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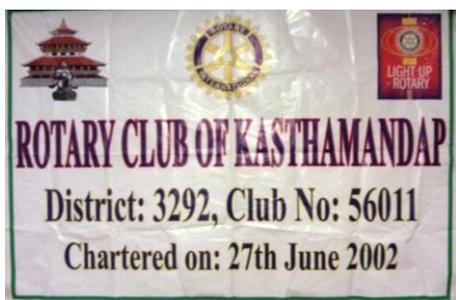
Yesterday we were invited to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Kasthamandap and we took this opportunity to introduce our GESINAS concept. We reaped great recognition and received numerous contacts; also we got an assurance for extensive support.



Rotarians would help us to find the right locations for the BioSandFilters.

A very good line from former President Gajendra touched me a lot. The statement was: *Who has a big heart will never be a poor person.*

There was much talk about helping the earthquake victims and rebuilding processes.



GANESH had again organized a Health Camp, we also went there and marked our presence there.

Kritan took over, as so often, the job of talking to the patient and recording their data.

Today, many people asked Thomas to examine their houses.



Some of the houses from outside looked perfectly fine, but unfortunately they have to be demolished for safety reasons.

Later, however, Thomas could make some insecure families happy. He told them the ways to repair their damaged houses.





From our one of the contacts made in the today's meeting of Rotary club, Rotarians Utsav told us something about Maiti Nepal and how it could be interesting for our endeavors. We met Mrs. Anuradha Koirala, founder of Maiti Nepal. She is a big celebrity in Nepal. Kritan was overjoyed to talk to her. I must admit that she is a very impressive personality.

Anuradha since the early nineties is fighting against forced prostitution, girls trafficking, and child abuse.

In particular, Maiti Nepal had Nepalese girls who were once sold to India, returned to Nepal. In addition, she is involved even for orphans and for migrants who have to work under slave-like conditions in India, the Arab States and elsewhere, and are not only exploited but also physically tortured and raped.



She has been continuously helping the affected women and has been working for their proper restoration at the Maiti grounds in Kathmandu. She talked about the dangers on the girls when they go, for an apparently higher-paying job without any prior knowledge abroad. The women are forcefully kept there, treated brutally if they want to in any case return back to the country.

Maiti Nepal has been recently awarded with the first American CNN HERO prize. The Nepalese are very happy and proud about it. Anuradha had however placed a sign at the entrance, which rather warns: "Being a CNN HERO doesn't make us proud but reminds us that the problem still exists and we need to join hands to fight against it"

A group of women there are involved in the finest craftsmanship and create quality products offered at fair prices. The profits will benefit the women directly and Maiti Nepal. I bought quite a few handbags embroidered with beads. I want to give them away in Germany and see if they are suitable for our social business project and may even attract of some of the Europeans

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