

Rigul Trust Financial Resume April 2009 to April 2010

Thank you so much to everyone who has been generous with their time and donations in supporting the trust over the last year. Through these wonderful efforts over £21,000 has been raised this year, and another £4,417 reclaimed in tax rebate.

Rigul, Kham, Tibet - School & Clinic.

We have been able to send a total of £20,632 to the school and health clinic in Rigul. This has paid for the salaries of 5 teachers at the school, for 3 cooks and for hot meals twice a day for all the children there. The playground has now been cemented, and blankets provided for the dormitory. The school is growing in numbers, and currently serves a hundred children, so they are now asking for help with funds for more equipment. At the health clinic, we have paid for the salaries of Doctor Chuga, his assistant Karma Tsisha, and nurse Ani Choden, as well as running costs for the year. About 25 patients a day receive treatments, which are provided free of charge for the poor and for the monks. Khenpo Sheng Gen visited Rigul in 2009 and passes on the following message from all the people there -"we really appreciate your help and good intention."

Ling Gesar School in Dehra Dun

We have been able to extend our help to a school in Dehra Dun, India, serving the settlement of Tibetans in exile as well as the local Indian community. In September we sent out a second payment of £3,161 to complete the building of two new classrooms. These were finished within budget, and remaining funds were used for repairs around the school following the monsoon season. Another £4,080 was sent out in December to pay for the salaries of the teachers for one year.

<u>Himalayan medicinal plant project – Sowa Rigpa (Tibetan Medicine)</u>

We have sent out a total of £2,794 to support the new project growing medicinal Himalayan plants at Ringu Tulku's meditation centre in Sikkim. Rahima has been working hard to establish the garden, researching and experimenting with three main herbs initially – Ruta, Manu and Tikta. They have been asking for help with purchasing a cow to provide a free source of organic fertiliser.

Dharma publishing

Through the generosity of private sponsors, we have been able to fund a couple of publishing projects, with the twin benefits of spreading the dharma and of raising awareness and funds for Rigul Trust. CDs and DVDs of some of Ringu Tulku's teachings are available, with 100% of the purchase price going to fund projects in the field. Work is also underway on printing a book of Ringu Tulku's commentary on a Chenrezig sadhana.

Gift aid

Thanks to everyone who has completed a gift aid form. Through this scheme we were able to reclaim £4,417 in tax rebate from the previous financial year's donations. If you are giving donations to the trust, either as a one-off or as regular payments, do please take the time to fill out a gift aid form so that we can continue to claim this money back.

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