



# Trips with a Mission

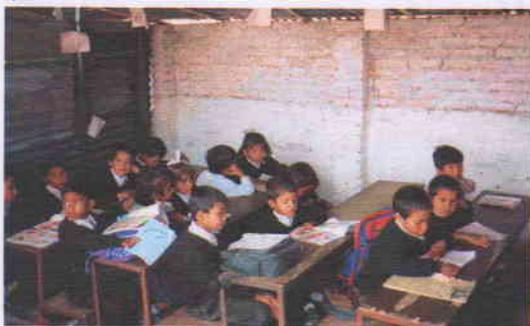
## Helping the Least of These



**FROM THE FRONT LINES**

**May 2004**

### Unless the Lord Build the House . . .



St. Devi's Academy - 1997

St. Devi's Academy began in a 3-sided shed, constructed with a brick wall in the back and corrugated tin as the 2 side walls and roof. The front of the small building was open to the elements. Devi, the principal and founder of the school, told us an American 'horse house' was nicer than her school. That is no longer true! In February 1999, a volunteer team traveled to Nepal to construct a two story block building with a school on the first floor and the Least of These Children's

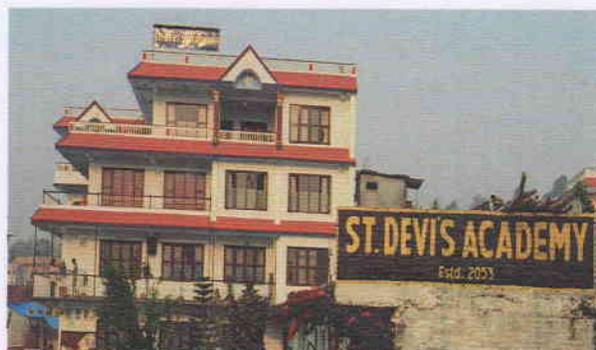


April 1999

Home on the second floor. The home provides a loving, Christian environment to the neediest of the needy. The school grew rapidly as 50, then 100 and finally, in April 2004, 300 children enrolled as day students! As enrollment increased a wing with 5 rooms was added and the main building slowly grew taller. Raising money was on-going but the Lord blessed by touching the hearts of many people who generously donated. The blessings continued! The LOT Children's Home opened it's doors and heart to the most destitute children and those at greatest risk. This large family has grown to about 60 children. Though Nepal has had more than it's share of political upheaval, these children are sheltered, nurtured and educated within the compound walls. To all those people who have given to this most noble project, we are extremely grateful!! "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it" Psalms 127:1



April 2004 - View from inside the walls and from outside the walls



We need 6 more bunk beds at Devi's. Each bunk costs \$90. Bedding for both beds, including a cotton mattress, sheets & blankets costs \$60.



## Thank You

**Special Thanks to  
our New  
Sponsors!!**

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**Many Thanks to  
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clothing and books  
for the new Ghana  
project!!

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time and talent  
to make  
architectural  
drawings for the  
new children's  
home and school  
in Ghana, West  
Africa!!!

**Thanks to Nancy  
Custis for making  
a donation in  
honor of her  
birthday!**

## St. Devi's Academy - continued

The changes in the building at St. Devi's is evident but what about the children? At first, many of the children were withdrawn, unruly and crude. It is amazing to see how love and patience has transformed them into confident, well-adjusted children! They are learning leadership skills, responsibility, and Christian ethics. Their academics include quality education and study hall every morning and afternoon. They are developing into honest, hardworking, productive citizens.

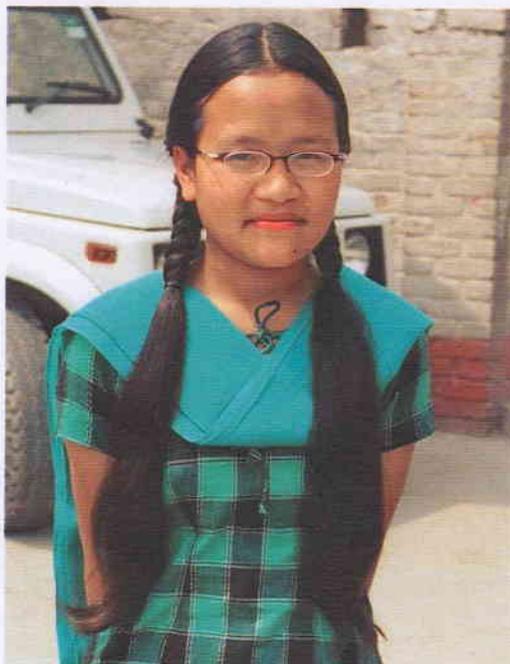


A few weeks ago Geeta cried as she told us about her sister being sold into prostitution. She said, "I don't know where she is, probably in a brothel in Bombay." Geeta knows she was saved from the same fate.



Photo Left:  
Geeta Basnet  
2004

Photo Right:  
Geeta 1999



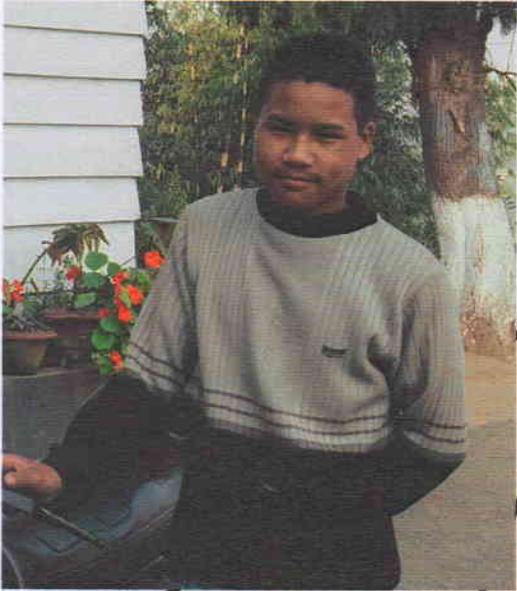
When you ask Rebecca about her love for the Lord, her face lights up! She has one more year of high school before she begins nurses training. Rebecca wants to be a missionary to Ghana.



Photo Left:  
Rebecca  
Buda Magar  
2004

Photo Right:  
Rebecca  
1998

## The Least of These Children's Home - Relli, N. India



I am Peter Nongtudu student of LOT Mission School would like to send greetings and best wishes to you. I am really glad to share that I am privilege to study in this school as boarding student. My principal and teachers in this school are very good. They love and take good care of us. I have many good friend.

I am from poor family and my father expired when I was a small baby boy. My old mother is sickly and she is always getting sick but I am thankful to you helping me to study and building my career.

I am happy to share that I have taken baptism during last month. I love Jesus who gave His dear life for us. Really God willing I will try to be servant for Him. Thank you for your friendship kind help. Your loving son,  
Peter Nongtudu

Peter Nongtudu, pictured above, found refuge at the LOT Children's Home in India, after his stepfather tried to murder him. He is safe at our home and school. The letter above was written by Peter, to his sponsor.

**We need a sponsor for 5 year old Sumitra** so she can live at the Least of These Children's Home in Relli, India and attend the LOT Mission School. Her father died three years ago. Her mother, Jaimati, had breast cancer but could not afford treatment. Five months ago some nuns in Siligiri took Jaimati to a hospital where she had a mastectomy. She worked in the fields prior to her illness but no longer has the strength to work. She continues to have chest pain. Jaimati sustains herself by eating wheat and corn she had previously saved.

