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É D I T O R I A L

Actions locales dans un désordre global...

Economic crisis, unemployment, unfair wealth sharing out, all types of pollutions, armed conflicts: the news of the world we know bit by bit are rarely good.

Not hiding from the truth, this is the reason why I think it positive to consider things from a local point of view where we can quickly initiate visible and lasting actions.

Donors, sponsors, members, you have also made this choice and, thanks to you all, AMTM has been helping thousands of people since 1992...

Besides, M. Jean-Charles Demarquis, the new French Ambassador to Nepal who gave us a warm welcome at the time of our latest mission in March 2011, confirmed that in Nepal many associations willing to help the country are being created but few survive after the initial enthusiasm. Indeed, everyday life is not always easy and there are many problems, but each time I am lucky to lead a mission, it's such a pleasure to see each medical consultation, to hand each donation, to visit each building we funded, to give each sponsorship...

I am glad and proud of this human solidarity we've carried out for 19 years with our friends of the Roof of the World... I want to sincerely thank you for your loyalty beside us, guarantee of AMTM future.

Laurent Charbonnier, Président

O N T H E S P O T

Words by... *Lucie Bouquet*



Lucie Bouquet with the Head of Nyingmapa Wishfullfilling Center, Tulku Jigme Norbu Rinpoche.

« What we develop in Nanterre is useful on the spot »

Last March, a young graphic designer, member of AMTM since 2008, did her first mission in Nepal. First impressions of the new referent of our site Nyingmapa Wishfullfilling Center, in Sundarikal.

« **S**ince I've joined AMTM three years ago, I had time to get ready to keep close to extreme poverty. Yet, it is so present everywhere in Nepal. From my arrival, I was extremely pleased to notice how what we develop in France is useful there. Since 2008, I've worked in a pole of the association in charge of hygiene. We have created all kinds of play and pedagogic tools to teach everyone, young and adults, basic cleanliness gestures which are enough to avoid many diseases such as scabies and other skin diseases. A work which pays off! On the spot, I also helped to fill questionnaires to better know monks and their life. A fulfilling exchange. Lastly, it's with a great emotion that I went to the site of *Nyingmapa Wishfullfilling Center*, of which I am now AMTM referent, an essential visit allowing to meet local heads, to see how they live and therefore to better grant their request and the sponsors' one. I remain deeply marked by this great human experience. Meeting extreme poverty, people and culture being out of step with our society is inevitably a life lesson. We're different when we come back. We have grown. »

DOCTORS, PHARMACISTS, NURSES

Join us

Constantly renewed, moving continually, the nursing staff of our association regularly participates in our missions.

Bernard Astolfe is the last doctor who has joined our association. And the mission in Nepal last March was his baptism of fire, as well as for Nailat Bamada, a nurse who recently joined us, for the mission in India last April. « *Periodically, we try to integrate new people into the team, says Christine Boissinot, in charge of AMTM medical actions. And we try to take a new person in each team when we leave. Just because not all of doctors, nurses or pharmacists from the very beginning want to continue their work. And also because it is always rewarding to integrate new dynamic persons into a team. This prevent us to find ourselves with no one when preparing our missions in India or Nepal* ».

With about 25 members, AMTM



Our new doctor and nurse, Bernard Astolfe and Nailat Bamada during their first mission

medical team therefore includes doctors, pharmacists and nurses, a close-knit and open staff, in which the rule is benevolence when a new member arrives. Once on the spot, the doctor, pharmacist or nurse are in the heart of poverty. They work in rustic conditions of medical comfort at a sustained pace which is unusual for many of them. Judging from reactions gleaned when we are back from missions, involvement and conscientiousness do not stop good mood and meals together are jovial.

At the present time, the association receives about one or two letters of application every month but it examines them all with interest, provided that the writers have the same values than us and defend the causes we defend. Doctors, pharmacists and nurses are welcome and those who want to join us can send CV and letter of motivation to AMTM.

A C T I O N S

Building

■ The work of the *Nyingmapa Wishfulfilling Institute*, near Kathmandu, are nearing completion. Their financing was finalized thanks to the Regional Council of Ile-de-France (€ 10,000), to Talentsoft (€ 5,000) and the association Talents et Partage (€ 7,639).

Missions

■ A team of 15 persons was in Nepal last March; Donations (€ 3,410) have been given to remedy the lack of vital commodities or to finance emergency surgery in various sites.

■ A team of 7 persons went to India and Sikkim last April and gave donations (€ 600) to Sisters of Cluny for the salary of a nurse, to the doctor in Sikkim and to *Jangsar Dechen Chöling* for 2 acute appendicitis operations.

CULTURE - EDUCATION

« Dalai Lama visiting the site of Zangdhok Palri »



Head of the site, had requested His Holiness to come into his monastery, in vain until now since his timetable is overburdened. It was therefore a divine surprise for him and the 63 monks living in the site when his secretary announced the coming of Tibetan Spiritual leader on December 12, 2010. Dalai Lama took the

time to visit the monastery, to bless all the monks and Tibet an people who rushed to meet him. Before leaving, he has also hugged two nonagenarian fellow travellers to his chest, Lama Chemed and Lama Jangchup, telling them with his radiant smile that « *they will meet again soon!* » . Since its inception in

1992, AMTM has helped Tibetan settled in Zangdhok Palri and its surrounding areas. As Brigitte Roubach, in charge of the sponsorships in the site and its surrounding areas, says: « *there was an amazing fervour. To these Tibetans in exile, this visit was for sure one of the memorable event in their life.* »

Poverty victims

Provide for the future to « children slaves » is one of the works the Sisters of Cluny in Kalimpong have decided on. AMTM started sponsorships

Since September 2010, AMTM has looked for sponsors for the street children in Kalimantan, in India, whom Sisters of Cluny take in charge. 7 of the 130 children the Sisters take care of are already sponsored. This is good news for these poor poverty victims their parents put into tiny shops for Rupees 2,000 per month. When they are not tortured, abused or sold for Rupees 5,000 to middlemen, kind of vile children traffickers who promise the moon and stars to their parents and who in fact exploit them as « slaves » at employers with no ethic. This is why the Sisters of Cluny



Martine Cartigny, AMTM referent for the site of the Sisters of Cluny, receives a bunch from the street children.

in Kalimpong created the association BSA in 2005. This plan is aimed to provide education, advice, health and food. The Sisters who send BSA members to the shops in order to locate them have already legally rescued a hundred and thirty children. At the moment, 70% of them live in Decima Glenn Home, a house built for them thanks to

the donations from a generous Australian donor.

Some sleep in a hotel, 12 live in families as paying guests and about ten, still supported by the association, returned into their family, a solution the Sisters prefer when it is possible. Nine children are still awaiting a sponsor.

For this, please contact AMTM.

PORTRAIT

Sudarshan Dahal SD joins AMTM Nepali team

Monitoring the quality and quantity of water in Nepali sites: AMTM has just hired Sudarshan Dahal to do this job



Sponsorships lead to everything, including to a job of technician for AMTM. It's what happened to Sudarshan Dahal, an orphan of 20 years old who has been educated at *Buddha Academy Boarding School* and then entered a school of electronics and robotics engineering. A successful school record that made Dorje Namgyal, head of *Buddha Academy*

Boarding School, to notice him and to advise us to hire him. So we did for a salary of €100. This sum may seem derisory to us but it will enable him to provide a living for his two brothers, one of them being married with three children: « *for me, it's life that begins* » said he to J.-P. Martin, engineer and in charge of « *Water and energy* » one of the main AMTM plans,

started less than one year ago. What form does this job take? To ensure in collaboration with J.-P. Martin (above) the technical follow-up of the various sites in Nepal. A job up to this enthusiastic young man who has already visited twice the twenty Nepali sites and will send to Nanterre a report that will allow to set up an estimated plan of action. A nice plan

ACTUALITES

■ « *A very sensitive and remarkably intelligent pianist* » in Edith Fischer's opinion, **Jasmina Kulaglich will give a piano recital in aid of AMTM next July 8th**, Salle Cortot in Paris. On the programme, Chopin, Liszt, Tchaïkovski and also Tajcevic, a composer of her native country (Serbia). Ticket price: € 25 available at FNAC. Book quickly!

■ **A young designer takes on a commitment to AMTM!**

Browse at our e-shop (shop.amtm.org) where you will discover the unusual creations of **Fred Trenteseaux**, a young talented photographer who has designed several models for AMTM.



Lara Fabian, our patron, always there to help us



Lara Fabian with Daniel Collin On the right, the picture AMTM gave.

The exhibitions of Daniel Collin, AMTM official photographer since its inception, follow one another but are not the same. At least the latest one held from November 26th to 28th at Atelier Z, Peugeot arts complex in Paris, was marked among others –and apart from many people who came- by the unexpected visit of a distinguished guest: Lara Fabian in person, our patron, on whom we can rely, who, warm and friendly, very simply came in the afternoon of November 28th. She spent more than an hour to go around the gallery and to admire Daniel Collin's works and she left in the evening with a huge photo of chil-

dren. Our President gave her another picture which has pleased this great admirer of Daniel's work. The exhibition brought in € 6,420.

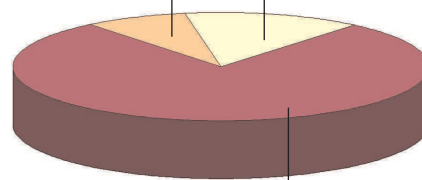
THEY HELP US

■ Boosted by a 10 years long relationship based on shared values around child and his welfare, **Coudemail** and AMTM have formalized in 2010 their humanitarian partnership towards children in Nepal by signing a charter and starting the operation « *Ensemble pour les enfants du Népal* » (Together for the children in Nepal). The brand specialist in baby and children has promised to support AMTM's actions with operations organized as a part of the Journées du Droit de l'Enfant (Days of the Children' Right) and, with its donations, to make it possible to improve the children education condi-

KEY NUMBERS

USE FOR € 100 DONATIONS (2010)

Fund Raising € 8 Management and administration € 14



Missions and programs costs €78 *

- > AMTM budget for 2011 **€560 000**
- > number of donors **4,100**
- > number of sponsorships **1,000**
- > number of volunteers **124**
- > visits on the Internet site **2,000 / month**
- > sponsorship monthly cost **€25** (€8,5 after tax deduction allowance in France)
- > annual subscription **€35**

*and provision for future projects



tions. A great thank you then to **Coudemail** for the €1,000, 2,000 clothes and 354 stuffed animals collected in their 35 stores. These donations have been given last March during a mission of the association.

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