

Mother.

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The beautiful Amma's (mothers) at Prem Ghar.



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Who is our Mother?

In Nepal I have been blessed with more Mothers than I could have ever imagined. The culture here has inherited me as an Uncle, Brother, and best of all as a Son. The women you see here live with us at our Prem Ghar home, which serves as a home to empower abandoned and destitute widows. The Bhattarai family has been serving Amma's (mothers) at Prem Ghar for 8 years now. These women continue to grow closer and closer to my heart as I share time with them. My heart is full of joy that I can call these women Mother.

So let me give you a quick glance at what a conversation

looks like with a couple of these Mothers. (All in Nepali)

Conversation 1: Amma: "Babu (son) you probably don't understand what I am saying."

Me: "I do a little bit, but you talk pretty fast."

Amma: "And I don't have any teeth!"

C2: "Babu will you get Gautam (Karuna Ghar Father) to bring his father here sometime?"

C3 "Babu take me with you, there is buried treasure at the monkey temple!"

In respect of these women and the women I work amongst I have begun to dive into my feminine side and this has been by

no surprise, difficult, but I am learning a lot about the inequalities women share with men here in Nepal and even in the States. If these are my mothers here, then where are your mothers there? I continue to question how can we love as if our family is bigger than what we know it to be. I have been adopted into every family I come across here and I hope to be able to do that with you all. Welcome to Nepal, you just inherited more Mothers than you could ever have dreamed.

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Peace and Love,
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A story of one widow:

"As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow poor put in two very small copper coins. " I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.""

Luke 21:1-4

