

Tibetan Buddhist Charitable Aid, Inc.

(TBCA)

a USA based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable corporation

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- 100% of all donations are sent directly to humanitarian projects in impoverished areas of Himalayan India and Nepal. (TBCA founders absorb all operating expenses.)
 - All projects are initiated and directed by Geshe Pema Dorjee.
 - We see all of our projects through from start to successful completion.
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Geshe Pema Dorjee is a Tibetan Buddhist monk who dedicates his life to the relief of suffering. He is an internationally recognized scholar, teacher, and humanitarian. For more information about Geshe Pema Dorjee and his projects, see www.buddhistcharity.org or just Google *Geshe Pema Dorjee*.



Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all who have helped to support Geshe Pema Dorjee's projects.

There is much more to do. *You can help.*

3 More Reasons to Support TBCA Projects:

#1: The Clean Stove Project

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oXDzzz_wjg

The Problem: In remote villages of Himalayan India, entire families live in one-room huts where they rely on traditional open fire stoves that burn constantly in the middle of the room. Although these unventilated stoves provide light, warmth in the bitterly harsh environment, and heat for cooking, they also fill the homes with thick carcinogenic smoke. Small children and the elderly are the most vulnerable to the toxic effects of the smoke. The smoke from these stoves cause blindness, lung diseases, and death.



The Solution: TBCA funded the development of efficient, ventilated cookstoves designed to be compatible with local needs and customs. They were manufactured in a village called Lumla in Arunachal Pradesh, India. In 2014, the first 37 ventilated stoves were delivered and installed in the 37 huts that constitute the villages of Yabab and Sherbang. In 2015, 38 stoves were delivered and installed in the villages of Zurpin & Teckshe.



The Results: decreased number of smoke related childhood deaths, significant reduction in smoke related diseases, improved and more efficient cooking, less deforestation, and smokeless homes.

Phase #1 (below) in the villages of Yabab and Sherbang:

Old Stove. Smoke-filled Room.



Replacing an Old Stove.



New Stove. No Smoke.



Phase#2 (below) during delivery to Zurpin & Teckshe villages:



We are now ready to complete the manufacture, delivery, and installation of 101 more life-saving, environmentally efficient stoves. Khokhim village needs 47 stoves, and Muktor village needs 54 stoves. Each stove costs \$150 to manufacture, deliver, and install. We still need \$10,950 to complete this next phase of this project.

Please help!

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Any amount will be helpful and appreciated.

#2: Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund

On April 25, 2015, a series of devastating earthquakes brought Nepal to its knees. Tremors continued for months thereafter. By September, the death toll had reached nearly 9,000 people. Hundreds of thousands have been left homeless and without proper shelter, injured and without medical help, hungry and thirsty, without basic supplies, and almost without hope.



Thanks to the generous donations made by many compassionate people worldwide, TBCA was able to send \$13,177 to help support the Earthquake Relief Fund directed by Geshe Pema Dorjee and carried out by the monks of the Porong Pelmo Choeding Monastery in Kathmandu. During the days and months following the initial shocks, these monks delivered truckloads of supplies to villages where no other help was available. They brought medical supplies, blankets, food, tents, and other necessities. The roads were broken or non-existent, the conditions were miserable, yet they worked tirelessly and compassionately to help the sick, injured, homeless, and frightened.



Despite political turmoil and difficult conditions, we are able to deliver 100% of all donations to this project. This October, we will travel to Nepal to document our help so far and to assess the current needs. There is still much to do, but the funds have run out.

If this project touches your heart,

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#3: 2015 Mobile Eye Care Project in Arunachal Pradesh, India

In June 2013, we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to sponsor a much needed 3-day Mobile Eye Care Project in Arunachal Pradesh, an isolated and distant Himalayan area in Northeastern India. The mobile unit was led by ophthalmologists, Dr. Lobsang Tsetim and Dr. Yube. They, along with technicians and an optical unit from the RK Mission Hospital, traveled to this remote region because it is devoid of eye care services. They provided free and comprehensive eye care. During those three days, 678 people were screened, 290 prescription glasses were issued, and 25 cataract operations with intraocular lens implants were performed as well as 4 other surgical procedures.

TBCA is happy to announce that we will be supporting this worthy humanitarian project again this year. The 2015 Mobile Eye Care Project will include some general medical care, and the mobile unit will reach villages that have never had any health care. It has taken a lot of planning, including the obtaining of government permissions due to the remoteness of the destination.

The 2015 Mobile Eye Care Project is scheduled to take place in Autumn 2015. The total cost of the project will be \$3,869.29. Thanks to the generosity of one particular donor, all we need to raise now is \$2,300 to completely fund this project.

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With our best wishes and heartfelt gratitude,

Dr. Carol Blum Mackauf

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