



The Nagajuna School

The Nagajuna School provides a rare opportunity for children, not just an education but love, safety and a home. The children are mostly orphans but all are impoverished. The school is based in Pokhara, Nepal. Most children are from Tibetan culture but we never turn away an child in need. Today we support over 120 children, aged 4 to 15.



The History

Sangay Lama, Yeshi to his friends, is the Head teacher. His parents were Tibetan refugees who fled Tibet. Yeshi studied at Drepung Loseling Monastic University in India, where he became a Buddhist monk. In October 1998 he made a pilgrimage to Muktinath. He met a great variety of very poor people, They told him that the orphans in their community were expected to work as sheep herders, leading a lonely and deprived life and that there were no schools. Yeshi decided that with the help of his wife, his friends and his own savings to set up a small school to provide education, shelter and clothing for the children who were in such dire need.



On 4th September 1999 he opened the School with 10 kids. Since then each summer Yeshi walks for 20 days through the Himalayan Mountains around the Nepal-Tibetan Border, visiting the villages. In consultation with the village chiefs, he takes needy children who then walk back through the mountains.

In 2004 a group from the UK set up **The Nagajuna Trust**, which aims to raise money to support the school. Now a registered charity, number 1107878, The Nagajuna Trust allows funds to be collected in the UK and sent to Nepal.

The Current Challenge – Build a new school: **We need to raise £100,000!**

The landlord of the previous residence has sold it and we were forced to leave at the end of December 2008. The staff have been desperately looking for anywhere suitable in Pokhara to rent, but to no avail. Pokhara is densely populated and land is at a premium as it's sandwiched between mountains and a lake. Our only option, if we don't want the school to close permanently, is to build a new school. This would also give the added benefit of being able to build 'fit for purpose' and give the ability to support more desperately needy children. We need to raise £100,000, and we need your help.



How to help

There are several ways in which we can share our own good fortune to help this worthwhile project:

1. **Donate online – UK or overseas** www.justgiving.com/nagajunatrust/donate
2. **Donate in person or with internet banking to**
Bank: **Cooperative Bank**
Account Name: **Nagajuna Trust**
Sort code: **08-92-99**
Account number: **65138467**
3. **Make out a cheque, payable to "The Nagajuna Trust" and send to PMI, Villiers Court, Meriden Business Park, Birmingham Road, Meriden, CV5 9RN**

How to get in touch

For further information please try one of the following media:

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