

Annual Report Stichting Chagpori Tibetan Health Center

Amsterdam 2020

Who wouldn't say that the year 2020 was a year full of limitations, fears, confusion and frustration, but also of hope, expectation, connectedness and helpfulness.

The pandemic invasion of corona has also disturbed in India all activities local as well as in the whole country.

Although in Takdah the teachings could go on because of the remote area, the pharmacy and clinics were closed for quite a while. And construction of the hostel could not happen either.

But as dr. Shibu, a tuina massage therapist from Taiwan, got locked-in in Takdah because of the corona lockdown, he could give the students a certified course on tuina massage.

The students did their oral exam in October and their written in December.

Yangsi Trogawa Rinpoche could neither visit his family in Darjeeling. Fortunately, his mother was already in Gangtok and she took care for him. We are happy that his study is progressing well.

Sponsor activities in Holland

In Holland we had periods of strict lockdown and also a period of a more relaxed time.

Nevertheless our board could not meet because of the restrictions. Of course we had contact by mail and phone. And we could send out our annual letter in December.

This year we got around 35,600 euro extra donations for new construction in Salugara and renovation of the college/ hostel in Takdah.

This includes 5,000 euro from the Bep Aten Foundation, 10,000 euro from a legacy, 12,000 euro from the Yangchen Drolma Fund, 1,500 euro from another legacy, two extra donations of 1,000 euro each and one of 500 euro.

The Chagpori donation box collected 1,850 euro and this money can be used for extra expenses. The sponsoring of the students was 10,322 euro, this includes also already some advance student-sponsor money for 2021.

We are happy that the Rigzin Foundation sponsored 3,000 euro for corona aid in Darjeeling area. The institute could not only give free consultations, provide herbal medicines for prevention and cure of covid 19, but also distribute food packets for the poor villagers.

The sponsorship towards the salary of a clinic doctor of 750 euro continued also.

This year we received 1,666 euro for the education of Yangsi Rinpoche. Altogether we have raised 53,330 euro and we have transferred 17,873 euro to Darjeeling.

The SCTG as well as CTMI websites were renewed by a Dutch web designer and sponsored by the clinic in Amsterdam. A patient of Nel is maintaining and updating the websites.

This year no one from Holland could visit Chagpori Darjeeling due to the lockdown limitations.

Nevertheless we could stay in touch with each other through mail and WhatsApp.

We are looking forward to a time where traveling and meeting up will possible again.

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For the Board,

Nel de Jong, Chagpori amchi