

Education  Elevation

ANNUAL REPORT 2014



President Letter

The past year at Education At Elevation has been filled with substantial milestones, accomplishments and recognition. The water project we began planning several years ago finally came to reality and was completed in the summer of 2014. This would not have been possible without the collaboration and support of Scott Harrison and Ouyang. Bringing fresh water to a village high in the Eastern Tibetan plateau is an important step in preserving their culture through enhancing their general health and quality of life.

It's important not to lose sight of what we are working to accomplish through the funding we provide and work we do in the village. On simplistic terms it's about promoting happiness. The driver of this is active compassion! When considering the different material things and services we supply we have to ask ourselves if, from their own perspective, the villagers have a sense of improved life and related happiness. In most cases it is fairly simple to determine that people feel good about things like food and blankets. It becomes more challenging when it involves what they want for their future and how they may want to support themselves.

Two good examples of positive change are the education of children and the improved hygiene and general health through access to clean water. Education leads to knowledge which has the potential to empower people to live a more fulfilling life. Some of the kids have chosen to continue their education and hopefully will bring new ideas and opportunities to their village in a world that is changing around them. It will be important for us to monitor the changes, both positive and negative, resulting from the support we provide.

This year the school has 35 boys and no girls. The lack of girls in school is a result of the traditional culture not realizing the value in education for girls related to what they see as a typical life path for a girl. We bought 3 sewing machines with the intention of girls learning how to sew and obtaining a skill that might help bring income to the village. The sewing lessons have not been provided yet.

One of the most exciting things to happen this year was Wendy Wong being selected as one of the recipients of the Unsung Hero of Compassion Award by the organization Wisdom in Action. The ceremony took place in San Francisco and the award was presented by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The award is well deserved and Wendy is a great example of compassion in action.

It will be important in the year ahead to understand the impact the fresh water system has had on the village and what is important to the people of the village. What we want for the children of the area may not always align with what they want for themselves, or what their parents want for them. Every act of kindness and compassion makes a difference but the key is understanding what people want for themselves. Of course, they don't always know and it changes over time. What will never change is the love and compassion we share with others.

Warmly,
Tim Bruce
President, Education At Elevation

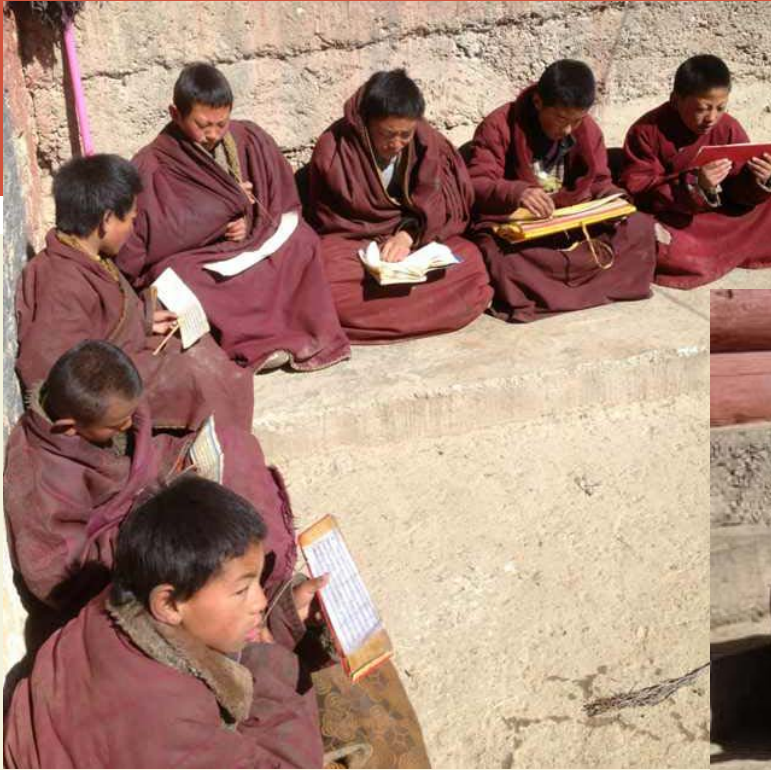


Too-Jay-Che (Thank you) for a wonderful year!

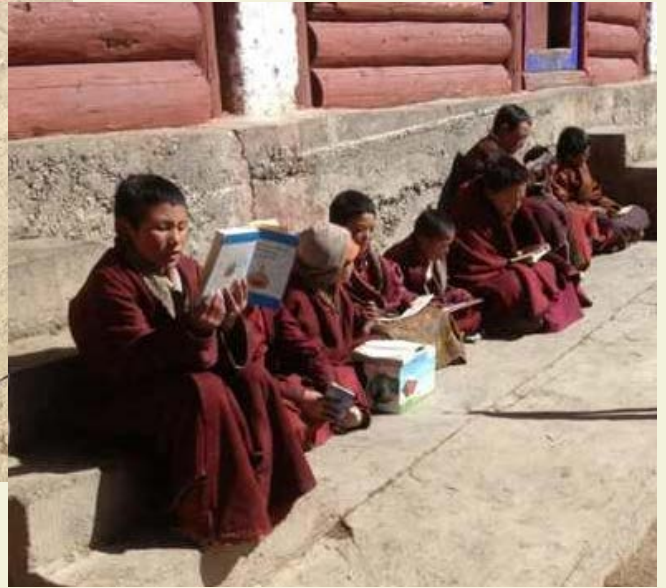
**With Warm Compassion,
From the kids and teachers at Nga Gyur Shed Dup Cho Ling,
eastern Tibet and the team from Education@Elevation.**



Program Services



The students studying outdoor in sunny winter months



- ***Kids are learning and thriving!***
- **School enrollment in fall 2013: 30 boys**
- **Current enrollment in since 2014: 35 boys**
- **After obtaining basic education at the school, two female students went on to study at a public school at a town few hours away. At the moment, there are no girls at the school**
- **Basic necessities were purchased in fall 2013: 32 sleeping cushions, 32 sleeping mats, 32 sets of tooth brushes and towels.**
- **Food supply purchased in fall 2013 and 2014 include flour, rice, barley flour, cooking oil, dried noodles, pork, sugar, vegetable, tee shirts (one each) and cooking utensils**
- **Paid teacher salaries**

Program Services (continued..)

- Konga, a 2013 graduate and volunteer teacher fractured his foot and became infected after some time. But with the help of Sonam Rinpoche and friends, Konga was able to seek help at a hospital in Chengdu, Sichuan to treat his fracture and save his foot with multiple operations. The support of Sonam Rinpoche, friends in China, Tibet and of E@E made this possible and we are relief to save his foot!
- Seeking medical help in the remote community is a huge challenge and often villagers will take a “wait and see” approach. E@E will invest in first aid training at the school so that students, monks and villagers will be able to treat simple medical issues.

Medical
Assistant



L: Konga first checked in to the hospital. R: Konga after 1 month in hospital

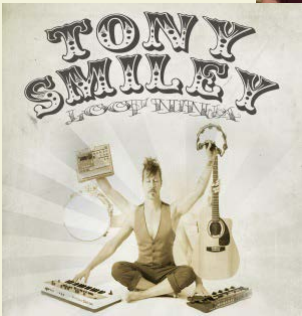
- **Water project completion in July 2014**
- **Running water:** A sustainable water system will improve the health and sanitation of the students and local community.
- **Team:** Extraordinary volunteers from Sichuan China, California and Washington made this water system a success.
- **Timing:** Despite the frequent heavy rains and generator failure, construction finished a few days ahead of schedule. Bravo!
- **Facts:**
 - Project elevation 14,200 feet above sea level
 - 2300 feet pipe
 - Pipe buried 2 meters / 7 feet underground
 - Water system includes coarse filtration at the inlet pipes, underground valve box, insulation and instrumentation

We did it
together!

There is
running
water
now!



Local Activities



Clockwise: Unsung heroes of compassion 2014, San Francisco

Sonam Rinpoche teachings, Seattle, Feb 2014

Make-a-splash fundraiser with Tony Smiley, Seattle; May 2014

Bellevue Festival of Arts, Bellevue, Washington; June 2014

Yoga sessions benefiting E@E by Patty S. MD., Redmond, Nov 2014

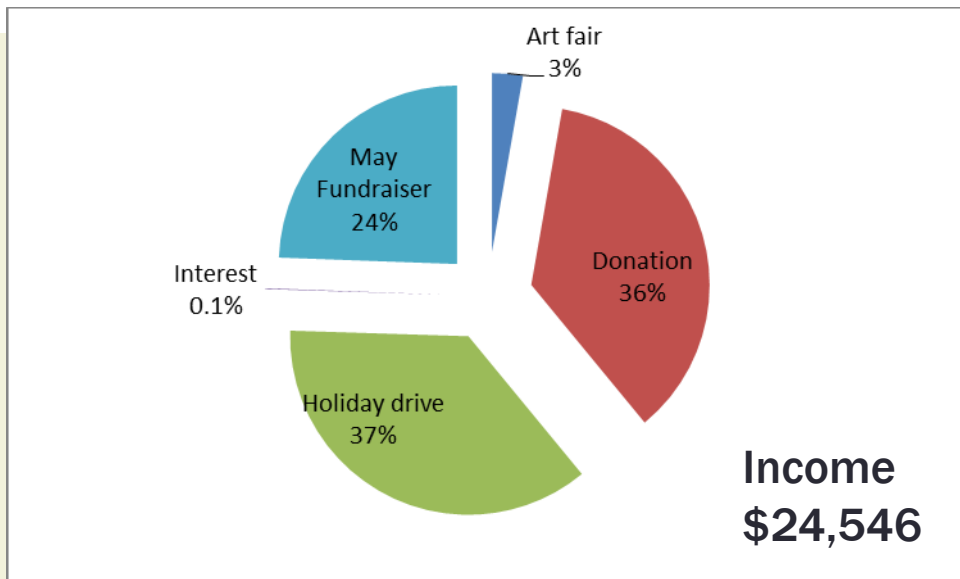
LOCAL ACTIVITIES (continued)



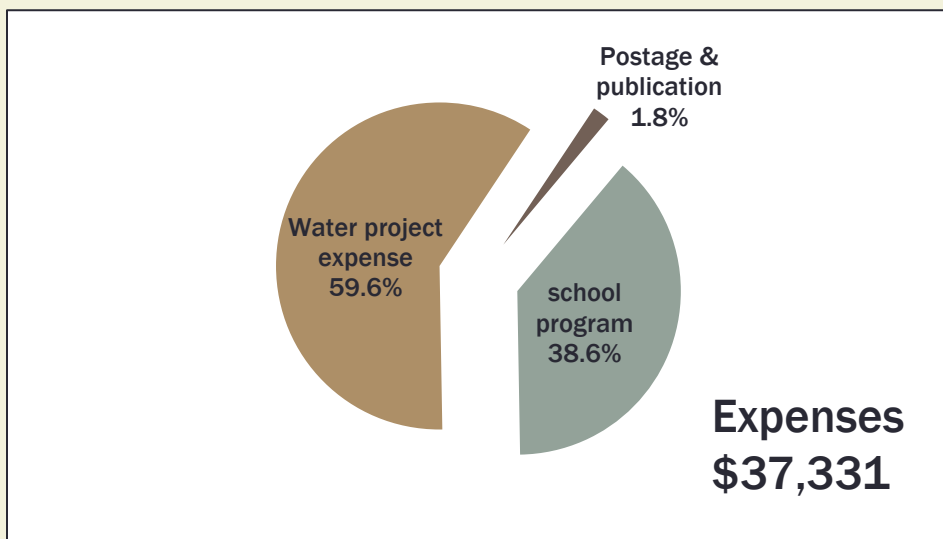
Holiday Snowman Making Parties. Girl scouts and young volunteers made snowmen to sell to help the Tibetan kids while having tons of creative fun. *Thank you so much!*



Financial Overview July 2013 – June 2014



For every dollar donated, 98.2 cents go to the programs.



The school program and water project have exceeded the donations received. Water project construction cost was largely paid by funds raised since 2010.

Financial Overview

July 2013 – June 2014

<u>Consolidated Statements of Activities</u>			
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014			
		2013-2014	2012-2013
Revenue and support		\$	\$
	May Fundraiser	5995	-
	General donation	8,898	6,888
	Fair (Bellevue Festival of Arts)	682	688
	Holiday Drive	8,952	8,644
	Bank interest	19	18
		24,546	16,238
Expenses			
	Program services - School program	14413	15,168
	Program services -Water project	22,262	-
	Printing/postage	656	100
	Professional fees/License fees	-	10
	Others	-	-
		37,331	15,278
Net Assets			
	Beginning	21,018	20,058
	Ending	8,233	21,018

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