



Sahayata e.V.



Speech for Opening Ceremony of the two classrooms of the Makayuni Elementary Room

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Dear students, dear parents, dear teachers, dear delegates and guests!

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Today is a great event to get together to celebrate. Renate and I are much honored to be part of the opening ceremony of the new school classrooms.

On the occasion of this opening ceremony, I would like to convey the best wishes from all Sahayata members to everybody for good health, luck, happiness and success.

First of all let me shortly tell the story how the project started.

In 2013 John Kiboya firstly introduced Sahayata in person Renate and me to your Makayuni Elementary school. It was a very short visit, but very memorable for us. We talked about how to support the school. Spontaneously, the proposal of the teachers was “a new class room”. Back to Germany we proposed help for Makayuni to the Sahayata members. Sahayata members agreed and we all we started to promote the Makayuni School project and to collect money. Sahayata was excited and eager about this new journey.

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Early this year we came back and looked after a constructor. We were very happy to meet Mathias Laizer, who was recommended by our friend Marly. Mathias very experienced in such kind of projects convinced us and the construction of two school rooms was started.

And now 5 months later we are celebrating our vision. Congratulations Sahayata is really impressed about the speed and professionalism of the construction.

Now I would like to share more about Sahayata.

Does anybody know what Sahayata mean?

SAHAYATA is Sanskrit and – means help, assistance, support

SAHAYATA was founded in January 2011. The initiative was seized by a team in order to support a children's home for street children in Nepal.

Sahayata is a small charity organization with 54 members.

We support street children in Kathmandu (Nepal). Additionally, we support disabled children. In Indonesia we provide aid to a poor family with three children.

How does Sahayata support these projects?

- § funds shelter, clothing, food, care, education, and medical care;
- § provides protection from crime
- § builds schools and disabled- accessible facilities;
- § supports therapeutic care, and;
- § provides advice and support.

Finally I would like to speak about education. Education is very important to all of us. Our parents make us learn many things at home and then send us to school. Through school education we learn and develop personality, mental skills, moral and physical powers. Education is the only key to success in personal and professional life. Education provides us various types of knowledge and skills. It is a continuous, slow and secure process of learning which helps us in obtaining knowledge. It is a

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continuous process which starts when we take birth and ends when our life ends.

Attending school and receiving education is extremely important for every person and necessary for those who want to achieve success. One who gets proper education becomes admired by the members of the family, community and country.

Education not only makes us able to learn about history, science, math, geography, and other subjects however it makes us smart enough to learn how to live life and handle bad situations.

May I take this occasion once again to thank all those who contributed to the construction and the completion of the two school rooms?

Special thanks to our primary contact John Kiboya and Mathias Laizer. It was a pleasure to work with you.

Thank you to Marly Riemer, who always helped us in regards of questions.

Also thanks a lot to Steven Stey, Mary Lawrence, Mary LEKUNDAYO; Juma Athumandi, Selemani Mwenda, Grace Ndemfou, John Peter, Alfred Kisenga, Saumu Hussein and everybody who contributed.

Let us also acknowledge the hard work of all the teacher and school management committee because at the end of the day, it is human spirit that is most important. Money can improve a school's physical environment, but it cannot buy you the vision and passion that guide school development.

Finally at the end of my speech I would like to share what *more than 450* years before the birth of Christ, Confucius said: 'What I hear, I forget. What I see, I remember. What I do, I understand.' Let's do it together. We've heard what we have to do. We've seen what we need to do. Now is the time to do it and together we can. Do it!"

God bless you all! Sahayata would like to give a gift the Sahayata Logo to the Makayuni school, which shows how important education is.