



Dear Friend,

2007 was a banner year for Kham Aid Foundation. Thanks to a USAID grant that we wrapped up this year, we had some great program highlights in the area of cultural heritage preservation. At the same time, generous support from other donors allowed us to make big strides forward in education, health, and economic development.

### **A significant new discovery in Minyak**

In April, a rumor sent our staff hiking up a steep, jungly, mountain in southwest Kangding County where they discovered, in Pusarong Village, the phenomenal Trupa Lhakhang. The 160 square meters of paintings in this temple, probably dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, are by far the largest and most significant surviving murals from ancient Minyak. By year's end we were preparing timber to repair the temple's decrepit roof, and were laying plans to tackle conservation of the paintings in 2008.



### **Linking cultural heritage, education, and economic development**

This year we continued to conserve the architecture and paintings of Wayao village by making critical repairs to the roof of the Gongtsa Dendrup House, and organizing a team of 20 conservators to work on the village's extensive murals. We also helped the village launch a cultural tourism business and by autumn they were hosting



travelers. To make sure they have the needed skills, we helped villagers revive their abandoned schoolhouse, and we hired a teacher to staff it. With tourism businesses and a school, the people of Wayao now have a bright future.

### **Helping artisans find markets**

In July Kham Aid hosted the first-ever 3-day workshop on hand-craft product and business development, featuring both international and Tibetan experts.



Dozens of Khampa entrepreneurs participated, as well as observers from Chengdu, Lhasa, and Guiyang.

### **Teaching traditional skills**

This year Kham Aid Foundation organized trainings in Tibetan skills including tailoring (8 students), boot making (4 students), construction (10), roof repair (9), and painting(15), for a total of 46 young people benefiting.



### **Providing nutritious food to schoolchildren**

Thanks to last year's Ride for Green, Kham Aid constructed five greenhouses at rural primary schools in Litang County. These greenhouses are now producing fresh vegetables for children who live and eat at these schools. Five more greenhouses will be built in 2008.



## Helping young Tibetans attend school

The fall of 2007 found 95 students aged 14-18 starting a new school year thanks to Kham Aid donors. In June, twelve of our girls graduated from junior middle school and eighteen more graduated from senior middle school. This year, in addition to reopening the Wayao Village School we also helped build a new girls' classroom at the Yala Mountain Charity School in Goroma village.



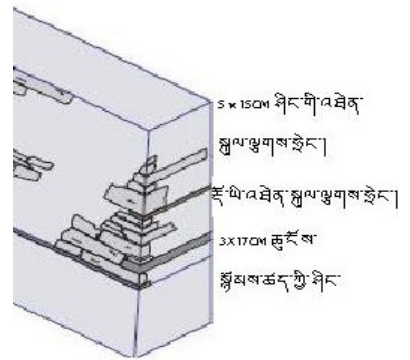
## Delivering wheelchairs to the needy

This year pediatric physical therapist Eunice Shen led her fourth team to Kham where they distributed wheelchairs to 68 Tibetans and gave treatment to one hundred other disabled persons.



## Promoting protection of Tibetan heritage

Documenting Tibetan building traditions is vital to ensuring that they continue. This year Kham Aid Foundation volunteers completed the documentation of seven ancient buildings; we also assembled a first-of-its-kind, Tibetan Language manual for repair of damaged walls and roofs.



We thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to support Kham Aid Foundation in 2008.

With my best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Pamela Logan in blue ink.

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