

Himalayan Children's Fund News

Dear Friends,

Lama Dawa of the Thrangu Center in Hong Kong recently returned from Tibet for a few days and shared the encouraging news that even though there are many people still in need, the situation in Jyekundo has become much more calm. He said supplies are being distributed widely. Rinpoche's monks have been visiting patients in the various hospitals, tending to the villagers and recovering and cataloging sacred items found in the debris.

On page two you will find a message from Thrangu Rinpoche expressing his thanks. I have also enclosed a few new photos taken by Lama Chodrak of New Mexico, on his visit to Tibet. Supplies are still needed and many people will be living in tents for a long time so our fundraising efforts will be continuing. Many people have been helping by passing on the earthquake information and some groups have been working to gather donations. Please feel free to share any information we send and continue to let others know of the need for help in Tibet. New updates are always available on: <http://www.rinpoche.com/>

On page three you will find information about the new Thrangu Monastery in Canada and an invitation from Lama Pema to attend the opening consecration ceremonies in July.

-Debra Ann

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 each sponsor's past
payment schedules.*



Emergency tents provide shelter for those who have lost their homes.

Our samsaric world is impermanent, and we all experience the karmic results of our acts. Often we experience those results as suffering — there are many disasters in this world, such as wars, plagues, famines, and earthquakes. In the recent earthquake in Qinghai, thousands of people died, thousands of others were left homeless, and many children were orphaned when their parents were killed. The situation is terrible. In particular, the place where I first entered the gate of the Dharma and experienced its blessings, Thrangu Monastery, has been utterly destroyed, including the temple, monastic college, retreat centers, dormitories, and the surrounding houses of lay people. Many people died, and it is very difficult.

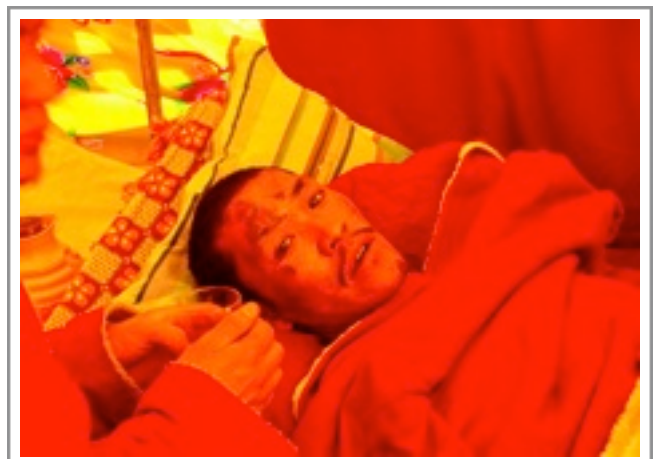
There has been a great outpouring of generosity and aid. Tibet Thrangu Monastery is a long way off, and in the old days you would never have heard about any earthquake there, but because of science and technological development, people all over the world have heard about it. They have felt compassion and love for the people of Jyekundo and have been very generous in helping, and their aid has been very beneficial. This is actually a sign of what good times we live in. Now many people from all over the world are helping to care for and heal the survivors, and I would like to thank everyone.

When I fled from Tibet to India, I did not have a single rupee, but I did manage to build some monasteries in India and Nepal. Actually, I did not build the monasteries: it was the generous sponsors who donated the money that really built the monasteries. I have always made sure that none of the money was wasted, and I am doing the same with the funds that sponsors are giving now. You have all felt compassion and love for people who are far away and given money. This is money you worked hard to earn and save. It did not fall from the sky or grow from the earth. I know what difficulties you have gone through to earn it, so I will make sure that none of it goes to waste. I will take responsibility for it, and you do not need to worry.

The disaster only took a few moments, but its effects will be felt for a long time. It has harmed people economically and educationally as well as physically. Continuing to help these people in the future will be a great benefit for them. If you make a contribution to this effort, I will make sure that none of the money goes to waste. It is our responsibility to make sure that what you give out of love and compassion goes where it is needed and actually helps, and I will look after that. I ask you to please help as much as you can.

Last night I received a phone call from Tibet. They said that once the 49 day mourning period is over, the monastic college will resume classes, but because they no longer have a building, they need to hold classes in tents. It is a hard situation, so any assistance you give will be helpful.

- Thrangu Rinpoche



To view this invitation increase the size or go to:
<http://thrangumonastery.org/blogs/monastery/invitation-for-all/48691>

Announcing the Opening of Thrangu Monastery Canada

July 25, 2010
9:00 AM

Lama Pema of the Vancouver center would like to extend an invitation to all for attending the Grand Opening Ceremony for Thrangu Monastery in Vancouver, Canada. The ceremony will be July 25, beginning at 9:00AM and on the 26th Thrangu Rinpoche will give the first teaching in the new monastery. For more information or to RSVP please visit <http://thrangumonastery.org/>

Below is a brief description of the Monastery:

Main Shrine Room

The main shrine room will be decorated in the style of a traditional Tibetan monastery. In the main shrine room, there will be a beautiful statue of Shakyamuni Buddha, 35 feet tall. This will be a wonderful focal point for practice and blessings. It will be large enough to accommodate hundreds of people so that no one is turned away from receiving the dharma.

Retreat Rooms

There are plans for 8 retreat rooms at the monastery, where practitioners can engage in short and long term retreats under the direction of Rinpoche's resident lama, Lama Pema Tsewang. These retreats can be for practitioners of any level of practice.

Library

The library will include texts from all traditions and in many languages, Tibetan, English, Chinese, and others. It will be a place for scholars to come and study. In addition, it will be a place for Rinpoche to continue his critically important writing, editing and commentarial work.

Personal quarters

Adjacent to the monastery will be a residential building for visiting teachers. In particular, it will include a room for His Holiness, the XVIIth Gyalwa Karmapa. Through building such a room, and inviting His Holiness to come, we will plant the necessary karmic seeds for His Holiness to visit and further bless this monastery. In addition, Rinpoche's personal residence will be located here.



Veggiyana "Hedge Fund" for Vajra Vidya Vancouver

Sandy Garson of Veggiyana is coordinating the gift of fruit trees and blueberry bushes for the new monastery in honor of the consecration. If you would like to participate by making a donation toward this offering please contact Sandy or send a contribution directly to the monastery in Canada. Sandy Garson: esandyg@sbcglobal.net

For more information please visit:
http://www.veggiyana.org/Skillful_Means.html