



TARA STICHTING

TARA FOUNDATION

Saka Dawa Action:

A Water Pump for Tsawa Khangsten



the old Tsawa Khangsten

Dear Sponsor,

The Tara Foundation works in India and Nepal, where it mainly focuses on helping Tibetan refugees in need, Tibetan monasteries, and the preservation of Tibetan Buddhist

culture. The Foundation mainly concentrates its efforts on Gaden Jangtse Monastery in Southern India, and Kopan Nunnery in Nepal. It also tries to help children in need - usually in response to specific requests.

By supporting the newly established monasteries and nunneries in India and Nepal, we are able to contribute to the preservation of the precious Tibetan Buddhist culture, which is under great threat in Tibet itself.

In this auspicious month of Saka Dawa, all charitable actions are multiplied manifold, with the highlight on June 2nd, when Tibetans celebrate the birth, enlightenment and paranirvana of Lord Buddha. Some say that any merit is multiplied as many as a hundred million times. At this auspicious time, we would like to ask you to consider helping us gather funds for a **water pump** for Gaden Jangtse monastery's Tsawa Khangtsen.

Tsawa Khangtsen is one of the 12 'houses' ('Khangtsen') within Gaden Jangtse monastery in the South of India. It is also the house Geshe Sonam Gyaltzen - patron of the Tara Foundation - belongs to. It is one of the largest and poorest monastic 'houses', and accommodates over five hundred monks. Not only does it harbour many refugees from Tibet, but also hundreds of very poor children from the regions bordering on Tibet, who become displaced because their parents are unable to feed and support them.

Initially, Tsawa Khangtsen consisted only of small, dilapidated houses with leaking roofs. However, fifteen years ago a new residence was built nearby, which became the **New Tsawa Khangtsen**. It presently houses hundreds of monks. Recently, a new prayer hall was built with quite a large number of rooms for monks.

Although the circumstances have improved over the years, there are still many difficulties, such as water shortages. This is most serious in the **Old Tsawa Khangtsen** which consists of many small homes that are essentially unfit for habitation. Between the Old and New Tsawa Khangtsen lies the main road. The water pipes running between the Old and New Tsawa Khangtsen keeps breaking due to the vibrations from the traffic, and also because of the heavy rains. When this happens, all of Old Tsawa Khangtsen is without water. When there is water, it is not enough for the New Tsawa Khangtsen, as the present water pumps are not strong enough to service both parts of the Khangtsen.

This situation causes serious health risks for the monks (mainly refugees and children who were left at the monastery by their parents), who often have a weak constitution already. As many of them are currently suffering from an outbreak of Hepatitis B, the situation becomes dangerous if there is no water.



such water pump is needed

You can make a donation by making a bank transfer to

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in the name of the Tara Stichting seated in Balkbrug, Netherlands.

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Every penny you donate will be transferred to the monastery, as the Foundation's costs and overhead are borne by the Board members privately.

We refer you to our website for further information.

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Some results of earlier actions:

Action for Nepal Earthquake victims US\$ 5.331,00

Kopan Nuns' Health Project has been a great success! So far, we collected US\$ 12.437,00 for the project. This enabled a female, Tibetan-speaking doctor to conduct visiting hours in the nunnery now. Also, three nuns are being trained as health prevention and hygiene teachers, so they will be able to teach in the nunnery in future.

The action for the aids orphans in Bihar collected US\$ 5.009,00

The Gaden Jangtse Hepetitis-B Emergency Fund already made treatment of 11 seriously ill monks and one nun possible. It will also start working together with the monastery's clinic for Tibetan medicine, in order to use traditional Tibetan medicine to help more seriously ill patients, also lay people.

Thank you So Much for your kind and fantastic support!

With kind regards,

Thupten Dolkar

Chairman of the Tara Stichting (Foundation)



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