

We realise that links have been broken below. Please contact us at bodhi@bodhi.net.au if there's anything you'd like to view.

Posted 5 November 2008

For another perspective on bamboo flowering in CHT, please see
<http://www.vanityfair.com/politics/features/2007/12/famine200712>

Posted 4 November 2008

In September five activists received the 2008 Human Rights Watch Award. They are:

Bo Kyi, a co-founder of Burma's Assistance Association of Political Prisoners;

Mathilde Muhindo, who works to stop the use of rape as a weapon of war in Democratic Republic of Congo;

Abd al-Rahman al-Lahim, a human rights lawyer in Saudi Arabia;

Sunila Abeysekera, founder of the Sri Lankan human rights group INFORM; and,

Umida Niazova, an Uzbek journalist who covered the turmoil in Andijan.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.hrw.org/english/docs/2008/09/15/global19810.htm>

Posted 3 November 2008

Passionate BODHI supporter James Meyers died in Southern California last month. Among many others, these two tributes were presented at his funeral: My Dad and A Day with Jim Meyers.

Posted 7 October 2008

Kabita Chakma and Glen Hill presented a paper, 'Writing Post-nationalist Histories Within the Walls of Nationalism: The Case of Indigenous Peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh' at the panel, 'Walls of Oppression: Minorities and Human Rights in the Borderlands,' during the 50th Anniversary conference of the Oriental Society of Australia: World Without Walls East and West 21st Century Perspectives, held at Sydney University 3–7 December 2006. The paper is to be published soon.

Posted 6 October 2008

Colin's editorial, 'Sustainable health for all by the year 2100?' is in the current International Journal of Public Health.

Posted 4 October 2008

Marty has booked Egyptian-born journalist Nonie Darwish for October 24 at the University of California at Davis. Her talk, "Searching for peace within," relates to her personal journey and the issues of peace, democracy and womens' rights in the Middle East.

Colin gave a talk entitled 'The health benefits of reducing meat consumption' at the Meat-Free Day Conference in Sydney sponsored by the Hindu Council of Australia. The event, part of the Council's 'Addressing global warming' agenda, was held on the 2nd of October in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. Please [click here](#) to read a copy of Colin's talk and [here](#) to see his slides.

Posted 2 October 2008

Help! We desperately need help modernising the website, a process beyond the current BODHI volunteers. Things move so fast in that world!

Please, if you've any skills or ideas, contact Susan at csbutler@sctelco.net.au.

Posted 25 September 2008

For an article on Burma's exploitation of children as soldiers and the Security Council's failure to condemn the practice, please see Jo Becker's [Child soldiers and the China factor](#), which was published in Human Rights Watch on the 12th of September.

Posted 2 September 2008

Please visit our new Myanmar/Burma page to learn about the efforts of the Buddhist Federation of Australia and the Buddhist Peace Fellowship to help victims of Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar.

Posted 2 September 2008

Congratulations to the Green Tara Trust (GTT), who have received their Charities Commission registration (number 1125556) this month. UK taxpayers can claim gift aid and offset their donations against tax. If you would like to donate to the GTT, please contact Karunamati directly on doctorjane99@hotmail.com

Posted 30 August 2008

BODHI has made a donation to the Chakma Mahila Samity (CMS), a women's organisation in the northeast Indian state of Mizoram. 'BODHI is the maiden overseas organisation to stand by the Chakma Mahila Samity in materializing its aims and objectives,' writes Jyotsna Chakma Verula from Kamalanagar, Lawngtlai.

The Australian Jumma Community would like these funds to be used for either health or women's projects. This request will be tabled at CMS's annual conference in September. We'll keep you posted.

Posted 27 August 2008

For new photos of Sangeetha Basnet taken by Dr Jane Stephens (Karunamati) during her recent visit to Nepal, please visit Current Projects and follow the links or click here.

Posted 25 August 2008

If you're a shareholder, please consider nominating BODHI for the Shareholder Nominated Charitable Giving Scheme, in which the company may donate a portion of its profits each year.

For a look at some interesting statistics on giving in Australia, please visit <http://www.givewell.com.au/statistics.asp>.

Posted 21 August 2008

The CHT Indigenous Jumma Association Australia reports that the 12-member Chittagong Hill Tracts Committee, co-chaired by Lord Avebury, has called on the Bangladeshi government to speed up the implementation of the 1997 peace treaty for the three hill districts after a 4-day visit to these districts.

For further information on this subject, please see 'Indigenous people in CHT become victim of land grabbing, displacement' at <http://www.thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=49331>.

Posted 18 August 2008

Australia's Medical Observer magazine has published a letter of Colin's called 'No time to nitpick about climate' in its 15/08/08 issue.

Posted 14 August 2008

We're adding two new entries to our Links page: Indigenous Jumma People's Movement in North America and Jumma Peoples Network UK. Jumma is the collective name of the indigenous peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts in

Bangladesh and includes Chakma, Marma, Tripura, Tengchungya, Chak, Pankho, Mru, Murun, Bawm, Lushai, Khyang and Khumi.

Posted 12 August 2008

Human Rights Watch reports that eight Vietnamese writers were among a group of 34 writers from 19 countries who received Hellman/Hammett awards for courage in facing political persecution. For details, please visit <http://www.hrw.org/doc?t=asia&c=vietna>

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Four Corners recently broadcast the BBC's 'Undercover in Tibet'. This 'Tibetan exile's view of life under China' included coverage of displaced nomads. For further information, please visit <http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/content/2008/s2301213.htm>

Posted 29 July 2008

For recent photographs of the Shishu Koruna Sangha (SKS) school and complex, please visit Kulottam Chakma's website at http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/kolkata_images/. BODHI supports SKS's Bodhicariya Education Project.

Posted 28 July 2008

Colin and two other consultants from the Australian National University, Professor Tony McMichael and Dr. Haylee Weaver, prepared a draft paper that examined the links between climate change and AIDS. Please visit [Examining links between AIDS and climate change](#) for highlights of the main findings from the paper.

Posted 27 July 2008

At BODHI Australia's Annual General Meeting on 22nd June, the Mizoram Health Care Committee was formed to develop and oversee a health project in Mizoram, NE India. We hope to have more information, some photos and a web page in the middle of August.

Posted 26 July 2008

BODHI Human Rights Committee members Dr Martin Rubin and Scott Trimmingham have been busy in the United States, organising a university human rights talk (Marty) and fundraising for Mitini Nepal (Scott). Please see our Human Rights Committee page for details.

Posted 25 July 2008

Here's the first paragraph from yesterday's Human Rights Watch about the Nepalese government's crackdown on Tibetan demonstrators.

(New York, July 24, 2008) – The government of Nepal, under pressure from China, has arbitrarily arrested hundreds of Tibetans and restricted their right to demonstrate against the March 2008 crackdown in Tibet, Human Rights Watch said in a new report today. Human Rights Watch called on Nepal to respect Tibetans' rights to free expression and assembly, and for China to end its pressure campaign against Nepal.

Please click [here](#) for the full article or visit www.hrw.org for more information about Human Rights Watch.

Posted 14 July 2008

BODHI Australia's Annual General Meeting 2008 was held on 22 June in Campbell Town, Tasmania.

Posted 25 June 2008

Prof Colin Soskolne, Canada, also participated in the recent UN Day of Vesak in Hanoi, Vietnam. He sent in this link to lovely photographs taken by Ricardo Sasaki.

Posted 24 June 2008

We've added exchanged links with the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, whose mission is to endorse and promote indigenous peoples' right to self-determination, their cultural integrity and their right to development on their own conditions.

Posted 23 June 2008

On 19th June, BODHI Community Adviser Dr Shanti Raman received the 2008 NSW Refugee Humanitarian Award, presented by STARTTS & Refugee Council of Australia. Congratulations, Shanti!

Earlier in the year, we posted news of floods, bamboo flowering and a consequent rat plague in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh. Kabita Chakma, BODHI Community Adviser and member of our Human Rights Committee, reports that Australia will provide \$500,000 in emergency assistance for remote indigenous

communities suffering severe food shortages because of the rat plague in the CHT. Please see this press release of the Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, Bob McMullan. For further information, please see CHT Bamboo Flowering Report and When the Rats Came Calling.

BODHI Australia's Annual General Meeting was held yesterday. Minutes will be posted soon.

Posted 10 June 2008

We have added the website of Karuna Germany to our Links page. The registered charity Karuna Deutschland e.V. was set up in 2006 by a group of German Buddhists to fundraise for projects in South Asia. The charity's aim is to support projects for the benefit of Indian ex-Untouchables and other people in need. Presently, there are projects in Dalit communities in India, in the hill region of Bangladesh, and in the poor countryside of Nepal receiving support. The focus is on health care, education and on women's empowerment.

Posted 9 June 2008

As mentioned in May, Professor Colin Butler was on the International Organising Committee (IOC) for the 6th United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) celebrations, held 13-18 May 2008, in Hanoi, Vietnam. The theme of the gathering was Buddhist Contribution to Building a Just, Democratic and Civil Society. There were eight workshops, including one that Colin helped organise and chair, called Care for our Environment: Buddhist Response to Climate Change. Click to see the five recommendations of Colin's workshop. Please see BODHI Times 34 for an edited report.

BODHI Times 34 is now online. We hope you enjoy it.

From the Medical Director's Desk has been updated to include 'Caring for our only home', from BODHI Times 34.

BODHI Community Adviser Mr Kulottam Chakma has posted images on his website from his recent trip to the Chittagong Hill Tracts and Northeast India. Please see http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/cht_images and http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/kolkata_images.

Posted 8 June 2008

BODHI would like to congratulate Dr Colin Butler, our Medical Director, who has been appointed Associate Professor at the Australian National University. He will work at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH). Well done, Professor Butler!

Posted 27 May 2008

Mr Kulottam Chakma has updated the report of his trip to Tripura, India. Please click here for the report or visit Kulottam's website at <http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/tripura>.

Posted 22 May 2008

BODHI Adviser Sister Mila de Gimeno, of the Missionaries of the Assumption in Davao City, the Phillippines, sent these reflections of a three-day conference in which

twelve chiefs of the Matigsalog tribe gathered to settle differences in the implementation of their customary laws and foster uniformity in their implementation.

Posted 13 May 2008

Colin is in Hanoi, Vietnam, as part of the International Organising Committee (IOC) for the 6th United Nations Day of Vesak, about which he will write in the next Medical Director's Desk. The main theme of the gathering is Buddhist Contribution to Building a Just, Democratic and Civil Society. There are eight workshops consisting of one main theme and seven sub-themes. Sub Theme 4 is Care for our Environment: Buddhist Response to Climate Change. For further information, please see <http://www.vesakday2008.com>.

BODHI Community Adviser Mr Kulottam Chakma visited Tripura in northeast India, Kolkata, India and the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh in his continuing humanitarian efforts for the Jumma community. Please visit his website at <http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/tripura> or click here for Kulottam's report and selected photographs of the Tripura part of his journey.

Posted 6 May 2008

BODHI Community Adviser Dr Shanti Raman has published a paper on human rights and child health in the Journal of Paeds and Child Health, as well as one on refugee child health in the conference proceedings of the Population Health Congress, 'A Global World - Practical Action for Health and Well Being,' held in Brisbane, Australia, 6-9 July, 2008.

Posted 4 May 2008

Please see the Food Security section of Hot Topics for Colin's article, Free trade in food: moral and physical hazards, in Hester R, ed. Modern Agricultural Practices: their environmental, social and public health impacts.

Posted 23 April 2008

* BODHI US directors Colin Butler, Susan Woldenberg Butler, Marty Rubin and Scott Trimmingham met earlier this month in Southern California. Among matters discussed were new projects Mitini Nepal and the health-care centre at Tashi Lhapug in Eastern Tibet. Marty updated us on his human rights activities and Scott offered guidance on fundraising. We are working on the minutes. Meanwhile, here are photos of Colin, Susan and Scott and Colin and Marty (and the Easter bilby!)

* The entire Chittagong Hills Tracts in Bangladesh, bordering the Indian state of Mizoram, have been affected by gregarious flowering of bamboo. This phenomenon occurs once every fifty years and leads to 'huge rat populations feeding on agricultural crops in the fields and granaries, which subsequently can cause famine.' For two different views and photographs, please see the UNDP's CHT draft report and 'When the rats came calling,' Dilip Chakma's serialised article in Newslink, the daily newspaper of Mizoram's capital, Aizawl.

* Dr Jane Stephens, a British GP in London, has been working in Nepal since 1993. She set up the Green Tara Trust in 1999 to provide 'health-related services to some of the most disadvantaged children, women and men in rural areas of Nepal. In Kathmandu Dr Stephens discovered Mitini Nepal, another disadvantaged group and made a proposal to BODHI, which we have accepted. It will be online soon.

Posted 22 April 2008

BODHI welcomes Mr Dilip Chakma to our Human Rights Committee. Dilip is a law student in Bangalore, India who co-founded with other students the Friends of the Chakmas (FOTC). Please visit this link for an article from the FOTC newsletter on malaria in Mizoram, in NE India.

Jill Jameson, who works with the International Women's Development Agency and Buddhist Peace Fellowship, was part of a delegation that visited Rangoon, Burma and Mae Sot on the Burma-Thai border in December, 2007. She sent this report and projects list.

Posted 20 April 2008

Colin's PhD thesis, Inequality and Sustainability is freely from available
<http://www.thesis.anu.edu.au/public/adt-ANU20030324.171924/index.html>

Posted 29 February 2008

Colin has a paper in the latest Journal of Bioethical Enquiry. It argues that a combination of increasing inequality, hypocrisy, population growth and adverse global environmental change imperils our civilisation. You may read the abstract or, for the full copy, go to <http://www.springerlink.com/content/5206j1211313m385/> (if you have access) or email colin.butler@anu.edu.au.

Posted 27 February 2008

We love maps and could gaze at them endlessly. Remember those old black-and-white war-movie maps over which a military commander presided, hands behind his back? We're thinking about something similar with markers pinpointing the location of our projects. Meanwhile, here's a map of Asia which we lifted off Google Maps. Any ideas?

Posted 26 February 2008

A brand-new project is taking shape: Tashi Lhapug Health Care Centre in Eastern Tibet. It will provide traditional Tibetan medical services to nomads and monks in an area that is 10 hours' drive by Jeep from Jamseng Health Care Centre in Zadoh. This is still in the planning stage.

Posted 25 February 2008

We've begun financial as well as publicity support for a health care clinic for nomads in Eastern Tibet. Please see BODHI's Current Projects or visit Jamseng Health Care Centre.

Posted 24 February 2008

We're updating the website and are currently resurrecting all of Colin's columns From the Medical Director's Desk, as they appear in our newsletter, BODHI Times. It may take some time to bring them all to our exacting standards, so please be patient.

Posted 21 February 2008

Click here to read about the silent genocide in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh.

Posted 18 February 2008

* Through the Australian Jumma community, BODHI is in its second year of supporting the Bodhicariya Education Project, part of the vision of the Shishu Koruna Sangha (SKS) in Kolkata, India.

* BODHI Australia 2007 Annual General Meeting AGM 2007 Minutes and photograph

* BODHI Times 33 now online

* A new care centre for very needy children has been started in a slum in East Pune, India. Baldasan Care Centre for Malnourished Children below the Poverty Line

Posted 15 February 2008

Dr Sonal Singh writes, 'We are in the process of arranging a health seminar for Sangeetha in Kathmandu, Nepal and will be in touch once we have finalised it.'

Train-the-Trainer

Posted 14 February 2008

Mr Lalith Halangoda, Director, Udana Special Children's Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka shares year-end celebrations. Year End Party 2007

Posted 13 February 2008

Dr Colin Butler is on the International Organizing Committee (IOC) for this May event in Hanoi, Vietnam. United Nations Day of Vesak 2008

Posted 19 November 2007

6th United Nations Day of Vesak, Vietnam

Posted 10 April 2007

Udana Special Needs Children's College, Sri Lanka

Posted 17 March 2007

Revolving Sheep Bank -

Phase 2 continues and Phase 3 begins

building on success with Phase 1....

Posted 26 September 2006

Bodhi Talks to ABC Radio National about the Revolving Sheep Bank

Listen to the broadcast

Posted 14 September 2006

Revolving Sheep Bank - Phase 2 now under way!

building on success with Phase 1....

Posted 31 August 2006

BODHI makes Courier Mail* blog!

[*The Courier Mail is the largest daily paper in Queensland, Australia.]

Read the story and the comments.... (add your own!) [opens in a new window]

Posted 8 August 2006

Report by Leatherwood Online on success of the Sheep Bank project

Posted 8 July 2006

BODHI advisor Shelley Anderson co-nominated for Nobel Peace Prize. The seven women in the International Fellowship of Reconciliation's Women's Peacemaker's Program, which includes BODHI Advisor Shelley Anderson, have been nominated for the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. Although they didn't win (this time), to have her life's work so recognised is a great honour, and helps us all to keep going.

Well done, Shelley!

Posted 28 June 2006

Sir John Crofton's letter

Posted 7 May 2006

BODHI supports a new healthcare project in Tibet

More from the RSB project

Latest Sheep Bank Report

Dapodi Clinic

Posted 1 May 2006

Deafness in Nepal: a new project

Tibetan recipients of BODHI sponsored RSB Project receive their sheep

Posted 1 April 2006

BODHI Times no 29

Posted Friday, June 10, 2005

Snapshots from AGM, June 2005

Posted Friday, May 13, 2005

BODHI Times no 28 now available online

Posted Monday, May 9, 2005

You can now make donations using Paypal!

Posted 6 January 2005

BODHI offers tsunami relief

Posted 3 January 2005

We hope that you have a great 2005!

Posted 20 December 2004

Bodhi Times no 27 now available online.

Posted 16 June, 2004

The Sheep Bank works! See Report from Tibet

Posted 25 MAY 2004

The new BODHI Times is now available

Posted 17 MAY 2004

We are very happy to have established our own new domain and website here at
bodhi.net.au

Please change your bookmarks!

The new BODHI Times will soon be available. We promise a new and exciting issue!

Posted 27 January 2004

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Posted 23 January 2004

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Ever heard of Meghalaya? Read BODHI Times and discover what remoteness really means!

Posted Friday, 29 August 2003

BODHI's site has been updated completely! Please take a look at the How you can help Page.

Posted Friday, 6 June 2003

The latest BODHI AGM - Minutes and related documents (small filesize - 64 kb.)

Note: these are in Adobe Acrobat reader (pdf) format. They may be downloaded to your computer for later perusal, or read on the screen through your browser using the Adobe Acrobat plugin.

A copy in Microsoft Word format may be downloaded, but the filesize is 700 kb.