

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE



NEPAL OCTOBER 2009

In October 2009, we embark on the 2nd Pilgrimage of Hope to Nepal. The focus is service to others and the expectation that Pilgrims will gain much from reflecting upon this "experience of a lifetime." Building on the success of our first Pilgrimage of Hope to Nepal, Pilgrims will work for two weeks alongside Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters helping them to serve the "poorest of the poor."

Pilgrims will gain an appreciation of the Nepalese culture and spirituality. The hope is that Pilgrims come to understand the conditions in which people live and the issues they face. In considering the needs of others, they come to know themselves better.

Our service will include, working at;

- o Papas Orphanage for street children.
- o Child Workers in Nepal Centres for boys and girls rescued from a life of domestic work and abuse.
- o Aruna Orphanage for abandoned babies.
- o Mother Teresa's Home for the Destitute and Dying.
- o Cancer Ward at Kanti Childrens Hospital.

In embarking on this Pilgrimage we are making a profoundly respectful journey into Buddhism, one of the truly great religions of the world.

Quotes from POH08 Nepal Pilgrims:

"This trip has been a profound experience for me. It has challenged me to consider how I feel about many things in the world."

- Lucas Fisher, CCGS Yr 11

"POH Nepal made me realise that being involved in a situation is more meaningful than seeing it as an outsider."

- Lachlan MacDonald, CCGS Yr 10

"This POH has enabled me to open another set of eyes, not for seeing, but for understanding" - Henry Austin, CCGS Yr 11

"The POH has taught me that a smile, a helping hand or a hug can be invaluable to someone in need" - Dominic Wu, CCGS Yr 11

"I have discovered characteristics I never knew I had, and was able to help those in great need" - Ben Power, CCGS Yr 11

"As a father I thoroughly endorse this pilgrimage as valuable and important first steps to our son's becoming an involved and compassionate adult" - Peter Hammond, CCGS parent

"POH Nepal was a positive experience for my son. The impact it has had on the pilgrims gives us all hope for a better, and more compassionate world." - Vera Fisher, CCGS parent

Places are limited to 50 students and staff from CCGS, St Hilda's and Peter Moyes Anglican Community School. Students from Years 9, 10, 11 in 2009 are invited to apply. At the invitation of our service hosts in Nepal, a small number of places on the 2009 pilgrimage are reserved for adults.

An information evening will be held on **WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2009**. Written 'expressions of interest' from students and adults may be emailed to brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au. Should you have any questions, please phone Brother James on 0407 399 953.

