

## Himalayan Children's Fund News

Dear Friends,

I have delayed sending the usual newsletter to you with information from my recent trip to Nepal and India in order to keep you informed about the earthquake and subsequent news from Tibet. I plan to wait again before sending a 'newsy' report but do need to let you know of the recent changes in school fees and that it is time for sponsors to renew. So I will keep HCF business brief here while providing you with more information from Tibet.

-Debra Ann



### Sponsorship Fees

The new school year in Nepal began April 19th. Shree Mangal Dvip found it necessary to raise boarding student fees by \$10.00 for this year. SMDBS (Branch school) fees have been lowered \$15.00. This reduction in fees is the first in our history!

Revised Sponsorship fees for 2010/2011 school year:

Boarding Student	\$815.00
Day Student	\$330.00
School Monk	\$560.00
Shedra Monk	\$600.00
Nun	\$240.00
Additional for school nun	\$240.00
Monk	\$240.00

*Thank you to those who have already renewed!  
Electronic reminders are sent individually throughout the year  
in accordance with sponsor's past payment schedules.*

### News from Tara Abbey

During my visit to Nepal, Ani Thinley Wangmo of Tara Abbey was hospitalized in Kathmandu. Ani Thinley had been cooking for the nuns in three year retreat in Manang when she became ill and was brought to Kathmandu. There, she was looked after by several nuns and visited by Thrangu Rinpoche.

Two operations involving her large and small intestines did not lead to full recovery and recent communications from Tara Abbey have informed us that Thinley Wangmo has died. Her illness and death have impacted the nuns and they are doing pujas on her behalf.

The nuns are asking for help to cover the hospital bills which were nearly \$1,400.00 USD after one week, and now have more than doubled. The funds the nunnery has on hand for medical expenses is minimal and not enough to cover hospital stays and surgeries. Donations can be made to the Himalayan Children's Fund to cover the current bills and to build a reserve for future emergencies.



## Earthquake News

Thrangu Rinpoche's non profit organizations and centers all around the world have been letting people know about the earthquake, gathering information, collecting funds and otherwise organizing many aspects of the relief efforts for Thrangu Monastery in Tibet. It is too early to share any figures with you of what has been collected, what is needed, and what aid is coming from the government in China, but I can assure you everyone is busy and the initial response has been tremendous.

Immediately after the earthquake struck, Rinpoche's Lamas from many different centers were advised to apply for visas and meet in Hong Kong in order to participate in the emergency efforts. Thrangu Rinpoche has also flown to Hong Kong and is now meeting with Lama Dawa of the Hong Kong center. Initially, Lama Dawa had gone to Yushu with Lodroe Nyima Rinpoche. He has since returned to meet with Thrangu Rinpoche and provide him with the latest information.

We will continue to collect funds and keep you informed. Heartfelt thanks go to all of you who have responded so quickly and generously. Please continue to share this information widely in your communities as so many of you have been doing. Checks made payable to Himalayan Children's Fund should be noted to be for the earthquake relief.

Updates are always available on <http://www.rinpoche.com/>



Monks unloading aid supplies.

Thrangu Monastery April 23rd, 2010.



Lodroe Nyima Rinpoche shows damage to the sister of the former Panchen Lama.





Damage from the earthquake.

Thrangu Monastery before.



Thrangu Monastery after.

