Letters of Love for Nepal

Children who attended this year’s Art in the Park wrote touching — and humorous — letters to the children in Nepal.

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If letters by children who attended the recent Art in the Park celebrations are anything to go by, Bermudians are very sympathetic to their counterparts in Nepal — and they can’t eat pork chops.

Art in the Park celebrations were held on July 7 and 14 in Victoria Park, and dozens of children turned up on both days to participate in the events. The children were invited to write letters to the children in Nepal, a country that has parallels with Bermuda and is home to the British-born children.

Approximately 150 Bermudian children wrote letters to the students of the Toshi Waldorf School in Nepal, a school that has partnered with the Bermuda-based ISIS Foundation.

Leomie, a child at the ISIS Foundation, said she wrote the letters and held the mural she will be taken to Nepal in November. A photo display of children in Nepal, as well as photo books and stories written by the Nepalese children, will also be shown.

If the letters described a little about life in Bermuda, "I hope you like our mural. I live in Bermuda which is a tiny island shaped like a fishhook. Here it is hot. There is a big colourful roof filled with fish of all colours. Our houses have white roofs made of rock. We have lots of beaches and books. What’s it like in Nepal?"

Another, aged 9, wrote, "Hi! How are you? I live in the island of Bermuda. After looking at photos of your school, it helped me to appreciate what my school has. Best of luck with all your studies. SHOOT 4 THE STARS!"

Two kids, aged eight and three-and-a-half, wrote that they "heard about your life" and "pray that your country gets better and better one day, and sickness will just blow away."

One child, aged 3, was seemingly untroubled by those in Nepal, writing that he can’t eat pork chops, "My teeth are gone!

The overwhelming favourite letter came from a nine-year-old who simply stated, "Are you grateful?"

The letters will be put into a book for the children in Nepal and translated into their language. The Nepalese children will also be shown pictures of the Bermudian children who attended Art in the Park to give them an idea of what it is like to live in Bermuda.

Organised by Shelly Hameff for the ISIS Foundation, children who attended this year’s two Art in the Park days at Victoria Park were invited to write letters and help design a mural that will be sent to the children at the Toshi Waldorf School in Nepal.

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