with emergency assistance to our neighbors, community organizations, and some villages. It will continue with long term plans to help organizations and institutions serving large numbers of children and women rebuild their programs and buildings.

I will be returning to Nepal in a few weeks, and I look forward to being with the children and welcoming new members into our family. We have plans for two sisters aged 9 and 11 who lost their families in the earthquake, to move in with us after they recover from injuries. Others are sure to follow.

If you live in the New York City area, please attend our Spring Party & Earthquake Relief Benefit on Saturday, May 16, at Tibet House. This will be an upbeat night to raise funds for our recovery with food, music & dancing. If you can't attend, please consider donating.



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