

Progress Report on the *Lapchi Children Project*, October 14, 2017



May all be auspicious! Thank you for your kind support.

1. Situation has improved. Out of the fourteen Lapchi children in the project, nine of them are now sponsored with one year sponsorship.
2. The Swedish sangha and Ratnashri Meditation Center continue to sponsor two children for the second year. From March 2017, fifteen sangha members have made contributions. The total amount including the list of donations will be handed over to H.E. Drubwang Nubpa Rinpoche personally during the 800th Mahaparinirvana celebration event in JangChubLing. Each donor received a small gift from Rinpoche and a special DVD film *Children from Earthquake* as souvenir. The film itself can also be watched in YouTube [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qih_-InCVnI]
3. During spring, summer and fall, children stay in Kathmandu enjoying their daily routine of going to school, doing their homework and playing together. During holidays or leisure times, the volunteer from Lapchi Association plays music and sings songs with them, enjoying the warm home life together. The children will come home to their parents for a month during the winter break.
4. Occasionally, they are visited by visitors who bring gifts to the children and play with them. Last year, our Center brought puzzles for the children as a Christmas gift. This year the children will receive art sets so that they can create their own art.
5. Children are growing up healthily, happily and harmoniously. See some of the pictures capturing those moments at the back of this page.
6. Right now, the project is still running a deficit since five child sponsorships are missing. As a result, the project must rely on funds from Lapchi Association which currently channels valuable resources from other critical projects aimed at restoring and preserving the holy place of Lapchi, in particular after the massive earthquakes in 2015. We sincerely hope that more sponsorships can be found so that the children home operation can continue.
7. The budget for each child remains the same as last year.

Items	Particulars	Monthly	Annually
1	Education fee	2,950 Rs	35,400 Rs
2	House Maintenance fee	100	1,200
3	Food	2,700	32,400
4	Staff pay	27,000/11= 2,454	2,077*12=29,450
5	Medical	300	3,600
6	Electric/water/phone	400	4,800
7	Clothing	1,300	15,600
8	Stationery	300	3,600
IN NEPALI Currency Rs:		10,504	126,037
Total fee for sponsoring a child in US \$		\$ 100	\$ 1,200
Exchange rate:105 Nepali rupee			

8. For sponsoring any child, please contact the Lapchi Association and wire sponsorship directly to
 - Account Name: Nechok Lapchi Kagyu Milarepa Association
 - Receiver's Address: Nayapati-5, Gokarneshowr, Kathmandu, Nepal
 - Account Number: 01800105200136
 - Swift Code: EVBLNPKA
 - Bank Name: EVEREST BANK LIMITED
 - Bank Address : Branch Chabhil, Kathmandu, Nepal

Any one-time or regular donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. There are two payment options:

Option 1. via Ratnashri Meditation Center's Plusgiro 1287806-2. Please write "Children", your name and email address on your payment.

Option 2. wire your donation directly to the Lapchi Association account mentioned above.

Contact

Dawa Tsering, Lapchi Association Secretary at lapchigonpa@gmail.com

Nechok Lapchi Kagyu Milarepa Association (NLKMA) Web: www.lapchimiralepa.org

Facebook: Lapchi Restoration

Complete information of the program can be found at <http://www.ratnashri.se/children.htm>

Moments of the children at the Lapchi Compassion Home in Kathmandu



Blessings and dedication of merits to Benefactors

In appreciation of the benefactor's contribution for the projects run by the Lapchi Association, there are activities to invoke blessing for donors and dedicate merits to donors throughout the year, such as:

- Recitation of the Mahaprajnaparamita Sutra on auspicious months.
- Dharma practice and hanging of prayer flags in auspicious days.
- Continued offering of light to the Buddha, daily recitation of mantras and offering to protectors, done by the resident lamas of Lapchi.
- Daily visualization and dedication of merits to benefactors of the ten directions done by practitioners at the various retreat centers in Lapchi.