Walls That Unite

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The Garden of Harmony Art Tile Wall

a Service Learning Project for the

Anatta Library

Peace Grove Nunnery

Lumbini, Nepal
The Story

The Peace Grove Nunnery in Lumbini, Nepal is a school where girls, who would otherwise be unable to obtain an education, are thriving and becoming self-assured, educated leaders in their community.
The Need

To grow and serve more students the school needed a library.

Anatta World Health & Education Outreach is a non-profit, non-denominational organization founded on the virtues of compassion and generosity.

Anatta supports the school and funded the construction of a new library, the first in Lumbini.

The new Anatta Library still needed books, furniture and interior finishes.
The Solution

Walls That Unite is a mission driven Service Learning initiative expressed through the creation of art tile walls that educate, connect communities, raise funds, and enhance the lives of all involved.

The Garden of Harmony Art Tile Wall was conceived as a Service Learning project to raise funds to purchase books and beautify the Anatta Library.
The Project

We collaborated with five elementary and high schools, and other groups in the greater New York Metropolitan Area who enthusiastically embraced the project. The results were fantastic!

Here’s how it went....
Joyce Kilmer School hosts a Family Evening of Service
Bullock Student with his creation and Nepali sponsored art
The Results

The children at the participating schools had a wonderful experience creating art with a service goal and connecting with the Nepali children.

A great sense of community developed as the children from both countries shared their culture and common values through web videos.

And...
The Results by the Numbers

• 1 Shared Dream
• 1 Essential Library
• 5 Service Learning Projects in US Schools
• 100s of Participants Stateside
• 400 Unique Hand Crafted Tiles, Beautified the Library Walls
• 300 Books for the School and Lumbini Community
• 900+ Lumbini Children Reading
• 1,000s of Lumbini Community Members Enjoying the Library
Wow - Look at all these books!!
Trip to Nepal

Four of us went to Nepal for 8 days of service.
It was quite a trip from New Jersey to Khatmandu then Lumbini.
We each carried 100 tiles in our carry on bag, and checked 50 pounds of donated medical equipment and supplies.
In Lumbini

Once there we installed the tile wall, painted murals, arranged furniture and readied the library for the opening ceremony.

We also helped in the health clinic that was organized by Anatta.

Putting up the wall was so much fun...
Setting Up The First Row
Finishing up the 4th Row and Dancing
Everyone Pitches In
Neither Heat nor Dust slowed us down
Protecting the Tiles for the Painters
One Panel Done
At the Peace Grove Nunnery there was a ceremony for the opening of the Anatta Library and the unveiling of the Garden of Harmony Wall.

It was attended by over 100 people from the community, in 100+ degree weather.

Joy and pride was abundant.
Introducing
The Garden of Harmony Tile Wall
The Opening Ceremonies of the Anatta Library
Hanging the Dedication Plaque
Which Tile is Mine?
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And all the students, teachers, parents, guardians and friends who made this project a huge success
JOIN US, participate in a Walls That Unite Service Learning Project or create one of your own.

You can choose from our ongoing initiatives or support a cause of your own.

- BOOKS & BEYOND for KABWENDE PRIMARY SCHOOL, Kinigi, Rwanda
- OPEN HEART OPEN MIND – OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION – Sri Lanka
- THE EDEYO FOUNDATION, Bel Air(Port-au-Prince), Haiti
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- MORETHANME FOUNDATION Liberia, West Africa
- TILES FOR TICOS  El Jobo Primary School, Costa Rica
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