

dear ms. schute, ms. engelbertz and mr. pretzlaff:

hallo. namaste.

i hope 2021 is off to a good start for you albeit the circumstances pandemic wise. let's hope for the best as things inevitably get better with the vaccines out now.

i received a very nice email from the kolhofs about 10 days ago in which they explained how the teachers and students at bgb held an online christmas market and were able to raise about 2,800 euros for hoste hainse. this is how i responded to the kolhofs when i received that email:

"wow wow wow. what a great way to start 2021! :)"

i would like to say the same to you and reiterate -- what a great way to start 2021! thank you so much! it's bits and pieces of news like this that make a huge difference.

there are many needs at our schools in sarlahi, both infrastructural as well as operational. there is always so much to do, but we never give up. we continue to work on it little by little. and when we get support like this, it pushes us even more in the right direction. one such need that we were eyeing to start in the upcoming academic year is the onset of grade 8 at our school in padariya (that school ends at grade 7). and this year the students there have personally asked for their studies not to end. with so many other areas that we need funding for, we were not sure whether we could do it, as the next academic year starts in april 2021 and that is less than 3 months away. but now we can safely tell the students that they will have a grade 8 to go to thanks to the support of bgb! :)

for april 2022 and beyond we will continue to do fundraising so that we can continue grade 8 at padariya for years to come (feel free to continue to support us, but no pressure; no obligation). but for april 2021 we will use your seed funding. thank you so much!

just for clarity, here is the current state of grades at the 4 schools that we operate in sarlahi:

the hoste hainse dhangada school, dhangada, sarlahi: early childhood up to grade 10.

the hoste hainse sahodwa school, sahodwa, sarlahi: early childhood up to grade 8.

the hoste hainse padariya school, padariya, sarlahi: early childhood up to grade 7.

the hoste hainse shreepur school, shreepur, sarlahi: early childhood up to grade 5.

ultimately we want all schools to go to grade 12, but this will take time and money. but one day we will get there, thanks to supporters like you.

we have also been doing a lot of local (inside nepal) fundraising. here is one example that is happening right now: we're hosting a contemporary art exhibition in our compound in kathmandu right now and 10% of all proceeds go to hoste hainse:

2021-01-17-31 Contemporary Art Of Nepal.jpg

(see attached image)

we have never done this before, but trying new things in strange times. semi outdoors and with full social distancing. here is a news article about it:

<https://www.nepalnow.blog/contemporary-art-of-nepal-exhibit-at-bhanimandal/>

there is so much more to say, but i will keep it short here in this email. maybe i can subscribe you to our newsletter so that when it starts sometime in 2021 you will receive one email per month with a

few updates on what we're up to at hoste hainse.

also, maybe we can do a skype conversation the next time we're in sarlahi? the students at bgb can interact with the students at sarlahi? we can try... end of february or the beginning of march?

thank you so much, once again! best wishes to all students and teachers at bgb! :)

regards,
krishna