

To: All
From: Rita/Meera
Date: 31 March, 2017
Subject: Aanandi 3 Update - 13

Building Work As It Moves:

Minor finishing work remains. But mostly the A3 is finished for use of our guests. Connectivity to Tewa is through 3 sets of stairs that connects A3 to the terrace, first floor and the ground floor for there is no motorable road connecting A3. The common room and 11 well appointed rooms not unlike others in A1 & A2 are ready and furnished. We have also managed to plant bamboos, a few floral trees, and plant the vegetable garden in front of the A3.

Soft Opening: A3:

The soft opening took place on the 5th March. Juliet Huntly & Michael Cooke, with the Chair of our Board, Nirmala KC lighted lamps for the opening. Our staff and a few others gathered and a celebration with sweets and wine took place. Later the celebratory environment was extended as we joined in with a cultural troop led by Salil Subedi who were performing for



Juliet/Michael and their group. Everyone who stayed back enjoyed the show very much!

Tewa Bought A Small Piece of Adjoining Land!:

Some work on building the walls and a rainwater-harvesting tank has begun on the new land that needs to be annexed to Aanandi 3.

Funding for Aanandi 3:

This month we learned that Patricia Cooper has made a gift of US 1000 for A3 and it is coming to us via the GFW (this will take time). Han/Marleen send us an additional US 5000 besides making a pledge of US 6000! Lee/Penny confirmed the sending of US 1000 from their foundation. Besides this, at the soft opening of Tewa, Juliet Huntley & Michael Cook gifted the A3, US 2500 collected from themselves and their friends!

Local Fundraising:

Our local fundraising has been weak these past months. So the committee met towards the end of this month. Members have each taken on personal responsibilities

regarding some follow-ups. I am personally feeling like I have reached a saturation point and want to take it easy for a while. I will rely on our colleagues at Tewa for a while. We received a gift of Rs. 100,000 from Pratima Thapa once more on our soft opening day – which was indicative of good luck and bountifulness.



Dedicated Funds for the Building of Aanandi3			
As of March 2017			
International Donors	Pledges in US	Received in US	Expenditures US\$
	\$	\$	
Michael Cooke & Juliet Huntley with friends		1,000+2,500	Cement, iron rods, bricks, labour for the boundary walls, guardroom/Aandkuti, and the Aanandi 3 structural work so far.
Marta Drury		1,000 (sent for SC)	
Herr Karl Mueller Und Regina Mueller		982.50+982.50 (sent for SC)	

Anonymous		5,000	<p>Payments for Furniture, Mattress, Quilts, Solar water heater, were additionally paid this month.</p> <p>New work is yet to be compensated for, but the construction company is not yet complaining ☺</p> <p>Although we gave them 10,000 dollars this month, we continue to pay less than half of the incurred costs to the construction company.</p>
Louise Davis		25,000	
Gaea Foundation		10,000+10,000	
Tewa Tea		3,809.52	
Barbara Ras		100	
Flora Foundation		10,000	
Anonymous		5,000	
Anonymous		25,000	
Martha Easter-Wells		935	
Marji Greenhut	1,000		
Lynne Brennan's Nepal House Sale		2,110.64	
Tides Foundation		5,000	
Lee & Penny	1,000		
Cindy Ewing	1,000		
Women with Wings via Susanne Jalbert	5,000		
Susanne Jalbert with Barbara	1,000		
Han & Marleen	6,000	4,000+5,000	
Jenny Hodgson		2,584	
Anonymous		15,000	
Prof. Kathleen McCarthy		60	
Total from Int'l donors	15,000	135,064.16	
Nepali Donors	Pledges in US \$	Received in US \$	
New Progressive Designer		703.57+118	
Rita Thapa		9,523.81	
Dr. Bhawani & Renata Narsigh Rana		9,523.81	
Deepak Dewan	2,466.67	390.48	
Dr. Suman & Riva Thapa	1,904.76	952.38	
Maggie Shah	4,762.00	4,762.00	
Urmila & Sashi Raj Pandey		9,523.81	
Meera Jyoti	4,762.00	1,904.76	
Sharada Bhattarai		952.38	
Sadhana Shrestha		952.38	
Chhetey Gurung		285.71	
Usha & Jitendra Basnyat		476.19	

Pratima Thapa		952.38+952.38	
Total from Nepali donors	13,895.43	41,974.04	
TC saving from 2015		12,000	
Grand total	28,895.43	1,89,013.20	137,714.85

Conclusions:

This month came with miracles, small disappointments, and some hurdles (e.g. temporary shortage of fuel), and political picketing. Above all, the untimely death of an outstanding HTG volunteer Rina Rai, and grantee Sonia in a road accident, threw us all into sadness and gloom.

Regarding A3, all the rooms are ready and we are lucky to have a small common room in this facility. We invited the not for profit Leher Srijana Foundation to design our furniture from natural materials. It is lucky we already have had occupancy of 5 rooms in A3 – and thus we were better prepared for our soft opening on the 5th of March!

We have met our target for the construction – thank you all for all your generous help in making the A3 a reality! Of course some pending bills still remain! But we will keep doing our best until the formal opening in September 2017!