

# GONPA GAZETTE

We are full-swing into monsoon, with periodic breaks for sunshine. The monastery is floating in a sea of green. I used to think I was crazy, imagining I could see the corn growing higher each day...but I'm not!. First, I couldn't take photos in my usual spots because the corn was so high; now, it's taller than me! After being in the monastery a few days, when I go out, everything has grown so much it looks like a foreign country!

With so much rain so much of the time, monks can't play as much sport, but they sure can play...any time, anywhere (even when they are not supposed)!

Why buy a fancy, wooden Mancala board with highly polished stones when you can find a piece of brick, draw circles on the concrete and have your choice of stones from the huge gravel piles used for new temple construction? You can even have several games going at once!



*Blue-green maize and yellow-green ginger.*



*If it's not Mancala, it's Chinese checkers or...*

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