

Photos and emails from the recent visitors to Hopeful Home Orphanage and HEC:

Hi Mark,

The last few days were amazing. Thamku was so beautiful and putting the library was such a cool experience to see through. Staying with the sherpas was so fun and different. The whole trip was amazing. Did they send you pictures yet? I will if not. The earthship is so nice and they are making so much progress on Wall! They are working hard. I'll send photos if you haven't got any!

Thanks again,  
Delaney

Hello Mark,

I hope you are doing well! I've been meaning to write you an email saying how much fun we are having and also to tell you how grateful I am with you. This trip as you probably already know, has changed my life for the better so much and I can already feel it. I can see now why you told us that we would come back different.. It's been amazing to be able to see the real Nepali life and culture. I personally have to say that I've completely fell in love with this country and I think that a big part of it was because of Sunita. She is just the absolute best with the biggest heart and smile. I don't want to leave her. Going to Thamku and the other villages was an incredible experience that I will never forget. It definitely wasn't very easy but I know how big of a positive impact it will make on us. It was also great watching the whole process of the library, made us very happy! Thank you so much Mark for everything. Paloma.

Right now I am sitting at the Himalayan Education Center (the earthship we heard about at fundraiser). It is beautiful here, very green. There have been workers building a restraining Wall since we arrived, they work hard all day. There is a bunch of progress being made everyday.

I arrived in Kathmandu on the 2nd of July and spent five days there before catching a plane to Tumlingtar and meeting Sunita.

In Kathmandu I spent time exploring with the guidance of Dinesh (a friend of Ten Friends), we went to the Monkey Temple and were able to spend the night at the Hopeful Home Orphanage outside of Bhaktapur. We also bought the books for the library we walked to put in this last week.

I was able to walk to visit Sekaha where the library I raised money for is located. It was an amazing day, it was truly incredible seeing that the work we have done in Bend as had such an impact. They were so appreciative of the funds we have helped to supply.

The new library is going in Thamku, it was a two day walk up and two days down, we just got back to the earthship yesterday. The walk was very uphill and very beautiful! The people were so appreciative. It was an amazing experience. Sunita is the absolute best, what an amazing soul. Thanks for all that you do Mark and Ten Friends, it sure is amazing over here.

Thank you,

Delaney



The newly completed retaining wall secures the HEC Earthship during the rainy season.



The newly leased land for the HEC. It has beautiful terraces, opportunities for growing their own food and for teaching the girls, and others, about sustainable/organic farming.



The new greenhouse on the leased land.



Sunita, Delaney, Jane and Paloma at their new library in Thamku, Nepal.



Delaney, Jane and Paloma helping out at the Himalayan Education Center.