

NAMASKAR Nepal

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A month has already passed since the last Newsletter appeared. And the rainy season has already begun. In Kathmandu it is hot and sultry during the day and rainy at night. In the Kathmandu Valley and other affected areas, many of the places where emergency shelters have been set up, are flooded.

This is by no means an easy matter, but life goes on and the people accept things as they are. Even in this situation one sees a smile on their faces. Highly admirable!

Last week, Temba spent a few days with his parents in Brabal. It is a blessing that the road to the Langtang region is passable without any restrictions. Until now there have not been any landslides. It has been possible to continue the building work on the new gravel road from Sano Bharku to Brabal, despite the rain. Until now there have not been any blockages caused by landslides there, either.

There is also good news as regards the cracks and crevices in the ground. No expansions could be observed. The villagers check them daily using the simple measuring system.

The emergency shelters in the village are withstanding the rain. Nevertheless, everyone is longing for the monsoon to end, as then the reconstruction work can be started at last.

Our guides have meanwhile gone to inspect some of the trekking routes in order to find out whether they are really safe and passable. All the tours in the Annapurna region, the Everest Basecamp & Gokyo trekking, and both the routes in the Langtang region, i.e. Gosainkund and the Tamang Heritage, can be carried out without any concern. There are sufficient lodges to stay in that are not destroyed. The people there are longing for visitors and need their support. The photos of the tours in the various different regions are already on our Facebook page. Shortly, we shall also be putting some of them in the blog on our website.

We are delighted to say that we shall be carrying out two tours to the Upper Mustang region in August. Temba booked the Greenline Bus tickets for this today. The immense pleasure shown by the bus company is overwhelming. Just to know that travellers are coming into the country gives them hope, confidence and strength.

At the moment we are still in the process of setting up the first report on the activities/sustainability report on the immediate measures taken, on the measures we are planning for the future as regards reconstruction, and our architects/engineers in Switzerland. This all takes time, but we are already on the right track. The report will be finished soon.

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Temba & Sabine