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Dear friends and sponsors of the HNGF,

We would like to inform you in this ANNUAL REVIEW 2018 about the activities in the past year.

First of all, we want to thank our 12 loyal regular donors again for their support. Through the periodic contributions we have been able to finance the HNGF activities. Good and meaningful spending has again been made this year. In 2018 we have again received some large incidental donations from Ben Ferwerda, Hilly Bol, Ursula Heine and Weitz Ingolf. In addition, our friend Roland Janson helped funding the HNGF with his 50th birthday party. Thank you all very much!

Progress projects 2018:

Project Monks Mainpath

As our previous review mentioned last year the young monks of HE. Beru Khyentse Rinpoche reside, since the earthquake in 2015, permanently in Mainpath (India). The conditions are better than in Boudhanath (Nepal). With your support a classroom was arranged last year. This year the HNGF sponsored winter clothing. Meanwhile, the 12 boys go to a regular elementary school for general primary education. There they also get English lessons, a nice step ahead.



The boys in Mainpath



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Project Himalaya Children

Since 2016 we are in contact with Claudia Butnik. A Buddhist nun living in Antwerp. She has been committed to her project, called "Himalaya Children" for many years. Here children are sponsored who live in poor families in Sikkim. With the sponsorship money, school fees, supplies, clothing and if necessary, medical care are paid.

The HNGF now sponsors 4 girls. We have been impressed by Claudia. With devotion she tries to improve the lives of 18 children in this way.



Claudia Butnik

Project "School in the sky": School for girls and women in Soreng

Last year we introduced Lama Puntso, a French Buddhist lama. He has had a foundation since 1998 with the same objectives as the HNGF. We made a first donation in 2018 for the construction of one public girls / women school in Soreng near Darjeeling. Construction is advanced now. Last year a picture of the foundation, now it starts to look like something.



The school under construction



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New project: Rumtek Nunnery in East Sikkim

During the visit to Bodhgaya in 2018 we came into contact with a number of nuns from a monastery in Rumtek (Karma Chokor Denchen Ling). In that monastery 25 nuns are living, aged 9 to 45, under very simple circumstances. The nuns are washing their dirty laundry by hand which takes a lot of time. The HNGF has donated a professional washing machine. This leaves more time for study and learning.



Rumtek nunnery in East Sikkim

We would like to thank you again very warmly. Without your help, all this would not be possible! We hope that together we can make more difference in 2019!

Yours faithfully, Miriam Bezemer, Peter Kersten, Ursula Heine



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The foundation aims to contribute to improving the living conditions of children in the Himalayan region by focusing on education and training opportunities. Our attention is focused primarily on children in Nepal and Northern India.

The quality of education offered by local schools is often quite poor, which is why many children cannot read or write. Some of the children in the poorest areas enter a convent to become a monk or nun (sometimes temporarily). But because the monasteries are completely dependent on private donations, living conditions there are also frequently primitive. At times there is no money for clothes, medical care or school supplies.

Education and training are important to help children develop their potential. We intend to promote equal opportunities for both boys **and** girls.



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