



Dear supporters and friends of the Medical Center School in Jharkot,

Dear pupils, parents and teachers at the Musisches Gymnasium,

Today all the media are full with reports about the horrible earthquake in Nepal – no need here for pictures, then. And what is there to say besides: Let us help where we can. Maybe you also want to know about our little friends in the project and their caretakers. Meanwhile we've got notice about most of them.

And we're a little relieved: In Jharkot THEY ARE ALL OK!

In the late morning the unsettling reports about the quake in Nepal, and some big worries, because – even if this is a bit selfish – such catastrophes feel different if there are people you care for who might be greatly affected. Thanks to modern communication means we're already kind of relieved: As far as we know the worst has not happened to "our" people...

Which information could we get until now?

Mohan's sister, who lives in USA via facebook:

I talked to a Mohan after the earthquake. He is in Pokhara. He did not have much info as he was not able to get in touch with the teachers/students in Jharkot yet. Will update you when I hear from him.

Leonie, currently volunteering in Jharkot, via telephone to her mum:

The children took it surprisingly well: "The earth is dancing" they said and tried to dance with it... Some buildings slightly damaged, but nobody injured. Because of expected aftershocks everybody will have to sleep outside. It is cold! They'll have campfires and as much mattresses and blankets they can gather... Thank you Leonie, for your information. No news from our Kathmadu students until now, though.

Amchi Ngawang wrote via facebook:

Hello, Christina we are all fine here in Jharkot. And today is still dangerous here people said again earthquake will come at 12 am so we are still awake. Leonie she is fine. Here network is working not well...

Mohan via email:

The students and staff at Jharkot are all fine but it took everyone's breath away. There has only been some minor cracks at the Jharkot school. Finally after several hours got connected with our girls in Kathmandu, they too are safe. But no contact with the medical students. The result of the earthquake is really horrible, especially in Kathmandu, Ghirlandaio and a few other towns. I plan to go to Kathmandu to pay the tuition fees and rent; let's see the situation.

Emil Müller, ex-volunteer, via email:

In the meantime I got notice from Miss Dolkar that they are all ok in Jharkot! And one of my friends, who lives in the same house with Sonam Wangdu and Ngawang Tsering (2 of our ex-students now at Tsering Art School in KTM) says that they're not injured and the house is not damaged. Good news so far.

So we still need notice about the Sorig Bumshe students (Karma, Ngawang Thupten, Ngawang Tsering, Tsering Lhamo and Dolm) and about Tsering Pemba and Ngawang Gyamtso.

We hope to get the all-clear soon!

The worst has not happened – we'll see which consequences will arise from this occurrence.

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