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Although one might think that all created life should be a hymn of praise to the Creator, it is more correct to maintain that the human creature has the primary role in this chorus of praise. Through the human person, spokesperson for all creation, all living things praise the Lord. Our breath of life that also presupposes self-knowledge, awareness, and freedom becomes the song and prayer of the whole of life that vibrates in the universe.
—John Paul II



TRUST FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

A salute to our supporter . . .

The Trust for Mutual Understanding of New York granted TTF \$25,000 to support Connecting Culture and Conservation: An Exchange to Facilitate Dialogue Among Mongolian and American Scientists, Educators, and Religious Spokespersons, taking place in Montana in Spring 2009. TMU is an American foundation supporting cultural and environmental exchange between the United States, Russia, and Eastern and Central Europe. Thanks to their support, TTF's programs will continue to connect leaders with unique multi-disciplinary approaches.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

I hope your year has been as good as ours. We have been in operation for four years, employ four staff members, and are building our programs in Montana and Mongolia. We have a fabulous new website, a new five-year strategic plan, and a new project opportunity in Africa. But, before I get too ahead of myself, it is important to take stock, build on our progress, and count our successes. We are proud of the following achievements for the year:

- A committee of clergy and launched our Conservation Dialogues program in Montana to provide tools and support for rural churches
- We brought Dr. Jane Goodall to Bozeman to discuss the role of hope and spiritually with clergy, children, college students, and an audience of over 3,000 people
- TTF's education programs in the Eg-Uur Valley in Mongolia expanded
- Our science team issued their taimen research findings
- TTF provided seven student scholarships and staff for environmental programs for young monks at the Gandan Monastery
- Free medical visits were offered to nine Mongolian communities in conjunction with TTF-organized conservation festivals
- We expanded our partnership program, our business supporters, and our international network
- TTF now has two new staff members
- From FY07, we saw a 22 percent increase on our annual budget

Last month, celebrated author and TTF board member Peter Matthiessen, dined with our staff. He confided that he had resigned from serving on every other board except for ours. Guess he still likes hanging out with us between fly-fishing trips. And we love him for it.

TTF acknowledges that we are all facing financial insecurity. Please know that we are being extremely careful with your investment in this organization. Thanks to our donors, devoted board, and enthusiastic staff, TTF is really helping communities find solutions to conservation issues by bridging culture and conservation.

Sincerely,

Betsy Gaines Quammen
Executive Director



Since I deeply believe that human beings are basically gentle by nature, I feel that we should not only maintain gentle, peaceful relations with our fellow human beings but also that is very important to extend the same kind of attitude toward the natural environment. Morally speaking, we should be concerned for our whole environment.
Dalai Lama

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The Tributary Fund engages communities in conservation solutions by joining religious, scientific and local leaders.

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IT'S BEEN A GOOD YEAR: Summary of Accomplishments

To say that it's been a good year would be an understatement. In fact, we think FY08 (which began July 1, 2007) was a transitional year for The Tributary Fund, marked with new change and progress. Here are the year's biggest successes:

Strategic Plan . . .

What better way to start the year than to take stock and revisit in earnest TTF's general purpose and goals. The board and staff worked together to revise TTF's mission and draw up a five-year strategic plan. The plan defines the goals of TTF within six major categories: Grassroots Involvement, Conservation Dialogues, Education and Outreach, Partnership Building, Development Campaign and Administration. Please contact us if you would like a copy of this new plan.

Buddha and the Big Fish . . .

Board members and staff gathered in Bozeman for our annual meeting. The two-day affair was followed by the premiere of "Buddha and the Big Fish," a short film about our work in Mongolia. Shot by TTF partner, Ian Kellett, while on location during the 2006 Dayan Derkh Monastery opening in the Eg-Uur Valley, the film brings to light the rich connections among nomadic communities, their Buddhist faith, and their love of the rivers and landscape. You can view the film at thetributaryfund.org.



Conservation Dialogues in Montana . . .

TTF co-sponsored Dr. Jane Goodall's lecture in Bozeman at Montana State University on April 28, 2008. Goodall shared her message of hope and conservation success. As the recipient of scores of honors, Dr. Goodall speaks an average of 300 days per year, urging her audiences to recognize their personal responsibility to environmental protection and their ability to



effect change through consumer action, lifestyle change and activism. After her talk, TTF hosted a breakfast discussion among members of the Montana clergy, during which we developed a steering committee to organize a workshop on faith and the environment for rural Montana clergy. TTF holds the training on November 10, 2008 in Great Falls, Montana.

Projects in Mongolia for Lamas and Communities . . .

We expanded our keystone program in Mongolia this year and promoted TTF's Mongolia Program Manager, Chuluunchimeg Luvsandash to Country Director. Along with free medical care and funding for festivals and visiting lectures, TTF also provided science exploration materials for area schools, organized taimen celebration days in seven communities, sponsored the education of five lama boys at the Gandan Monastery where they study Buddhism and ecology, helped develop a transitional sustainability plan for the Taimen Conservation Fund Mongolian NGO, built an agenda with high lamas of the Gandan Monastery for an October 2008 training on Buddhism and the Environment, continued to forge relationships with other Mongolia-based NGO's, and began studies on replication of TTF's model in other watersheds.



Even in a single leaf of a tree, or a tender blade of grass, the awe-inspiring Deity manifests itself.
—Shinto, Urabe-no-Kanekuni

Why should we cherish all sentient beings? Because sentient beings are the roots of the tree-of-awakening. The Bodhisattvas and the Buddhas are the flowers and fruits. Compassion is the water for the roots.
—Avatamsaka Sutra

Our New Web Site . . .

After completion of TTF's new strategic plan, and with the help of designers Rich Hohne and Ixtla Vaughan, we reorganized our website. It offers enhanced navigation, beautiful imagery and updated data. Please give it a look at thetributaryfund.org.



Cultural and Educational Exchange . . .

Thanks to a grant from The Trust for Mutual Understanding, TTF will host Mongolian lamas and science educators in the United States in March 2009. Their itinerary will include visits to the Montana Outdoor Science School, tours of Superfund sites, and discussions with researchers at Montana State University and the University of Montana.

Fisheries Science . . .

Taimen research in the Eg-Uur Valley culminated in the publication of several fisheries management issue briefs this year by the Science Team and the Taimen Conservation Fund, our sister organization in Ulaan Baatar. These information-rich briefs are being circulated among Mongolia's natural resource managers and graduate students, and will be linked at TTF's web site.



Forging Partnerships . . .

Perhaps most importantly, we forged new partnerships with like-minded organizations and individuals conducting remarkable work throughout the world. These include the Alliance for Religions and Conservation, the John Dau Foundation and Holistic Inc. We look forward to collaborating on many future projects!

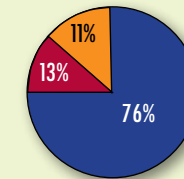
FINANCIALS

The Tributary Fund is classified as a section 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization under the federal Internal Revenue Code. Our tax identification number is 03-0544897. The FY08 budget for the Tributary Fund was \$266,000, which was met. Total expenses were \$190,887 as follows:

Programs	\$145,472
Conservation	74,540
Outreach & Education	51,051
USA Outreach	19,881
Administration	24,735
Fundraising	20,680
Total	190,887

TTF Expenditures FY08

■ Programs
■ Administration
■ Fundraising



Balance Sheet June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Wells Fargo-Checking	40,762
Wells Fargo Bank-Savings	30,228
Total Checking/Savings	70,990
Accounts Receivable	
Pledges receivable	58,000
Total Accounts Receivable	58,000
Other Current Assets	
Petty Cash Reserve	260
Total Other Current Assets	260
Total Current Assets	129,250

Fixed Assets

Accum deprec - furn,fix,equip	-1,776
Office Equipment	3,839
Total Fixed Assets	2,063

Other Assets

Wells Fargo Investments	
Microsoft Corp	3,398
Wells Fargo Money Reserve	16
Total Wells Fargo Investments	3,414
Total Other Assets	3,414

TOTAL ASSETS \$134,728

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Withholding	433
MT Unemployment Insurance	13
Social Security-Company Paid	178
Social Security-Employee Paid	178
State Withholding	156
Payroll Liabilities - Other	396
Total Payroll Liabilities	1,356
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,356
Total Current Liabilities	1,356
Total Liabilities	1,356

Equity

Retained Earnings	66,041
Net Income	67,330
Total Equity	133,371

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$134,728

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