

Dear friends,

today you will receive our next newsletter. A lot has happened during the last months, so we will report everything only shortly. We are touched by the great willingness to help and the many donations we have received for the needy in India and Nepal. *For that an enormous THANKS to you all !!*

• In April our first **donation delivery took place in India and Nepal**: For the months January to April 2017 we were able to hand over a total of 6,556 Euro donations. Part of this, 3,155 Euro, had been donated for sponsorships, and 3,401 Euro for aid projects, including 1,006 Euro for the Kathmandu Children's Home.



• **The Dickey Tsering Children's Home in Kathmandu has been opened** to accommodate almost 20 children. Tibet Tshoesem currently supports 8 children in the home with sponsorships.

With the numerous extra donations the home could be furnished and with the next donation transfer in August we can hand another 300 Euro for a large refrigerator and 1,160 Euro for 10 double beds. The kids are doing well, they are already going to school and are very happy!





• From now on you can do a good deal with your online shopping and by the way support our association by making a little detour via the popular portal **"Gooding"**. Shopping works as usual and without extra costs. After shopping the company pays a percentage donation to us. So you can simply support Tibet Tshoesem because the donations are paid by the online shops. Helping can be as simple as that...

Check out our site today: https://www.tibet-tshoesem.de/gooding/



 A sewing machine for Gyathar: for one of the cooks in Tse Chok Ling monastery in Dharamsala, the 60-year-old Gyathar, who has been living in the monastery for 20 years and is cooking there for the volunteers and visitors, we were able to collect donations of 150 Euro.
For his work in the monastery he receives a monthly salary of about 35 Euro.

This is hardly enough for life, but he owns an old sewing machine, with which he improves the clothes of the monks. The machine is defective and with the donations he can buy an electric sewing machine, so he will be able to sew new things and sell them on the market in order to improve his income a little. We will soon transfer the donations to him.



• Project start in Kanyara Village!

On May 19th the demolition of Gurung family's house was started. Last month we were able to transfer the first donations of 1,760 Euro for the construction project. New bricks, sand, cement and a 500 L water tank have been already delivered. Wooden frames for 3 doors and 5 windows were ordered. The water pipelines are to be laid in July.



At first it was planned to renovate the old hut. An engineer and an architect were commissioned. But it was determined that the hut cannot be preserverd. Therefore, a completely new house will be built.

The two daughters are lodged with neighbors during the construction phase. The father will sleep in a provisional compartment, which is built from the old mud bricks and is to be used primarily as storage room.

According to the expert's opinion, there will be another 10,000 Euro needed for the construction. For this we need a lot of support and donations and we have already contacted other aid organizations. Many more infos and photos on our website and the Betterplace project: <u>www.betterplace.org/p52295</u>







• We could place our first **3 sponsorships in Briddhim, the small Tibetan village** in Northern Nepal, which we are supporting with different projects. We are very happy about this new improvement for the village people.



🗁 🛛 80 year old Kam Gyalmu

Last week 5 year old Tenzin Jorten has been enrolled to Highland Secondary Boarding School in Dhunche.

Only due to the support by the two "partial sponsors" this was possible, because the poor parents could not afford the school fees.





5 year old Lakchin Tsomu (blue pants) has found a partial sponsor. Due to the high monthy amount (50 Euro) necessary we offer partial sponsorships in Briddhim.

So that Lakchin will be able to attend school this summer, she needs a second partial sponsorship (for 35 Euro) or even a third one (each 18 Euro).

Who would like to support her?

Our local staff member, the young Tibetan Tenzin Lhamo, whom we know personally and keep in contact with on a daily basis, constantly provides us with up-to-date information and photos. She is also passing the donations and assists in all bureaucratic matters.



• Lucky Khartok from Kathmandu:

The situation of this completely destitute Tibetan woman had become extremely acute during the last weeks. Her husband neglects the family more and more and has not paid the rent for a long time. After three months, the landlord threatened with the termination, which meant for Khartok and her small daughter becoming homeless. Yesterday we were able to transfer to her a 140 Euro donation and she will be even able to move into a better, dry place, because Khartok has finally found 2 dear sponsors, who support her with a total of 51 Euro a month! In the next days, our local staff member, Nyima Bhuti, will hand over the donations and together they will look for a new room.



• A new toilet with water connection: For Yugyal und Nyima Bhuti, a couple in Briddhim, whose house had been completely destroyed by the earthquake 2 years ago and which we could rebuild with lots of donations, we like to build with a new toilet with water connection. It is hard work to crush the huge rocks, for the workers are using only few simple tools. For the reconstruction including a waper pipeline another 250 Euro are needed: www.betterplace.org/p44869







• And here is another success story:

This spring 11 year old **Kalsang Dolma** from the Tibetan village Pelkok in Nepal, could be enrolled to the school of TCV Chauntra (near Dharamsala). In Nepal she never would have had the chance for a school education. Thanks to the support of her kind sponsor the girl's dream has become true.



• Tibet Tshoesem has got new active members:

All the information mentioned about, which gives only a small impression of the association work, shows you that there is a lot to be done and so we are glad that our team has got reinforcements.

Kati Dittberner, our new treasurer, has been taking care of the finances since the beginning of the year already.

Tina Kürten completes the English translation of the website and Jens Otto took over the correspondence with the children's home in Kathmandu.

More helping hands are needed. If you would like to work actively, simply send us an email to: info@tibet-tshoesem.de

In the names of the children, monks and all other people in India and Nepal, whom you are supporting with your sponsorships and single donations, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your compassion is changing the lives of these people and making it a lot better!

THANK YOU!

Yours sincerely, Konny