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The children of the remote villages of Tsagam and Bagang need an education.

We need your help to support Tibetans in exile.

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your fantastic response to our appeal highlighting the devastation caused by Cyclone Phailin to Tibetans living in Phuntsokling settlement. Through your generosity we have been able to send a grant for Phuntsokling that will be used to help people rebuild their lives. Thank you.

Whilst our most recent appeals have been focussed on Tibetan settlements in India; I now write to request your support in helping provide education for children in two poor and remote Nepal villages.

In the isolated and inaccessible Tibetan communities of Tsagam and Bagang, life is tough and money is hard to come by. Villagers rely on farming and seasonal nomadic herding to meet their basic needs and anything that cannot be produced locally requires a long and arduous journey down the mountain.

Each village has a small and very basic school where there is one government supplied teacher who teaches in Nepali.

The families living in the villages desperately wanted their children to be taught the Tibetan language and to formally learn the history of Tibetan culture. With villagers no longer able to go across the border to Tibet, they were increasingly concerned that future generations were losing touch with their traditional language and culture.

For the past three years, Tibet Relief Fund has been able to provide a grant for the salaries of two full-time Tibetan teachers. **We now need your help to be able to continue to fund the teachers' salaries.**

Please donate today.

Since the appointment of the two Tibetan teachers the number of pupils in the schools has risen each year; the teachers are not only proving to be of enormous benefit to the children, but also to the community as a whole.



Within these remote communities, there are many reasons why parents are often reluctant to send their children to school. With farming the only source of income for most families, children are often kept home to help out with the vital day-to-day work.

The introduction of Tibetan teachers has kindled a new interest and enthusiasm in education within many families, this has led more parents sending their children to school. The teachers have also provided an overall improvement in the quality of education and opened up future opportunities for the children.

The nearest secondary school to Tsagam and Bagang is in the city of Kathmandu. There has long been a significant difference in the level of education that children from smaller, more remote communities, have access to in comparison to those from the larger towns and villages.

When we heard that a student from Tsagam had achieved the highest school results in Tibetan studies at school in Kathmandu, this cemented more than ever the impact the teachers were having on the children and their future.

Please help us ensure the communities of Tsagam and Bagang do not lose these benefits by donating to the Tibetan teachers appeal now.

£15 could help continue to provide a Tibetan teacher for the Bagang community

£30 could help re-appoint a Tibetan teacher in the larger settlement of Tsagam

£60 could help support teachers in both Tsagam and Bagang

We want to ensure a bright and promising future for the people of Tsagam and Bagang and to help preserve precious Tibetan language and culture. Be part of keeping Tibetan culture, language and literature alive. Please donate today.

Your generosity can help the children and communities of Tsagam and Bagang. Your donation will be used where it is needed most and enable us to support this and other urgent projects that bring sustainable and practical help to Tibetans in India, Nepal and Tibet.

Thank you.

With all best wishes,

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