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Today, I took time for myself to a walk through Kathmandu, especially in the places where I have not been before and bit difficult to access with vehicles

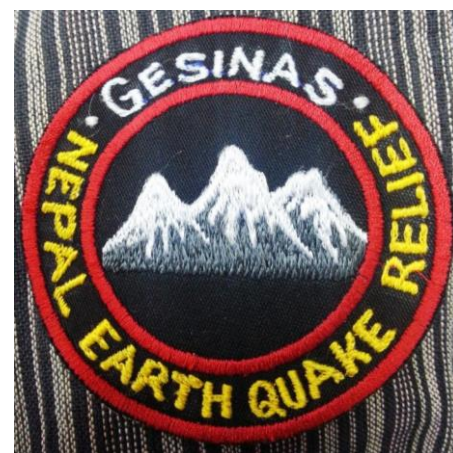
There is hardly any free space place in the city and therefore the tents were set on pile of rubble.



People were also living inside tents in squares in front of the old buildings. For

those who live in the narrow streets of Kathmandu with old houses, it is even worse, because almost every house is damaged. People had their tents outside of such houses, because there was no free safer space for tents.

My goal is a bit more to promote income generation of people who have lost their jobs due to the earthquake, through concept of social business. Otherwise how would these people earn money to live on and to rebuild their homes?



Spontaneously, I designed some GESINAS logos.

The prototype did not look quite optimal, but later when the greater production begins, the quality got much better.

We want to try which handmade products from Nepal are suitable for export to Europe. For example, sun hat from hemp was an idea.



I saw a backpack made of hemp and cotton fabrics and it also had a place to keep Laptop in. Because I liked the bag and the design as well as the quality I then ordered some bags with GESINAS logo on it.



A small purse, which can be attached to a belt, also looked good

During our shopping tour we experienced an earthquake of magnitude 4.4 in the middle of Thamel. For seconds a road junction appeared to me the safest place.



Later in the afternoon I meet the tailor Raj. He had a small factory in which he had employed six employees. Currently he had no staff. Although with lots of difficulties he however was trying to run the business. He was having a tough time to find a customer, as there were no tourists around to buy his things. When I go into the factory, I also experienced that scary feeling of being in old houses with. For a while I thought what would happen if there would be a



big earthquake? I think it is good that the workers working here took a break from the work; I very much understood the problems of employees.

With a hope he said: "In a month or two my employees will come back, until then, I work alone, if only I get more consignments I would get my staff from their villages." I gave him a small consignment, now Raj had at least three days work. He looked overwhelmed. Furthermore, I also told him that, if he produced a good quality, he would get a very good deal from me in future as well

Elsewhere I was working on T-shirts, which I ordered a few days ago.

There were several corrections that I made on the logo, that had to be on the T-shirt.

Kripa tried on the GESINAS T-Shirt.

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