



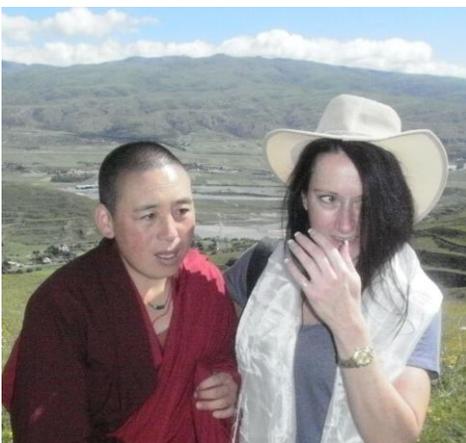
Newsletter

Summer 2017

SHARON MUDGE LEAVES THE NJP COMMITTEE

Sadly Sharon has left our committee to pursue a new business adventure. We wish her well and the best of luck. Joining the Committee in 2014 Sharon has brought our finance system into the 21st Century. Yes we are in the cloud!!!! This is a great time saver for our treasurer and luckily Sharon will continue to advise us on financial matters in the future.

Thanks for all your assistance Sharon. Good luck!



Sharon meeting her sponsored nun Bumo for the first time in 2014.

TASHI DALEK

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter and now the holiday season is out of the way and kids are back at school it's time to bring you up to date with a bit of NJP news. We do hope all our sponsors and supporters have had the opportunity to recharge the batteries a bit and are now ready for the year ahead.

The work here at NJP has continued as usual. Mostly this means continuing our relentless efforts to ensure the students, monks and nuns being sponsored through our programs receive the money from their sponsors. This is usually a straight forward liaison between our in-country partners and our committee. But as you can imagine with more than 600 people being sponsored coupled with language barriers and communication challenges there will always be a few individuals that need checking. Personal situations change, students graduate or leave school or may get a job and no longer require sponsorship. Cheryl our Sponsor Liaison person is on to it; she tirelessly matches photos of each sponsored person coming in from Tibet and India with our records to make sure there are no duplications and that they look the age claimed. For our students this is important as this is a key to determining program eligibility and to keep track of when they are likely to leave school. This sounds simple but this is a country where birthdates are not always recorded or celebrated so age can be a bit of a guess. Once names are checked and re-checked with in-country partners and she is satisfied, our sponsor lists are amended - the basis for payment.

Payments are made each year in person usually by one of our Committee. Doing this we can guarantee all the money gets through to where it should be going and we keep our expenses to a minimum. Our Facebook followers will have noticed a post from back in November when we proudly announced that **NJP expenses were less than 1% of our income last financial year, 0.96% to be exact.** This means more of your money is making a difference. A new benchmark for NJP and possibly the entire aid industry.

People currently sponsored through NJP

Students – 364 with 98 seeking sponsorship
Nuns – 137 with 50 seeking sponsorship
Monks – 160 with 164 seeking sponsorship

On behalf of the 661 people sponsored through our programs a warm and heart felt thank you to all our sponsors from the NJP Committee. You are making a difference.



Good luck or good Karma???

Last year Geshe Sonam went to Hong Kong to deliver some Buddhist teachings. On arrival, to his surprise, he found out most of the audience were to be Mandarin speaking Chinese. Not much good for our English and Tibetan speaking monk. Unflustered by this he's on the phone calling in favors from his contacts. A Mongolian friend living in Hong Kong said she knew a girl who might be able to help. "I have a friend, Drolma, studying Law in Macau, she's fluent in Tibetan and Mandarin", she confidently tells Geshe. "I'll give you her phone number." Armed with the girl's phone number Geshe is now more confident his teachings will be successful.

Quickly Geshe calls the number and almost immediately they determine that of course she will be happy to translate for Geshe's teachings. It turns out Drolma studied at the Beijing University for three years on a NJP scholarship and having done so well received a university scholarship to study law in Macau. Doing the translating was the least Drolma could do as thanks for the gift of education she'd been given.

CONTACTING YOUR SPONSORED PERSON

Remember we encourage you to get to know your student, nun or monk, and learn about their situation and their daily lives. Write as soon as you can after confirmation of your sponsorship. We suggest that you write first to break the ice and introduce yourself. Tell your new friend about yourself – about your family, where you live, your occupation, and what is happening in your life. They will be very interested to know who you are. Not too much information at once though. Single page letters are recommended. Photos are always welcome.

It's important when writing to Tibet to keep to personal subject matter, avoiding any politically sensitive issues, especially mention of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. For more information on writing go to the NJP website at <http://www.njp.org.au/sponsor/contact-sponsored-person/>



NJP on YouTube

Keep your eye on our Facebook page for news on the new NJP YouTube clips in production. The clips depicting daily life in Ganzi as well as the beautiful scenery will give you an appreciation of the way of life in Tibet.

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