

I am **Devendra Gurung** and here is my story.

We were living in Koteswor in Kathmandu with Mother Father and Sister. I used to go to government school and my father was mason and mother was housewife, she used to look after my small sister (Muna Gurung). One day we got information that my father had an accident and was taken to hospital. We rushed but he was already dead due to electric shock while he was on work. We were brought to Tudaldevi temple for the 13 days death Ritual as a Hindu tradition. There we stayed and finished our rituals but in the meantime my cousin sister had contact with Kinderhouse. We did not know anything regarding that organization. At first my sister was selected and later my mother as she was not healthy. She had almost the initial stage for cancer in Uterus. Later I also came to Kinderhouse. We had own family relatives but they were not in contact with us. They knew if they had contact they need to help us, which they didn't want. I had new family in Kinderhouse.



Laxmi Tamang and BB Tamang were our Mummy and Daddy. They gave support, motivation, food and lovely care to us like their own children. *(Photo: our first ice cream. From left to right: Muna, me and my mother Bhakta)* I continued my study in a very good school. Muna was in Kinderhouse because she was too small for school. After my mother Bhakta Kumari Gurung was cured in hospital she began working in the organization and she was paid well. Later in 2000 the whole Kinderhouse family moved to Budhanilkantha where our organization had own land and building. I completed my School and +2 in Science Faculty and then I had to leave Kinderhouse as a part of rule to survive, to learn the reality, to face the problems of the world and to compete. I used to paint the house, was tuition teacher and later became the teacher in Budhanilkantha Model Community Academy. In this school I did 2 years volunteering also. In meantime I was studying Bachelor in travel and tourism and I was also working. I had 2 separate rooms sharing with my other brother Ramjeet Bomjan from the same organization. My mother and sister were still living in Kinderhouse. After + 2 Muna also left Kinderhouse but my mother was still working there in the farm. Though we left the Kinderhouse our further education was still supported and I completed. I finished my studies in the tourism sector and since years I am working in Expert Asian Tours, Nepal Reisen Treks and Expedition as a manager. Apart from all these I am volunteering as Treasurer in the board of the organization Kinderhouse Nepal. This is a really proud moment for me that in return I am also helping to the organization. Besides I am also engaged in Photography and since one year I'm member of Lions Club International. In February 2017 I had a tour in Dubai



and in Abu Dabi with friends for 1 week. This was my first experience abroad. In 2018 with the help by Lydia Mama (Lydia Schmidt) and Sher Bahadur Pariyar I travelled to Europe almost for 1 month. I was helping Sher in Touristic Messe in Stuttgart and I met sponsors of Kinderhouse in in Kirchheim Teck. After I drove by Flixbus to Frankfurt and lived for some days with with Lydia mama and Gerhard Papa. I visited Hannover, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Zürich, Munich and also Paris.

I don't know how my life would had been if I would not have been in Kinderhouse. Thousands of children's are on street. Including myself everyone who had stayed in Kinderhouse is a lucky kid. The first Kinderhouse generation left the organization in the meantime and all have good positions in their own fields. Still I am going there because it has been my first home. Every festival we celebrate together. If we need any suggestion and support Lydia Mama and Laxmi Mother are there. They have shown us the

right track for the better future. A few months back Muna, my sister got engaged with her boyfriend and everything was arranged from the Kinderhouse.

We have been always blessed by Laxmi Tamang, BB Tamang and Lydia Mama. My mother Bhakta is also very much thankful to all of them. Laxmi our beloved mom and all the sisters in Kinderhouse who are working and giving the best service to all the kids. I personally say thank you to all the sponsors from Germany who helped us through Lydia Mama. I am thankful to Lydia Mama, Laxmi mom, BB Tamang (father), all sisters and brothers and the committee members of Kinderhouse Nepal and Kinderhaus Germany. Buddha bless you all 😊



I am *Muna Gurung* the sister of Devendra.



I was born in October 1994. My father past away when I was very small. Our family condition was very poor and my mother was seriously ill. I came to Kinderhouse together with my brother and mother and grew up there in a big family with sometimes 50 brothers and sisters. I completed my school in Budhanilkantha Model Community Academy. I enrolled myself at Orient College for higher education and passed it in the year 2014. Right after the completion of high school I underwent Barista training in Fashion Delicacy, a fine dining restaurant in Lazimpat fir 3 months. Currently I 'm working as a Barista/Food and Beverage service personal in Hotel Moon Light - a three star hotel in downtown Kathmandu Thamel. The job is

payed quite well and it is sufficient to make a normal livelihood. Recently I got engaged with my school boyfriend Sameer Gurung. He is planning to pursue his further education in Australia and I 'm planning to accompany my fiancé. At the moment I am living together with mother and brother in a rented apartment near Kinder House. I regularly go to Kinder House because I miss my brothers and sisters a lot.

*Thanks for everything
Muna*