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Rebuilding Chakma Rajbari Donation information:

You can donate to directly to Bangladesh:

Chakma Circle Heritage Council

Account no: 1071379,

Agrani Bank, Banarupa

Branch, Rangamati

Alternately, you can contact [chakmacircleheritagecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:chakmacircleheritagecouncil@gmail.com) or telephone: 01715-902798.

Within Australia until mid-January 2011, please contact BODHI Community Adviser Kabita Chakma at [chakma.kabita@gmail.com](mailto:chakma.kabita@gmail.com).

You can also keep up at the Chakma Raj website ([www.chakmaraj.com](http://www.chakmaraj.com)).

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We're revitalising the website and welcome your suggestions. The goal is to modernise and increase traffic and donations.

Australian microbiologist Prof Frank Fenner died in Canberra 21 Nov 2010, aged 95. He made many contributions over his long career to virology and tropical medicine. Here are the ProMed obituary and Colin's response.

What new in our Mailbag?

## **November 2010**

New Project: Reproductive & Academic Education for Thai Border Girls.

BODHI has begun a 3-year project with local partner Global Health International in Chiang Rai, Thailand. Its objectives are to tackle population health, HIV/AIDS, peace and security and the widening gap between rich and poor. For information, please click here.

## **October 2010**

25-27 October: Colin is the keynote speaker on climate change and health at the 2010 Taiwan Health Forum, whose themes are leadership, climate change and health and health systems. Please click here for further information.

Dr Bina D'Costa writes on dislocation and displacement in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh: <http://www.thedailystar.net/forum/2010/september/where.htm>

## **September 2010**

The Tashi Lhapug Health Care Centre project in Eastern Tibet has been discontinued. Funds will go to the Jamseng Health Care Centre, also in Eastern Tibet. Click here for details from Gaden Relief Projects.

What's new? Umbrella ... Projects at a Glance ...

Coming soon:

Thai border girls: BODHI has just begun working with local partner Global Health Group International on a 3-year project to foster academic achievement and teach reproductive health to border children in Thailand.

## **August 2010**

We are sorry to report the passing of Robert Aitken Roshi, elder statesman of the American Zen movement and active for many years in peace, social justice and environmental issues. He co-founded the Buddhist Peace Fellowship in 1978.

Aitken Roshi became BODHI's first adviser in 1994, when Colin and Susan met him in Thailand at a meeting of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists. His stature and modesty were striking; his guidance for BODHI (only four years old) was trenchant and comforting.

On 5th August 2010, Aitken Roshi died peacefully of respiratory failure at the age of 93 in Hawaii. Long-time student Hozan Alan Senauke says, 'He was a prophetic and inconvenient voice right to the end.' Please see (<http://www.clearviewproject.org/home.html>) for an obituary.

The 2009 and 2010 reports of the President, Treasurer, Medical Director and Director of Electronic Communications are now on the website. Please see <http://www.bodhi.net.au/html/annualgeneralmeetings.html>.

Although this page has been quiet recently, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes. For instance, we're developing a project with a local partner in Thailand with border and possibly hill tribes children and increasing our support for Moanoghar Orphanage and School in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

## **June 2010**

Tenpa TK. We were saddened at the sudden passing of Tenpa TK in South India in late May. He was an old friend and colleague whom we met in the early 1990s at a Tibetan settlement in South India. He did a wonderful job during his time as BODHI's India Field Representative, performing his duties with integrity and a rare insight. We remember him as dedicated to his people, for whom he worked tirelessly. All his work was made more remarkable by his labouring through his ill health. We are proud to have been associated with him. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Minutes (PDF 98KB) are now available of the BODHI Australia Annual General Meeting, which was held in Canberra on 13 June 2010.

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) Eco-Award dinner. Colin and Kabita attended a multi-faith Eco-Awards Dinner on June 5 in Sydney, Australia to recognise achievements in and take up the challenges of climate change within faith communities. The 5 award categories are for churches, communities (2), children and young people and individuals. The ARRCC, founded in 2008, works to raise awareness about climate change and empower practical action.

## **May 2010**

26 May

Susan, Jeannie Chapman (below) and Piya Chakma (left) attended the Australian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak at Parliament House, Canberra, Australia. Members of Australia's three main political parties (Laurie Ferguson and Stephen Conroy — Labour; Phillip Ruddock — Liberal and Scott Ludlam — Greens) were present in addition to diplomats, the Sri Lankan High Commissioner, religious representatives and members of the public.

The theme for the year, 'Global recovery: the Buddhist perspective', was addressed in a message sent by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. He talked about the displays of solidarity essential in today's increasingly interdependent world and said, 'Only by showing regards for others can we succeed in tackling the great challenges of our era: reducing poverty and hunger, reversing environmental decline, voiding catastrophic climate change and creating a world of freedom, peace and justice for all.'

The event was organised by the Buddhist Federation of Australia, whose goal is to enable the development of Buddhist groups and communities of all traditions.

May 25

Colin's in Thailand at the 7th Conference of the United Nations Day of Vesak. He is chairing the seminar on Ecology and Buddhism, at which he spoke on 'The Middle Path to a greener future'.

On behalf of the panel, moderators and audience, Colin and William Yaryan presented the panel's findings in 'Ecology summary: Global recovery through Buddhist ecology'.

Watch this space for more.

BODHI Community Adviser Mr Kulottam Chakma has submitted a report of his recent trip to Mizoram, NE India, An account of a Chakma village in Mizoram, March 2010 (PDF 1.9MB).

## **April 2010**

New in Post Graduate Medical Journal: an article by Colin and David Harley called 'Primary, secondary and tertiary effects of eco-climate change: the medical response'. Actions to reduce individual emissions, to promote active transport (with its 'co-benefit' of preventing chronic disease), and involvement in group action to protect the environment and to prevent war, informed by understanding of the health of individual patients and populations, will be central to the practice of ecomedicine (emerging discipline that includes climate change, ecology and global health). See also Medical Director's Desk.

Abstract (PDF 40KB)

Full text (PDF 105KB)

Colin has been appointed as co-editor of EcoHealth, journal of the International Association for Ecology & Health.

### **March 2010**

Social reformer and journalist Irom Sharmila Chanu (b. March 14, 1972), the Iron Lady of Manipur, continues a hunger strike (satyagraha) begun in 2000 (she's kept alive by a nasogastric drip) to protest the misuse of military power in NE India.

She was nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize for using non-violence to address issues of human rights, peace and women's empowerment.

Her goal is for the state of Manipur's Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1058 (AFSPA), to be repealed. Amnesty International has formally adopted Sharmila as a prisoner of conscience, and argues that the AFSPA grants 'impunity for perpetrators of serious human rights violations, including extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, rape and torture.' Please visit <https://bangla.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ASA20/003/2010/en> for more information.

Irom Sharmilia Chanu's friend Les Coutinho adds from Kerala, 'More than just female literacy, there is a long tradition in Manipur stretching back to the days of British rule of militant political women activists. They celebrate two wars won by women against rulers of the day (using their weaving staves as weapons). The women are attributed with tackling domestic violence issues, and ending rampart alcoholism.'

'Keep Wings from Pigs to Curb Reston ebolavirus'

News from Mobile Medical Clinics, CHT, Bangladesh.

Is the ritual slaughter of a bull morally acceptable? Here is one philosopher's view.

Does development aid alleviate poverty? Here's one view.

One of the late Sir John Crofton's last interviews and letter to BODHI

### **February 2010**

Is ritual bull slaughter morally acceptable? Professor David Benatar examines a Zulu rite of passage from a Western perspective in "Cultural value cannot justify cruel slaughter," reprinted with permission from Cape Times. See also The Pig Page and Mailbag.

Does development aid alleviate poverty? Is development aid based upon flawed assumptions? Prof Solomon Benatar, BODHI's Ethical Adviser, reflects upon these and other questions in "Why development aid hasn't eased poverty," reprinted with permission from Cape Times.

BODHI has responded to a plea for help from Susanta Chakma by providing a one-off INR- 50,000 for the salary of a teacher at Bijoypur School, Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh, Northeast India.

From WHO Bulletin: In one of his last interviews, the late Sir John Crofton talks about his seminal research into multidrug therapy for tuberculosis patients in the 1950s that laid the groundwork for the WHO-recommended tuberculosis treatment today.

## **January 2010**

Happy New Year, everyone!

Start the decade off right by becoming one of the "Global Voices for Peace in the CHT" (Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh). This campaign began during the week of the International Human Rights Day (10th December 2009). It aims to encourage the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to implement the CHT Peace Accord which her government signed 12 years ago with the indigenous peoples of the CHT. For more please visit our Human Rights page.

Health education progress at SNEHA School in AP, India

Last year BODHI added a health-education component to our support for this SNEHA school. Mr Susanta Chakma writes, 'With the support of BODHI, we started health education programme and provided de-worming medicines to the students. For safety and security of SNEHA, medicines were given to the students in front of the parents.

'Health education in sanitation for instance washing of hands after defecation, causes and prevention of water-borne diseases, malaria, nutrition, etc is provided to the children regularly during assembly, in classrooms, in moral science period and during school weeks. Students prepare different charts and diagrams on different health issues during school week, etc. Different health issues are also part of the syllabus of Science.'

## **December**

Donations in lieu of flowers at Jim's funeral are funding a refresher training course for healers and a mass health event for people in Nepal. [More](#).

The 2009 evaluation and 2010 proposal (pdf 265KB) have arrived for the Undernourished Tribal Children project in Pune, India. Please see the webpage for details.

As a way to tackle global warming, family planning is eight times cheaper than solar power and four times less costly than wind power. The UK-based charity Optimum Population Trust (OPT) calls for the population issue to be featured in the global environmental debate at the climate summit in Copenhagen. The OPT is launching the PopOffsets project, as well as the new website, Swap your Carbon for Contraceptives (<http://www.popoffsets.com>).

Check out the new BODHI Times (pdf 1023KB).

Hot off the press: Medical Director's Desk No 37 (pdf 247KB).

Visit Colin's blog to have your say about population, climate change and ???

## **November**

We're finalising a health promotion component to Green Tara Trust's maternal and child health work in Nepal.

Mobile Medical Clinics have now begun in the CHT, Bangladesh.

BODHI is contributing to a science lab at the SNEHA School in AP India.

Visit Colin's blog to talk about population and climate change.

## **October**

French environmental health association ASEF has selected Colin to be one of the 100 Doctors for the Planet in a project that highlights the links between the environment and health. One interview a day will be released in the 100 days leading to the Copenhagen Climate Summit in December. Please visit ASEF's website for Colin's interview in French or download a pdf (25KB). Please join a discussion with Colin on population and climate change, and just about anything else.

## **September**

BODHI's Environmental Adviser Senator Bob Brown has been awarded the Australian Peace Prize by the Peace Organisation of Australia in recognition of his longstanding commitment to peace, nonviolence and global justice. For more please see <http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/latest/6076486/bob-brown-wins-australian-peace-prize/>. Photo from AAP

Colin addressed the World Medical Association in Copenhagen after speaking in Delhi on climate change & food security at a meeting of the SEARO countries, the southeast Asian division of WHO.

Mr Susanta Chakma has sent some delightful photographs (pdf 293KB) of SNEHA students picnicking in NE India

## **August**

Prof Goldstein's Trial Revolving Sheep Bank Trial Report is in! There'll be more to tell us, including photos and a sequel to Prof Goldstein and Dr Cynthia Beall's wonderful book, Nomads of Western Tibet, in due course. Stay updated by visiting the Revolving Sheep Bank.

Please see Kanika Chakma's moving account (pdf 51KB) of her childhood experiences of prejudice by the Indian government in Arunachal Pradesh. BODHI's Human Rights page provides more information.

Good news from Prof Melwyn C Goldstein, who's just back from Tibet: 'The Revolving Sheep Bank is fantastically successful. Nomads in the far west, near the Indian border, have travelled many miles to the area to learn more about it.'

21 July 2009

We're updating and modernising the website and appreciate your patience.

14 July 2009

We have just finalised support for another year of support for the SNEHA School in Diyun, Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh, India. For details, please see SNEHA.

[[humanrights.html](#)]

12 July 2009

Colin is the keynote speaker in Delhi in August for a World Health Organisation meeting on health implications of climate change in the SEARO (Southeast Asia Regional Office) region.

On his way to Delhi, Colin is speaking in Taiwan on food security in Asia-Pacific, and also on population displacement.

7 July 2009

Graphic Ark [<http://www.graphicark.com.au>] is designing us a new website at a massive discount as part of its commitment to community development.

If you've got any ideas for how we can improve our website, please let us know.

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6 July 2009

Please visit our new webpage called Minutes, BODHI Australia Annual General Meetings, [[bodhiaustraliaagms.html](#)] for minutes from BODHI Australia AGMs 2007, 2008 and 2009.

5 July 2009

A 2009 article in Science reveals the results of a recent study of people with Kashin-Beck Disease (KBD), [[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashin-Beck\\_Disease](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashin-Beck_Disease)] a mysterious disease in parts of China and Tibet. Dr Francoise Mathieu notes the complex nutritional picture. She co-founded the Kashin-Beck Disease Foundation [<http://www.kbdfund.org/>] to carry on work in Tibet after Médecins Sans Frontières [<http://www.msf.org.au/>] pulled out in late 2002. Her team has documented not only iodine and selenium deficits but also low levels of calcium and vitamins A, D, and E. The biggest clinical improvement, they have found, happens when children with KBD consume a more diverse diet including nettles, a traditional food full of vitamins that is largely eschewed by younger Tibetans.

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### **Posted 19 June 2009**

The minutes of BODHI Australia's Annual General Meeting, held Sunday 14 June, are now available.

### **Posted 7 June 2009**

BODHI is twenty years old this year. His Holiness XIV Dalai Lama accepted our request to be our Founding Patron in 1989. Here is His recent letter of congratulations.

### **Posted 5 June 2009**

Dr Maurice King, BODHI's Medical Adviser, has co-written as part of a consortium from the Great Lakes University of Kenya a new paper entitled 'The demographic entrapment of Middle Africa.' For information on Dr King's latest activities, please visit his website.

### **Posted 2 June 2009**

'North and South', Colin's entry in the International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd Edition, is now on the Hot Topics page.

**Posted 1 June 2009**

The latest edition of our newsletter, BODHI Times, is now online. For previous newsletters, please visit our BODHI Times webpage.

Colin's latest Medical Director's Desk, called 'Ban banksters, reach for the sun' is now available online.

**Posted 31 May 2009**

We are pleased to announce two new projects: support of Moanoghar school and orphanage at the request of the Australian Jumma (indigenous Bangladeshi) and development of a health clinic/mobile medical camps project with Moanoghar. Please visit these new webpages, Moanoghar and Moanoghar Health Clinic and Mobile Medical Camps, for details and photographs.

We plan to publish a perspective of the plains Bengali population who live in Bangladesh.

**Posted 24 May 2009**

Dr Steve Salmony comments favourably upon Colin's editorial in the Health Promotion Journal of Australia entitled Population, Globalisation, Ecology and Conflict.

**Posted 23 May 2009**

BODHI supporter and friend Prof Colin Soskolne writes from Canada, 'It was a great experience to have met Joanna Macy last night. At 80, she has a very engaging, compelling, and truly transformative (creative) approach to addressing the current revolution called The Great Turning ... as distinct from the Agricultural Revolution and the Industrial Revolution), from individual to collective action from values and ethics to law and action on so many levels.'

**Posted 13 May 2009**

Here's some good news for a change, from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC):

Australia's foreign aid spending in the 2009-10 financial year will keep faith with the government's commitment to grow the overseas development budget over time to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income. It will rise from \$3.7 billion to \$3.8 billion.

Please click [here](#) for more.

**Posted 10 May 2009**

BODHI honours Mother's Day with something entirely different ... [The Pig Page](#).

Colin was a delegate to the recent International Scientific Congress on Climate Change in Copenhagen, 10-12 March, entitled 'Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges and Decisions.' Please see Medical Director's Desk for details. This congress was a run-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP-15) in Copenhagen in December, 2009.

Colin was also the keynote speaker at Aarhus University's recent 'Beyond Kyoto: Addressing the Challenges of Climate Change – Science Meets Industry, Policy and Public', 5-7 March in Aarhus, Denmark. His topic was the environmental and health reasons for reducing meat consumption. Please Medical Director's Desk for more.

**Posted 4 May 2009**

Colin is giving a talk entitled 'The Global Environmental Crisis and the Sustainability of Civilization: Time for the Buddhist World to Awaken' at the United Nations Day of Vesak in Bangkok, Thailand tomorrow, 5th May.

**Posted 3 May 2009**

In a special report published yesterday called, Binayak Sen and the cost of dissent in India, the Lancet has joined the call for release of Dr Binayak Sen, jailed Indian doctor and human rights activist.

**Posted 26 April 2009**

The Royal Australian College of Physicians presents Physicians Week 2009 in Sydney, 17-20 May. The topic of the Joint College Plenary is 'Eroding the Foundations of Population Health'.

The Joint College Plenary, led by Professor Tony McMichael will explore the theme of climate change, the adverse effects on human health and the health sector's response. The plenary will also provide the College with an opportunity to acknowledge Professor McMichael's recent appointment as the incoming Chair of the new WHO International Advisory Board on Climate Change and Health.

Professor McMichael will be supported by Professor Tony Capon, the newly appointed Convener of the National Adaptation Research Network for Human Health and by Associate Professor Colin Butler, BODHI's Medical Director.

**Posted 19 April 2009**

Please see a World Health Day press release to free Dr Binayat Sen, an activist doctor imprisoned in Pune, India, in 2007. Doctors, health activists, food rights activists and social activists from various parts of the country converged in Raipur the day before World Health Day (7 April) to conduct a peaceful Satyagraha to 'Allow the people's doctor to work for people's health.'

Colin will be participating in the Conference of the International Council of United Nations Day of Vesak, held in Bangkok, Thailand from 4-6 May. He will be on the 'Buddhism and Environmental Crisis' panel and present a paper entitled, 'The Global Environmental Crisis and the Sustainability of Civilization: Time for the Buddhist World to Awaken'.

**Posted 27 March 2009**

See an interview on the Revolving Sheep Bank with Susan Woldenberg Butler and Dr Colin Butler by the ABC (Australia).

**Posted 15 March 2009**

To make donating easier for you, we have set up PayPal to accept funds in both Australian and U.S. dollars.

Thanks again to volunteer Michelle Engelsman for her hard work in helping BODHI to reach new audiences. Another article by/about her and Mitini Nepal appears in the February edition of LOTL.

Health education and deworming are being finalised for the children at the SNEHA School in Arunachal Pradesh (AP), NE India. BODHI has just donated emergency funding for the school's recognition with the Government of AP.

**Posted 14 March 2009**

Susan is joining Colin in Canberra, Australia's capital, where last August he began a four-year appointment at NCEPH at Australian National University as A/Prof in Climate Change and Human Health, and in Climate Change and Food Security. Susan has found a part-time job in Canberra as Development Officer with SEE-Change ([www.see-change.org.au](http://www.see-change.org.au)). She and Colin are finalising the interstate move.

Updating of BODHI's website (and this page) is limited until late April. All banking details remain the same. Please address correspondence to BODHI at UG01/86 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon, ACT 2612, telephone (02) 6247 1227. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

**Posted 24 February 2009**

CMS report of medical camp has arrived.

**Posted 23 February 2009**

Updates on the Over 40 Women's Health Project in Pune, India: Year 1 evaluation, Year 2 and addition of Thakar women outside Pune.

**Posted 22 February 2009**

Thanks to the hard work of volunteer Michelle Engelsman, Mitini Nepal is publicised in an 18th February article in SX magazine entitled 'Against the tide.'

**Posted 20 February 2009**

Kabita Chakma on behalf of the CHT Indigenous Jumma Association Australia, has prepared a Proposal for Improving Water, Sanitation, Health and the Environment of the Kaptai Lake Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh. Kabita has also submitted a follow-up of the CHT Indigenous Jumma Association Australia meeting with Hon Bob McMullan MP and Margaret Watt Chief of Staff. Appended are media releases.

**Posted 18 February 2009**

Mr Susanta Chakma has submitted a Progress Report of the SNEHA School in Arunachal Pradesh, India, after BODHI's three years of involvement.

**Posted 17 February 2009**

The United Nations Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its fourth session from 2 to 13 February 2009. The review of Bangladesh was held on 3 February 2009. The Working Group's Draft Report is available.

**Posted 3 February 2009**

Your webmaster will be away from the computer for two weeks. See you later!

**Posted 31 January 2009**

Please visit our updated Photo Gallery for photographs of current volunteers, friends and past projects.

**Posted 28 January 2009**

\* Please see Colin's response to reporter Andrew C Revkin's New York Times blog, "Family Planning and the Path to Progress".

\* BODHI is thrilled to be exchanging links with the Netherlands-based International Fellowship for Reconciliation (IFOR), which was founded in 1919 and has branches and affiliates in 48 countries. We hope it will lead to deeper links. IFOR's website says: 'Perceiving the need for healing and reconciliation in the world, the founders of IFOR formulated a vision of the human community based upon the belief that love in action has the power to transform unjust political, social, and economic structures.'

**Posted 27 January 2009**

Please visit Medical Director's Desk for an edited version of Globalisation, population, ecology and conflict, the keynote address Colin gave at the 2007 Australian Health Promotion Association Conference. Posted 26 January 2009

The New York Times has a new blog called Dot Earth in which reporter Andrew C Revkin 'examines efforts to balance human affairs with the planet's limits ... [in an] interactive exploration of and ideas with readers and experts.' Colin responds to Revkin's January 24 blog, "Family Planning and the Path to Progress." See Response 21, Editor's Selection.

**Posted 23 January 2009**

Mr Susanta Chakma has sent some great current photographs of the children from SNEHA School in Arunachal Pradesh, NE India. Posted 22 January 2009\* Christina Larson published an article in yesterday's Christian Science Monitor about climate change in Tibet entitled, Tibet shepherds live on climate frontier, Shrinking glaciers mean longer hikes to water flocks.

\* The Thai Government has refused a request from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to meet with 126 Rohingya asylum seekers from Burma. For a transcript of this ABC (Australia) Radio interview, which ran this morning: UNHCR told it can't see asylum seekers in Thailand. Posted 19 January 2009

Dr Jane Stephens has sent some new photographs. Laxmi and Meera tell us why learning English is so important to the members of Mitini Nepal. Posted 18 January 2009

Please visit the updated SNEHA School pages. We're nearly finished updating all our Current Projects.

**Posted 17 January 2009**

\* Have a look at our new Human Rights pages, and please continue to trawl regularly through the rest as we're continually updating.

\* We've updated the Yadana Man Aung Monastic Education School, Monywa village, Myanmar/Burma page and added a Myanmar/Burma Photo Gallery.

### **Posted 16 January 2009**

Please visit our updated home page.

### **Posted 15 January 2009**

\* BODHI is now on the list of charities at LookToTheStars.org, the 'top celebrity charity news site [which] strives to raise awareness for great organization such as yours by highlighting the good works of celebrities.'

BODHI is listed because of the support of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Australian Olympic swimmer and BODHI volunteer Michelle Engelsman.

\* In London recently, Kabita Chakma met with Lord Avebury (human rights campaigner and Co-Chair of the CHT Commission, Chair of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group UK). She updated him on activities in Australia regarding the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh. Posted 14 January 2009

Phase 2 of Health Project for Undernourished Nomadic Tribal Children in Pune, India has been updated.

**Posted 13 January 2009**

Please visit our updated How You Can Help pages. Posted 12 January 2009

A photograph of a TDR (Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases) meeting Colin attended called Environment, Agriculture and Infectious Diseases of Poverty in Beijing in October, 2008 is now on the Medical Director's Desk.

**Posted 11 January 2009**

Dr Manda Mune has sent photographs from the first year of the Over-40 Women's Health Project.

**Posted 9 January 2009**

BODHI has long wanted to work in Burma. Please visit our new webpage, Literacy and Life Skills to Burma's Poorest Children.

**Posted 8 January 2009**

Colin has been invited to give a talk at his alma mater, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, in March, 2009. An abstract of his talk, 'Climate change and future global food security: even worse news for the poor?' is available.

**Posted 7 January 2009**

Please visit our updated webpage for Health Project for Undernourished Nomadic Tribes Children in the Dapodi slum, Pune, India.

**Posted 6 January 2009**

\* BODHI's Founding Patron His Holiness XIV Dalai Lama has issued a statement beginning, 'I am greatly encouraged by the launching of a Charter '08 by academics, artists, farmers and lawyers in China on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.' For the complete text, please visit Statement from His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

\* Please visit our updated Founding Patron page for some of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's speeches.\* Please see our Human Rights page for updates.

**Posted 5 January 2009**

Please visit our new webpage for Zangskar, NW India, where BODHI has donated funds for provision of medicines to a traditional health clinic.

Please visit our new webpage for Chakma Mahila Samity, a women's group in Mizoram, NE India to which BODHI has donated funds for health purposes.

**Posted 4 January 2009**

Please visit our new webpage for Health Project for Undernourished Tribal Children in the Dapodi slum, Pune, India. Subject to satisfactory evaluation and remaining negotiations, BODHI hopes to fund this project for another year. BODHI will be funding this for another year. We are pleased that the staff are planning to add family

planning awareness programmes this year, and that there is a strong educational component to this programme. The project offered nutrition, breast-feeding and general hygiene programmes for adults, which were well attended.

**Posted 3 January 2009**

We're busy updating and modernising the website. Hope you like it. As always, your suggestions and comments are welcome.

# **BODHI Archived News Updates December, 2008**

## **Posted 26 December 2008**

BODHI is happy to welcome Dharmacharini Nagasuri (civil name: Dr Caroline Ralston), a member of the Western Buddhist Order as our liaison in Pune, India. She has academic qualifications in history and women's studies, with women and development issues predominating. Dharmacharini Nagasuri will be helping us with projects in Pune. She has done four 6-month visits to India, during which she works with Buddhist women from the most deprived communities and helps them develop small projects, offers team building workshops, project proposal and report writing skills, and women's empowerment generally which includes teaching both meditation and Dharma. More information and perhaps a photograph as they arrive.

BODHI adviser Dhammachari Lokamitra has received South Korea's Manhae Grand Prize (Manhae Daesang) for Peace 2008. For details, please visit <http://www.jambudvipa.org/index.html>

## **Posted 25 December 2008**

Here's a relevant commentary of Colin's from EcoHealth in 2005: Peering into the Fog: Ecologic Change, Human Affairs, and the Future

Dr Andrew Glikson's Planet Eaters: Chain Reaction, Black Holes and Climate Change appeared in October on OpEdNews and subsequently on several U.S. websites and blogs.

## **Posted 24 December 2008**

We wish everyone a happy holiday season. Please click here for 'Thinking about the future: a conversation between Colin Butler and Dr Andrew Glikson, Christmas Eve, 2008.' Colin and Dr Glikson, of Australian National University's School of Earth Sciences, discuss society's lack of understanding of the risk of climate and other forms of global environmental change.

## **Posted 23 December 2008**

Colin's commentary, Do we face a third revolution in human history? If so, how will public health respond? was published in the Journal of Public Health in October.

## **Posted 17 December 2008**

The following report has just arrived: Baldasan Care Centre for Undernourished Children below the Poverty Line

## **Posted 13 December 2008**

We're in the process of building a webpage for a non-profit organisation working in Nepal. Please visit Green Tara Trust for details.

For the second consecutive year, BODHI is donating A\$1,000 to Green Tara Trust for Dr Jane Stephens' administrative expenses. We realise how vital and also how scarce such donations are. Dr Stephens works as GP in Britain for half the year to support her work in Nepal for Green Tara Trust and Mitini Nepal. Anyone willing to help with fundraising for projects or interested in donating funds or time is requested to contact her at [doctorjane99@hotmail.com](mailto:doctorjane99@hotmail.com).

## **Posted 12 December 2008**

The Multi-Faith Centre at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia is organising an interfaith summit called One Humanity, Many Faiths: An Interfaith Summit for Peace and Harmony in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region, to be held February 18-21, 2009.

**Posted 10 December 2008**

Please visit BODHI's Mitini Nepal page for updates and for information about the new fundraising committee.

A warm welcome to new volunteer Michelle Engelsman. Please see her 'statement of purpose.'

**Posted 9 December 2008**

For the latest news from the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh, please visit the new website, <http://www.angelfire.com/ab/jumma/news.html>.

**Posted 7 December 2008**

The latest BODHI Times is now online. If you would like to receive it by email or postal mail, please contact us at [bodhi@bodhi.net.au](mailto:bodhi@bodhi.net.au).

The latest From the Medical Director's Desk is also available.

A Mitini Nepal fundraising committee was formed in November by BODHI US director Scott Trimmingham and Australian volunteer Michelle Engelsman. Further information will appear shortly.

Dr Jane Stephens has sent Laxmi's Story, by one of the founders of Mitini Nepal.

*We realise that links have been broken below. Please contact us at [bodhi@bodhi.net.au](mailto: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](mailto: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/](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](http://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](http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/cht_images) and [http://www.kchakma.angelfire.com/kolkata\\_images](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](mailto: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**

Our donors mean a great deal to us. We acknowledge your contribution and thank you on behalf of the many people who are benefitting from your generosity.

**Posted 23 January 2004**

Read the latest BODHI Times online NOW! Some very interesting stories....

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.