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The Exchange group hikes in the Tetons.  
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"TTF is one of those organizations that you wish could exist and then to your delight you discover does exist. As civil society rises to the challenge of being in the forefront of real practical action on the environment we need to build partnerships between the largest sector of civil society—the religions and that sector of society that has explored most deeply the problems we all face—and the scientific and environmental worlds. TTF bridges what fools see as a vast gap but which TTF has realized is a gap only in words not in heartfelt convictions. The world needs the wisdom of TTF and I rejoice in the work it does. Keep up the good work."

—Martin Palmer, TTF Board Member and Secretary General  
of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation

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BY INVITATION FROM GLOBAL PARTNERS, THE TRIBUTARY FUND (TTF) ASSISTS RELIGIOUS, SCIENTIFIC AND LOCAL LEADERS TO COLLABORATE AND MANAGE ISSUES OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION.



A salute. . . WORLD BANK/NEMO II



**THE WORLD BANK**  
Working for a World Free of Poverty

The second phase of the Netherlands-Mongolia Trust Fund for Environmental Reform (NEMO II) was initiated in 2007 with the objective of strengthening and advancing the environment and natural resources agenda in Mongolia. The Government of Mongolia, the Netherlands (Royal Netherlands Embassy in Beijing and Ministry of Development Cooperation), and the World Bank agreed that some of the NEMO II activities would strengthen the involvement of Buddhist communities in environmental management. We salute NEMO II for its grant to The Tributary Fund for the second annual "Conservation and Compassion" environmental training conference for Mongolian monks and nuns in Ulaanbaatar. The award helped establish the Mongolian Buddhists' Eight Year Plan for environmental protection, in addition to providing monastic conservation mini-grants.

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Baasaa's windshield greenhouse. Photo courtesy of Liz Richards

## BAASAA'S GREENHOUSE A TTF Mini-grant

TTF awarded small grants to monasteries in Mongolia for conservation projects including monastic science curriculum development, community gardens, lake clean-up programs, and outreach booklets. The first completed project is a unique greenhouse at Erdenezuu Monastery constructed of recycled shattered auto windshields. Designed and built by head lama, Baasansuren Khandsuren, this structure will house saplings for a reforestation project and serve as a teaching tool for the young monks at the monastery's school.



Many Heavens, One Earth took place in November, London, England. Photo courtesy of The Alliance of Religions and Conservation

## MANY HEAVENS, ONE EARTH

Sponsored by The Alliance of Religions and Conservation and the United Nations Development Program, *Many Heavens, One Earth* took place in November at Windsor Castle in London, England. Betsy Quammen and Claire Baker represented TTF, joining 200 religious leaders from all over the world. With a ceremony led by Prince Philip and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, over 30 organizations were recognized for their commitment to conservation as mandated by their faith. TTF and film partner, Wimberg Productions, were given exclusive rights to film the workshop and conduct interviews with fourteen faith leaders.



Taimen research scientists, flyfishing outfitters, TTF staff and international NGO members, Bozeman. Photo courtesy of Hannah Sohl

## TAIMEN SUMMIT

TTF hosted a team of taimen research scientists, flyfishing outfitters, and international NGO's in March 2010, to craft a Mongolian country-wide taimen management plan. The next Taimen Summit is slated for October 5, 2010 in Ulaanbaatar, to be conducted by Mongolian taimen science colleagues.

## TTF'S PROGRAMS AREAS:

- **The Resources Program** offers trainings and publications for religious leaders on conservation practices, and tool kits for scientists on engaging faith leaders in conservation efforts.
- **The Community Conservation Program** goes deep into selected communities, addressing environmental issues along with civic, medical, economic, educational and cultural needs.
- **The Grants Program** provides small grants for religious leaders to start conservation projects in their own communities.



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- **The Research Program** tracks shifts in cultures, religions and communities working to live more compatibly with nature. Our research explores the interface of religion and science, inspiring us to create better models. This program helps us better engage in the discourse on the role of religion in global conservation efforts and determine the effectiveness of our work.



Conservation project at Bhutanese nunnery. Photo courtesy of Nawang Euden

## EXPLORING CONSERVATION IN BHUTANESE MONASTERIES

By invitation from GPI International and the Prime Minister of Bhutan, TTF was invited last December to attend the *Educating for Gross National Happiness* conference in Thimpu, Bhutan. TTF, with support of Greg and Anne Avis, helped sponsor the conference, during which environmental education initiatives for Bhutan's public schools were examined in depth. It became apparent that the Buddhist monastic body, whose teachings on the sacredness of nature has kept the country's ecology pristine, must also have a voice in Bhutan's modernization and development. We asked our Bhutanese intern, Nawang Euden, to conduct an in-depth survey of

monastic school principals to help us to assist with science curricula and conservation programs at Bhutanese monasteries. Her results are leading to programs in monasteries and monastic schools. Needs include library books, efficient toilets and science curricula. Lopen Tashi Galay, the lama in charge of sanitation for all Bhutanese monasteries, took part in our annual Exchange. Coupled with Nawang's report, Galay is proposing a countrywide workshop for Bhutanese monasteries on conservation issues. We'll keep you posted!



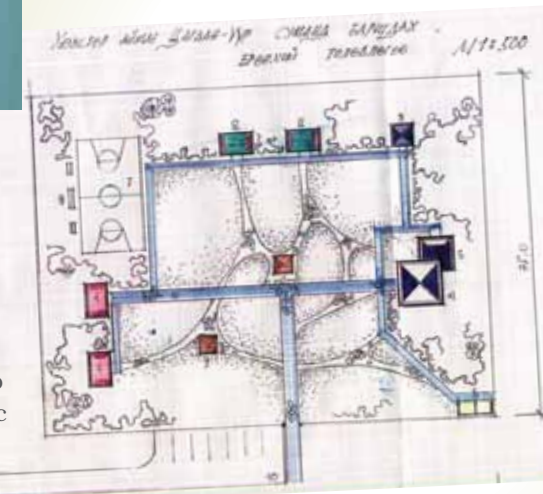
Bhutanese intern, Nawang Euden. Photo courtesy of Nawang Euden

## SECOND ANNUAL SCIENCE EDUCATION EXCHANGE FOR BUDDHIST LEADERS

Bhutanese lama Tashi Galay, Mongolian monks Amaraa and Tseren-Ochir, environmental consultant Tuyasetseg Tsedew, and TTF country director Chimga Luvsandash joined us in June 2010 for a two week training on conservation policy and resource management. This team learned how to conduct species inventories in the field, build interpretive gardens, write technical grants, craft culturally sensitive science curricula, and monitor mining practices. **Expected outcomes of the Exchange:**

- An ecology curriculum for Mongolian's monastic schools
- A country-wide conservation workshop for all monasteries in Bhutan
- New outdoor science activities for the Dayan Derkh Monastery's camp for kids
- Plans for a demonstration greenhouse and irrigation system at the Mongolian Buddhist Center, the Gandan Monastery
- Design of taimen outreach programs and composting toilets in the Eg-Uur Valley

TTF once again thanks the Trust for Mutual Understanding and special TTF donors for their support of this flourishing project.



The project, funded by TTF, Hovsgol Travel, Xac Bank, and Liz Richards, includes a classroom/dining hall, kitchen, separate dorms for boys and girls, and latrines.

## DORMITORIES FOR THE DAYAN DERKH CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CAMP

TTF sponsors eco-camps at the Dayan Derkh Monastery on the Uur River. In partnership with Hovsgol Travel and Sweetwater Travel, TTF is building permanent dorms for valley children who attend the annual summer camp. The space will also provide Ven. Tseren-Ochir, the head lama of the monastery, with a permanent residence.



Field studies during the Exchange. Photo courtesy of Sue Higgins

"The Tributary Fund's cross-cultural efforts to promote land stewardship amidst the rapid economic and resource development in Mongolia are inspiring. By bringing together spiritual and community leaders with scientists, TTF is working with a new and important model for community engagement."

Jennifer P. Goodale, Executive Director, Trust for Mutual Understanding

## GREEN LENT

Christian Lent doesn't have to be all about sacrifice; it can be a way to give up activities that are harmful to the environment and "give back" to the Earth. We created a calendar for congregations in Montana, with daily suggestions for a Green Lent. The program asks individuals to change some bad habits and pay close attention to wasteful consumption of Earth's resources. Green Lent activities were posted on the Montana Association of Churches' website during the entire Lent Season.

Example

**Day 1: Address your standby habits**—unplug mobile phone chargers and unused appliances. Eight percent of electricity consumed at home is from appliances that we aren't even using.



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DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

We finalized new strategic guidelines this year, a move that has transformed us from a fledgling organization into a mature one. As I prepare for my trip to Mongolia, bound for the valley where this all started, I know the seeds that TTF has scattered have come to fruition in the Eg-Uur. The monk we sent to school in Mongolia for five years and trained in Yellowstone this summer now runs the Dayan Derkh Monastery. Eg-Uur Valley schools now offer science activities designed with a focus on conservation. A group of women gathered this fall for a sewing workshop that will help them design products for western markets and offer an economic alternative to poaching or illegal mining. And anglers continue to enjoy fishing for huge taimen in a river that Sweetwater Travel and TTF so diligently work to protect.

This year has been jam packed elsewhere, too! We have held two trainings for monks on mining impacts, water quality protection, restoration and reforestation. TTF launched a program in Bhutan with monasteries to address sanitation and habitat protection. We crafted a Green Lent program distributed to over six hundred member churches of the Montana Association

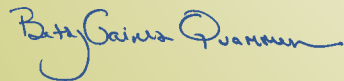
of Churches. And we developed a new film focusing on religious leaders from around the world, who share their faith perspectives on nature, wildlife, climate change and recovery. This was all made possible through our partner Alliance of Religions and Conservation's wonderful conference *Many Heavens, One Earth*, which took place last December at Windsor Castle in England.

We know that until communities make better resource decisions, wildlife

and habitat will suffer. We work to build better understanding of science communities and create partnerships with local leaders in an effort to change unsustainable activities that destroy the environment. We understand that if a community does not have its basic needs met, it cannot make conservation a priority, so we provide education materials, sustainable economic training and medical care.

Thank you, dear supporters, for believing in us. Our six years of operation have encouraged people to protect species by using their own traditions. We couldn't do it without your confidence and support. The world becomes a better place everyday because of you.

Sincerely,



Betsy Gaines Quammen  
President and Founder

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#### TTF Expenditures FY10

Program Expenses	
Montana	7,655
Mongolia	119,659
Bhutan	40,186
Sudan	415
Conservation Dialogues	30,522
Other programs	1,619
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>200,056</b>
General Administrative Expenses	28,647
Fundraising Expenses	24,236
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>252,966</b>

#### Balance Sheet June 30, 2010

Assets	
Current Assets	83,637
Fixed Assets	1,517
Other Assets	2,813
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>87,967</b>
Liabilities and Equity	
Current Liabilities	1,176
Net Assets	86,791
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>87,967</b>

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