My young friends in Nepal need a new home

Can you help the charity who takes care of these children build it?



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The two adjoining properties they currently occupy in the centre of Kathmandu are rented, in very poor condition & due to be demolished. These properties are in a low lying area so the drains do not work. In the monsoon the yards fill with waste water!

The children's home is run by a NGO non-profit making charity that was set up in 1999 by a group of Nepalese businessmen. It takes care of 40-50 children aged birth to 16 years who are orphaned, abandoned or displaced



1st building at Naxal Offices & boys quarters







2nd building at Naxal Kitchen & dining and infant & girls rooms



Kitchen/ Cooking room



Kitchen/Washing up room

The facilities in these buildings are very poor



Boy's dorm 11'x11' - 4 bunk beds



Boy's bathroom-blocked bath waste!



Girl's dorm- blue plastic on ceiling



Shower room next to office Girl's use this as there is no bathroom in their building

I have volunteered at OCCED Nepal Children's Home at Naxal three times. The first time was in 2008 through <u>http://www.travel-peopleandplaces.co.uk/</u>, and returned in 2010 & 2011, each time seeing the worsening state of the living conditions despite the efforts of the organisation & volunteers who have given time & money to decorate & refurbish as best they can.

In spite of the poor accommodation these children are happy, loved, well cared for & receive a good education. They are a huge family who call each other brother & sister. The young women who are live in carers are called didi's [big sister], the man who is guard/caretaker is di [big brother], they tell me that I am one of the OCCED family & ask "Will you come again next year?" and my answer is "YES"

Their new home will be built in the local style with:







Concrete pillars and bricks made in the traditional way from local clay at the many brick factories in the Kathmandu Valley

It will have a flat roof and look similar to this building [which is a school at nearby Bhattidanda, near Dhulikhel, that was built with the help of the Saga Charitable Trust]



OCCED has already raised £25,000 to buy to buy some of the land needed for the building & Saga Charitable Trust donated a further £15,000 for the remainder of the land.

 That was raised on: http://www.justgiving.com/Saga

 Also visit:
 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzGJVsjeQwo_- an appeal by OCCED

 OCCED/Nepal Land and Building Project
 - for updates on progress

 Occed Nepal
 - facebook page with info & pictures

The land which has been purchased is outside the centre of Kathmandu on a hill with views of the surrounding mountains & Kathmandu Valley



The field was planted with wheat when I visited & there were snow-capped peaks In the haze [just visible on photo] I could taste the fresh air! This is a wonderful place to live and there is a good school only a short walk away



Pollution is a major problem in Kathmandu & some of the children have asthma.

So I am asking you-Please send a donation to help build their new home By going to this link: <u>www.justgiving.com/OCCEDNepalBuildingProject</u>

All money will be donated through Saga Charitable Trust who are able to add Gift Aid, if applicable and transfer it into the OCCED Building Fund bank account.



These bricks cost 10p each... How many will your donation buy?

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