

Sunday, 10. May 2015

Our plans often change at the last minute. So plan that we had for today was postponed for Monday. well, our destination is also interesting.

Sunday is the first working day of the week here in Nepal.

Together with Thomas and Shavitri we first meet Stefan from the NGO Longyang partners. He is a doctor and wants to show us the school in Changu Narayan, where a Paul iwas installed today.



There we meet Wolfgang. He accompanies adventure travelers and has just taken PAUL at a local school in operation with his Mountain Spirit GERMANY e. V.

Later we met also Pradibna. He is president of Akasha Academy, a local NGO that cooperates with Stefan and the NGO he is running, Longyang partners.

Everywhere along the way wheat grain were being thrashed.

From Chang we continued to Dhulikhel to Kathmandu University where we met Prof. Dr. Bholu Thapa.

He talked about model houses that he and his students were trying to build up which could be useful for rebuilding the house for the earthquake victims, so that they could at least survive the monsoon.



As we were talking, I experienced my first earthquake eve. The building shook slightly, the students and staff in the building screamed out loud, then immediately we could see them running into the courtyard.



We looked at the ceiling and since no damage had been done we continued our discussion further.



I talked about my interest on biosand filter. The interest on this model exists, but whether there is the possibility of producing biosand remains still unclear. We looked at the house models present in the university premises, made by the students. To me they



seemed not really new, because they were just improvised tents and huts, which were made from different materials. The students made a frame of bamboo or metal which would then be covered with a tarp.

A tent in the form of an octamer was being made. It will have 7 large interior spaces and a large courtyard, where children would be safe from animals and dubious people. This concept looked very interesting, but unfortunately it was unclear whether the model would be accepted, because contrary to African culture, the families live in the mountains of Nepal live rather separated.

Still many university employees are gathered in the courtyard. The university building has received little damage from the first major quake, so many looked still afraid to go back into the building. The students want to make more models out there and want to propose the model of buildings that could be used to make the temporary shelter for the earthquake victims. It is estimated that there will be small aftershocks still for a week or two, so long will it take for normality to get restored.



Later, we ate something light at the Dhulikel university clinic canteen. We saw there several PAULs some in front of the hospital and some in the canteen.

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