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Again Kritan received a call from Biswash. He told him that a disoriented woman was found the day before somewhere in Kathmandu. She is in shock and is injured. Since the hospital staff do not know the identity they refused to administer any drugs. Kritan immediately moved to place, emergency ward in BIR hospital and looked after her and bought all the needed medicines after confirming the story what Biswash said was true.

Kritan publicized about the patient that he had been supporting, the 15-year-old Alisha and because of this he got a good response from many people willing to support Alisha directly in Intensive care unit in BIR Hospital. Publicizing this message eventually turned out to be very effective, because there are many people around who are willing to help but the lack of proper information or communication is hindering them from helping the people.

Large part of economy of Nepal is dependent on tourism industry. The tourist centers, hotels, restaurants, bars and shops all around were badly affected from the earthquake. The staffs are now left unemployed. However, even more affected are the poor people in the villages around Kathmandu who earn their food, clothing by selling the handicraft products to tourists. They have lost their homes and their loved ones, and what is still worse, many of them have also lost their source of income. So I met Raj again, I have met him through Werner Mays, OPAM e. V. from Kürten in Germany and heads the NGO EFFORT NEPAL in Nepal. Raj gets a PAUL water purification unit, which was donated by OPAM e. V.

Since the schools are still closed and will probably remain shut for little longer after the violent aftershocks on Tuesday. So it was not necessary to provide a PAUL immediately. It would be OK if we set up the unit in one to two weeks, which would give us an opportunity to identify the other places for the first five PAUL's.

We could install them immediately in places where there are acute water supply problems.

For Raj's company "absolute ADVENTURE TREKS" there are currently no jobs. The owner of the office building has unfortunately closed the main door of the building and so Raj is unable to get his laptop and the other documents.

Thamel, this is the place which in otherwise during this time would be full of tourists, one would see

troutrists moving through the narrow streets of

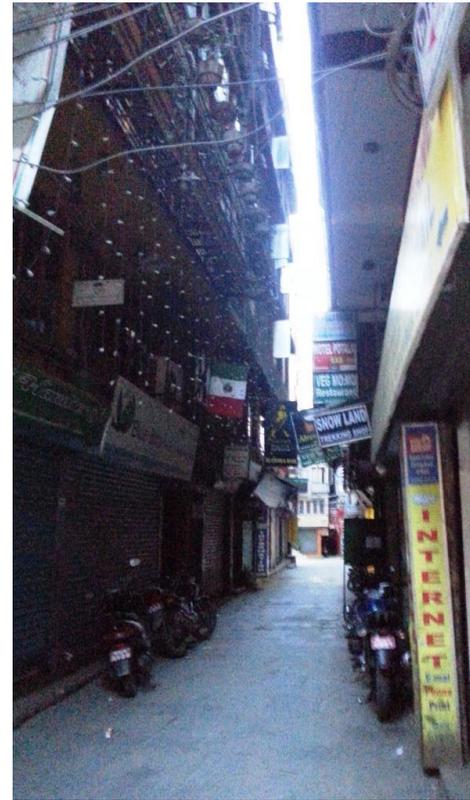
Thamel, the shops, pubs and restaurants would be open till late but unfortunately this was not the case. There were only a few dealers in front of shops.



Knowing that a lot of debris could fall on the head during a possible earthquake, one is always scared to move through those narrow streets. Raj in particular looked very nervous. He always tried to run so that we quickly could come past the damaged or tall buildings in these narrow streets. This behavior of his is also quite understandable because we continue to have here noticeable earthquakes in about every two hours. Raj is father of two children aged 5 and 11 years.



On our way we also met a Japanese doctor who is part of a unit that was here at the stage of relief directly after the earthquake. Actually, they wanted to leave, but since the new strong earthquake came two days before made them rethink weather to leave or to stay further more they think to stay yet.



Our tour of Thamel had no touristic purposes. We discussed about sustainable projects that we possibly could do together.

Since many people have lost their jobs because they can no longer sell their products and therefore the

misery is aggravated, the export could be stimulated through social business or be initially organized. This would help many needy for sustainable development.

Under social business we would pay the workers according to their performance and we would try to sell the products in Europe with lowest possible margins. When we could do this in large volume, many people will be benefited.



It's important to buy products of which we know the producers, thereby actually socially to help directly and not to fill the pockets of those shopkeepers.



We visited a factory and watched the production house of jackets and other garments too. The factory was unoccupied, since most employees have right away left Kathmandu after the heavy aftershocks of last Tuesday and went to their home villages. Hopefully they come back on Sunday, said the owner.



Many painters, especially among the ethnic group of the Tamang, are now without jobs. Their religious motives certainly do not meet the taste of most Europeans, but maybe they could compromise and change their motives, we anyway want to try it with them as well.

Unfortunately I had to say goodbye to Raj because he had to return to his family. Since Tuesday, they along with about 25 other people live under a tarp on the outskirts of Kathmandu.

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