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Dear Friends of the Kilung Foundation,

New Kilung Website

After months of design, writing, and construction, our all-new website is up and running, and we eagerly invite you to take a look.

We would love to hear what you think of the website, what you particularly enjoyed or found interesting.

We wish to acknowledge with great appreciation our webmaster, Gabe Marihugh, who took on the design and structural work of this project as a volunteer. He did a splendid, professional job, and was wonderful to work with. ***Thank you, Gabe!***

Happy 10th Anniversary to Kilung Foundation!

We incorporated as a non-profit on the wildly stormy but auspicious day of November, 19, 1998, and are going strong ten years later. The people of Dzachuka and Kilung community have been deeply indebted to you for your support over the last decade. With your involvement, together we will continue this work into the future. *Thank you!*



Surge of Progress for Ancient Temple

Kilung's original temple received an infusion of work last summer from one of its monks, Lama Chentra. After fundraising in Asia, he returned and decided to apply this money toward the temple's interior structural renovations, an entire

phase which was completed this fall! Kilung Rinpoche said, "The temple is doing quite well. Now we mainly need to raise money for the inner frescoes, thangkhas, and statues." This summer also saw the completion of the golden clerestory roof, with funding provided by Kilung Foundation donors.

[Additional recent photos on flickr.](#)

[Temple history and renovation details on this website.](#)

Livestock Replacement Update

Progress has been made to provide one milking yak for each of the 40 Kilung tribe families that were hardest hit in last spring's snow disaster. When last we wrote (July), we had raised enough for 4 yaks. Since then, generous donors and some equally generous corporate matching programs have contributed enough that we can now contribute 18 yaks! Still needed are 22 more yaks. Each yak costs \$285, so doing the math: \$6,270 is still needed to accomplish the one family-one yak goal.

[About the snow disaster and the Foundation's 4-part relief program.](#)

Beginnings of a Nomad Health Clinic

After years of wishing and planning, a medical clinic for nomads has been given the go-ahead and funding, a joint effort of Kilung Jigme Rinpoche, a Kilung volunteer doctor, and the local Sershul County Health Department. It will be built out in nomad territory, located near Kilung Monastery, to serve the three Dzachuka tribes of Kilung, Gemang, and Gegong.

The long-time friendship of Kilung Rinpoche and the head of the local health department made the clinic possible. Rinpoche said that having good connections is about the only way to get things done in the region. Committed Kilung volunteer, Dr. Dondrup Tso, helped very much to develop the project. As well as her involvement with the clinic, she stayed at the monastery last August, dispensing medicines to sick monks and nomads. Her report included the following:

- 1. Medical consultation: Within 20 days, 47 patients received medical consultation and got free medicine and treatment.*
- 2. Vaccination: During two days 61 children and adults got Hepatitis B vaccine and 15 children got Measles vaccine. Hepatitis B vaccine will be followed up in September as well as next February by a local doctor from Gemang County.*
- 3. Health education: We ran a health education session for local children using Tibetan material downloaded from Sumang Foundation website. This wonderful material is developed by UNICEF. It includes food hygiene, salt iodine supply, road safety and other subjects. Kilung Rinpoche led the training. They learned the material through role play. It was a very successful training session. Moreover, we distributed toothpaste and toothbrushes to some of the local children and taught them how to maintain oral hygiene.*

[Read more about the new clinic, and see photos.](#)

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in supporting Kilung Jigme Rinpoche's "on the ground" efforts to revitalize one small corner of Tibet. The work has deeply affected the entire community on so many levels, mundane and sacred, and the encouragement factor has been profound. We hope you enjoy the new website!
-Diane Berger

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