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ANMA past president and his wife give Nepal's orphans hope

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Many orphans in Nepal lack education, medical care and a home. But now, they've gained a glimmer of hope.

A U.S.-based foundation established with an endowment fund of \$150,000 (one hundred and fifty thousand US dollars) aims to provide food, shelter and education to Nepal's poorest, parent-less children.

The "Prahlad & Bindu Pant Orphans Foundation" was established by Dr. Prahlad Pant and his wife Bindu Pant, who tell a compelling story of immigrant struggle and success – and want their story re-told in the lives of orphans today.

Once denied a passport by the autocratic government of Nepal, Dr. Prahlad D. Pant struggled to leave Nepal with his wife Bindu Pant. As a young couple, they struggled and dreamed of getting a passport so they could apply for visas to study in the U.S.

The Pants met their dream 32 years ago, and have lived in the U.S. ever since – studying in Pittsburgh, working in Cincinnati, retiring (and working) in Atlanta.

"I could not have been what I am today without my parents' love and hard work to raise and educate me," said Dr. Pant. "When my wife and I wanted to assist Nepal's children, we could not think of anyone other than its orphans, who are deprived of their parents' love and care at a very early age."

"Many of these orphans have no guardians or homes. They are denied basic education and medical care, and live in dangerous conditions," said Dr. Pant. "In order to make ends meet, some work as child labor, while others become street kids".

The Foundation plans to provide funds to resettle Nepal's orphans and pay for their upbringing and development as follows:

1. Identify orphans in Nepal who have no guardians or homes, no adoptive parents, and are living under severe distress.
2. Provide grants to resettle them in existing, reputable charitable orphanages in Nepal and pay for their upbringing and development.
3. Continue to support these orphans until they complete high school and are capable of living independently.

"No child in Nepal should suffer because he or she does not have parents," said Bindu Pant. "We are happy that we are making a small beginning. Our daughter Pragya has committed to continue working with the foundation even after our lifetime".

Dr. Prahlad D. Pant is a retired Professor Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati, USA and is the President and founder of an engineering company, PDP Associates Inc. He is the Lead Founder of Nepalese Americas Council (NAC) and a Past President of Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA).

The Foundation has been registered in Atlanta, Georgia, USA as a non-profit, charitable organization.