



DRIKUNG CHARITABLE SOCIETY

2010 -2011 REPORT

RELIGIOUS PRAYERS / RITUALS

Some of major prayers done at the monastery this year

- Liberation Prayers
- Guru Drakpo
- Achi Kangwa Chenmo
- Mahakala Youkang
- Zambala Prayer
- Achi 100,000 Tsok Offering
- Vajrayogini Drubchen
- Vajrakilaya
- Dharmapala Tsimar and Mahakala prayers.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

- Through child sponsorship, we give hundreds of poor children the motivation, structure and resources to learn, to read and to pursue higher education.
- So far with the help from our supporters we have provided hundreds of individual sponsorships to impoverished children allowing them to attend higher studies.
- Provided quality education to resident monks and students with free educational materials. Majority are from poor family.
- With the help of sponsorship many children are now working successfully.
- Together, we are making a real and lasting difference. We thank all the sponsors for their never ending love and support through child sponsorship and it's always good to see the same shining curiosity in their eyes of the children that children everywhere have.



PROJECTS

NEW TEMPLE PROJECT- BYLAKUPPE

- Construction of New Temple building at Bylakuppe is going on smoothly but for a couple of months we couldn't carry on our work because of a prolonged monsoon. This year major work was done inside the basement and in making moulds for traditional designs for carving. We plan to complete the roof slab of open pillar gallery and main temple by next year.



New Temple model picture



New Temple under construction



Bodh Gaya Temple Project



AMITABHA MEDITATION CENTER: BODH GAYA

Construction of Bodh Gaya Amitabha Meditation Center had faced some delays caused by the local authorities relating to bodhgaya master plan. There were two courts orders in the year 2010 and 2011 in our favour but the final judgement on the appeal filed by the local authorities is awaited and should come by November'2011. We managed to complete the structure of the residential block and the ground floor of the main temple and also cement carving of traditional designs on beams, capital, columns, doors and windows.



View from main entrance

DRUBCHEN HELD AT OUR BRANCH MONASTERY DECHEN CHOEKULING AT MUNDGOD



- 2010 Drukchen was led by Ven. Ongtrul Rinpoche. We try to invite different lamas to lead the drubchen each year. People from 9 different camps of mundgod tibetan settlement attended everyday to recite mantras for all sentient beings. The Monastery provides food and transportation for all the people. Drukchen went on for couple of weeks till we were able to accomplish more than the 1 billion recitation count.



- We also organize Drukchen at Bylakuppe settlement every year.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF MONK STUDENTS

- Most of the students are from remote villages from Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Ladakh and Nepal border. These students have no-where to go during the winter break because of the distance, poor financial condition of their parents and many of them being orphans. To make their stay in the monastery memorable and to compensate for not being able to go home, like every year we took those students on an educational tour of historic places, zoo as well as entertainment parks in Mysore. The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and gained a lot of knowledge through these trips.



RENOVATION OF TEMPLE / SCHOOL / HOSTEL



View from Main Temple back with Old hostel building at both side

- This year major renovation work was done on the main temple and old hostel buildings. During monsoon we face leakages and noticed lot of dampness inside main temple and old hostel buildings. To avoid major problem in future we filled all the cracks and had water proofing solution done for all the buildings.

UPCOMING PROJECT- DAIRY FARM



- This dairy project was designed as a result of needs and concerns of The Kagyudpa Monastic Institute in response to the increasingly prohibitive cost of sufficient fresh milk, due to a shortage of cattles. It solves this problem through self-reliance and sustainability for over 300 monks. It improves the nutrition of the monks and assures their long term health and well-being, while preserving their dietary and religious traditions. In addition, the sale of extra milk to the settlement provides service to its residents, keeps much needed funds within the community and generates an on-going source of income for the operation and maintenance of the dairy.

The construction, development, education, food and all other projects of Drikung Charitable Society has been achieved entirely through contributions in terms of money, time and skills from many supporters from around the world. Drikung Charitable Society is deeply grateful to all of them and take this opportunity to thank each individuals for their act of kindness and generosity. Also, our special thanks for all the members of the Amitabha Foundation around the world for their efforts, hard work and contribution towards Drikung Charitable Society.
