

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTRE PVT LTD

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*Let each child reach its potential.*

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## Monsoon adventures (Sept. 2010)

*Another six months have gone by. Life at ECEC is always full of activities. Many children are enjoying going to school now because the school management and teachers had the courage to move away from drilling and book oriented education to a more practical approach.*

### Government Schools in the districts

While working in the districts our ECEC trainers come across many situations. This pre-school has the flamboyant name: 'New Nepal'



On the photo below Ramesh, one of the trainers assesses another school named 'Greenery'.



The teachers working in these schools get very little materials to be able to give appropriate education to the small children. There is certainly a need for broader competences to give classes at those schools.

In September we had terrible rainfalls. It was the end of the monsoon. It rained day and night. A team of 3 ECEC trainers had to go to Jumla, a remote place up in the northwest to conduct training. The rains caused lots of traveling trouble: planes were not flying and crumbling mountains blocked the roads. Due to the weather the journey took 6 days instead of two!



In Jumla the people are still very busy trying to survive. Several trainees brought their babies to the training. Education for young children is not on their priority list. When a parent seminar was organized no one turned up. Only after the trainers went from house to house to announce that there would be snacks and tea at the seminars the parents turned up.

The trainers still found Jumla a difficult place to stay, even for a week at a time. They went four times.



Another ECEC team of trainers went to Tanuha during the rains. Their bus got stuck in a long traffic jam caused by an enormous rock that had fallen on the road. It took 36 hours to clear!



### *A Historical Moment*

In December we were invited to the convocation at t Kathmandu University. There was a grand celebration of 15–students



### *Vote of Thanks*

We would like to thank all who have made it possible to Train Preschool teachers who couldn't afford to pay for themselves and again to those who contributed to our beautiful building. We are so blessed with it.



Warm greetings from all ECEC family.

Reiny de Wit.

### **Pressing NEED**

**Vacancies:** Are you an experienced (Pre)- primary school teacher who would love to come to Nepal for anywhere between 5 months and 3 years, to help out in guiding some Nepali trainers? We prefer someone with experience of mentoring trainees. Please contact us!

We also need of a business manager who can adapt to the Nepali culture and who is willing to give a few years to this service.

Friends, if you know anyone, please, pass on the above message. Thank you.

Donations can be sent to: NABIL Bank, Account names: R. K. Rongong, K. B. Shrestha, H. de Wit, Account Nr. 0210017505022; Swift code NARBNPKA,. In the Netherlands it can be sent to St. TEACH Ministries, ABNAMRO Vlaardingen. A Nr. 561072159.

Warm Greeting from the ECEC team plus expatriates,  
(Reiny de Wit, Riitta Leena Voutilainen, Rianne Binnenmars, Josien Los and Veronica Gundersen)

### *Workshop for Principals of schools*

Another big event today: a seminar for school principals organized by ECEC.

Not in our own building, but in a hotel.

"Making the most of your school", was the slogan of the whole day with items as 'How to develop your team', 'promoting your school' and 'how to use the resources you have most effectively'.



Two volunteers from England who are working at ECEC at the moment – John and Penny – were the speakers. As retired school principals with lots of experience (for John as much as 25 years), they captured the audience which listened attentively.

A day with lots to learn! Particularly the very practical part in which they gave tools to turn an idea for change into a structured action plan.