

Communications
between
Ringmu Lower Secondary School
and
Himalayan Project, Denmark

Date: October 11, 2002

To Kurt Lombur

Sub: Request for providing Assistance to School

Dear Sir,

The school management committee of Ringmu Primary School and villagers of Ringmu decided to take the initiation of upgrading the Ringmu Primary School upto lower secondary level in 1997. In the same year, all villagers of Ringmu requested to Sir Edmand Hillary to provide his assistant for running a lower secondary school in this village. Sir Edmand Hillary accepted our request and agreed to provide the salary of 1 teacher in the beginning year and 2 teachers salary after a year. After receiving this support from him, we constructed the school complex with the supports of our villagers and also collected the amount that we must deposit to take the permission from the Ministry of Education to run this standard. After a long process and continued efforts, we finally got the temporary permission to run lower secondary level in this school (June 1998).

The main purpose of upgrading this primary school up to lower secondary is that the students of primary level are in early ages when they complete their primary level (Grade-5). So, they are unable to accommodate themselves being far away from their parents and homes and we also found that the children are facing difficulties to adjust with new people and environment in their early ages. So, most of the children are compelled to leave their study after completing primary level because of these problems. Therefore, by seeing all these problems of students, we decided to upgrade this school up to lower secondary level.

But unfortunately, since 2001 Sir Edmand Hillary cut off his assistance of 2 teachers salary to this school. Since then, this school is facing financial problem of giving salary to the teachers of lower secondary level. We again requested to the Himalayan Trust (Agent of Sir Edmand Hillary) to continue their support to the School. But, she refused to accept our request by stating that Sir Edmand Hillary no more could collect the fund for the school because of his old age and told us that they have a strategy of cutting off the funds gradually to all the institutions supported by him. These days we are paying the salary of lower secondary level teachers by collection Rs. 200 from each home in the village. But, we found it is not effective because of poor financial status of villagers. We also considered the option of closing down the school but we found it is more lengthy and costly process to take permission of running the school again after closing down it once. So, the school management and the villagers decided to request to someone for assistance to the school.

Therefore, on the behalf of the villagers and school management committee, we would like to make our polite request to you to provide assistance to this school for running lower secondary level until it gets permanent permission from His Majesty's Government of Nepal. We would be very grateful if you kindly accept it.

Thanking you

Sincerely

School Management Committee

Ringmu Lower Secondary School

Taksindu VDC-8 Ringmu

Meeting on 12. October 2002:

Chairman of Ringmo School Ang Nuri Sherpa
Jeannett Fruergård & Kurt Lomborg

By questioning the two representatives of Ringmo School we found the following facts:

1 teacher: 4.100 Rs/month x 12 + 1 = 53.300 Rs
Total 2 teachers = 106.600 Rs

Ringmo School area (Gongo, Ringmo, Trakshindu, Ramgo, Pagnasa and Latpro) is 36 houses of which 21 houses is able to pay 200 Rs every month gives 4.000 Rs/month - 48.000 Rs/year

Managing Committee is every month going from house to house - sometimes in vain so they have to go there again and again.

Managing Committee is running a small shop with daily groceries - the profit is going for the school - this is 10.000 Rs/year

There is collected money by travellers in donationbox and by donationslip - this is 10.000 Rs/year

6. Class started June 1998

7. Class started June 1999

Last support from Himalayan Trust were given in April 2002

Next schools with 6. Class is Nuntala High School and Junbesi High School - both too far away for any student for a daily run.

The school have 73 students

7. Class 6 students (will be higher when stable run for a time)

6. Class 9 students (will also be higher)

5. Class 15 students

Agreement
between Himalayan Project
and Ringmo Lower Secondary School
on 2. November 2002

A)

1. Ringmo School are in need of finances for two teacher salaries until Government takes over, which is expected to come into effect within 2008.
2. The school is also working with other income sources, like collecting fees from villagers, running a shop and collecting donations from travellers
3. The school is seeking incomes from donations from foreign NGO's - among those Himalayan Project and Himalayan Trust.
4. The school is this year educating 73 students, among those 9 is studying in 6. class and 6 in 7. class. The number is expected to rise slightly when in full function.
5. The school and its Managing Committee must still work actively to find various income sources.
6. The school and its Managing Cimmittee must still work very actively to have Government teachers by actively doing lobby work at DEO and Ministry of Education.
7. The school shall continue to apply for help from Himalayan Trust to provide educational materials, stationaries and teacher training.

B)

1. Himalayan project agree in providing financial support to continual running of class 6 & 7.
2. The support will be given per half year at a time, starting by November 2002 till the end of the school year.
3. The first half year is hereby granted, but for the continuation of the support, the whole Board Committee of Himalayan Project has to submit.
4. The support can not continue forever, as Government must take over in due course. If Government can not take the responsibility, the project must be considered as not runnable. The lenght of support will be considered by the Board of Himalayan Project.
5. For the first half year the amount of support will be 25.000 Rs (twenty five thousand). The following amounts will be considered by each half year.
6. For the process of consideration Himalayan project will need every half year before the end of support period to receive a Report and an Account including a Budget and an Application for the next period.
 - 6.A The Report shall tell about the running of the school in general terms and about 6. & 7. class in details.
 - 6.B The Account shall give a half year result in rough with grand totals, but with more details about 6. & 7. class - with income sources and expenses.
 - 6.C The Budget shall tell which expectations there will be in the next half year of incomes and expenses, by adding how much is sure and how much is unsure.
 - 6.D The Application shall tell the full amount of need for the next half year of running.
 - 6.E The above mentioned reports shall be send by E-mail for Himalayan Project by klomborg@post11.tele.dk

7. The amounts of support will be transferred for the account of Himalayan Trust in Kathmandu.
 - 7.A Himalayan Trust will transfer the amounts for Ringmo School in any way they find the best, but normally by transfer for Ringmo School bank account in Salleri.
 - 7.B Himalayan Trust account: Standard Chartered Bank, Kanthipath, Kathmandu - Himalayan Trust Imprest Account No. # 01-0000671-04
 - 7.C Communications will go through Ang Rita Sherpa at angrita@mos.com.np
 - 7.D Himalayan Trust will do efforts to find additional donors for Ringmo School's running of 6. & 7. class.
 - 7.E Ringmo School bank account is: Rastriya Banjya Bank, Salleri Branch - Ringmo School Saving Account No. # 5937

Kathmandu 2. November 2002

For Himalayan Trust:
signature: Ang Rita Sherpa

For Ringmo School Managing Committee:
signature: Ngati Sherpa

For Himalayan Project, Denmark:
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For Himalayan Project, Nepal (HIPRON):
signature: Namgyal Jangbu Sherpa

29. November 2002

Mail

Hello, Namaste
Boss Papa Kurt
I send by Fax thank you letter from Ringmu school family. I had sent original letter to you by mailing . and thank you for help our school. if any message to Ringmu school please send this address angnuri@yahoo!.com . thank you.

your sincerely,
Ang Nuri Sherpa
S.M.C chairman.

Fax

The meeting of the school managing committee held on 21st of November '02 has decided to extend its sincere thanks to the Board Members of Himalayan Project and its family for the agreement made between Chairman Mr. Kurt Lomborg and School Committee Member Mr. Ngati Sherpa to provide financial support to the school in order to continue the class 6 and 7.

The School Management Committee expects continuous support from this Organization as usual.

We like to assure Himalayan Project that we send Account Report on class 6 and 7 of the school every half-year.

Signed: Krishna (Headmaster) & Ang Nuri Sherpa (Chairman)

Mail:

Dear Ang Nuri!

Thank you for the mail and for the fax.

I will now contact the Board of HP to have their accept on the continued support for your school.

I will also soon produce a page on our Homepage about Ringmu school.

Did you already receive the support amount from HP, through Himalayan Trust?

I am looking forward to our future communications.

Yours Papa Kurt!

3. December 2002:

Dear Kurt Lomborg,

Namste ! and greetings from Nepal. Hope everything is fine with you. Today I have come to Himalayan Trust office. US\$ 345/- sent by you for the Ringmu school is sending to Ringmu school by bank draft equivalent to Nepalese Rupees 26,817/- by Himalayan Trust. Thank you for your kind support to the school. During the agreement time, I had given you the school bank account number but unfortunately the number happened to be wrong. The correct bank account number of Ringmu Lower Secondary School at Salleri Rastriya Banijya Bank is :

Saving account number 5937.

The Ringmu school and community people would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and all the Himalayan Project members for supporting Ringmu school.

Ang Nuru Sherpa

(School Chairman)

Mail 23. Marts 2003:

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

How are you and yours family over there? I hope that everything is going well with you. Ringmu School is going well. We collected some fund from local dwellers for the School. There is running the examination in the School and after the examination we will send the School's total amount and programme. How does the programme for Ringmu School from the side of Himalayan Project? I am eager to know the new programme of the School.

Thank you, Yours Sincerely

Ang nuri

SMC

Mail 25. Marts 2003:

Dear Ang Nuri, Namaste!

Thank you for mail. Happy to know that everything is working well in Ringmu. Also here in Denmark things are going well, although Himalayan Project are facing some problems because of the war in Iraq. Many people are drawing back into themselves, and don't care so much for the world outside themselves. So we have lost some of our supportive members.

But at our General Assembly there was a general agreement that we should support Ringmu School as long as we had enough of money. In other words: if we have a lack of money, Ringmu School will

be the first one to loose support. But there also was an agreement at the assembly, that the school should do proper reporting to continue having the support - and the school shall work very actively on having the aprovement of Government to run the 6&7 classes.

I hope that my wife and I will come by to visit in Ringmu in the autumn, then we can have a talk about the options.

So please make a fine report for us, and I feel sure we can continue our work together for a long time.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Mail 4. April 2003:

Dear Papa Kurt Namaste

How are you there?We are all fine here And Ringmu school is going well.frist thank you very much for your email which you wrote to Before SMC Ang nuri Adrest.Relly we are very happy to read your email that you are still suporryng our School.Always SMC Ang nuri have no time to Stay In KATHmandu and not possible to check the email every time So Now We have a Email adderest Of Ringmu schoo so you can email this adress.In KATHmandu also we

Have a Donation foundation committe of Ringmu school.So We can check the email every time.And we are relly happy that you and your wife will come to visit in our school in Autumn.relly it is good news for us.Relly we can talk about the option that time too.There is running the examination in the School and after the examination.The School Managment comeete of Ringmu school will send the program in KATHmandu. then we will send the School's total amount and programme to you soon by email and Fax. We hope we can continue our work together for a long time.

Thank you

Kanchha Bahadur Sherpa

Vice presedent

Ringmu school foundation committe Kathmandu

Mail 28. April 2003:

Dear Papa Kurt,

Namaste, and greetings from Ringmu School. How are you, your family, and the rest of Himalayan Project members? Hope everyone is doing great.We are very happy to know that you and your wife are planning to visit Ringmu in coming fall season.So,we are eagerly waiting for your visit in our village. We are very grateful to you personally and the rest of the Himalayan Project members for their valuable support to the Ringmu School.

Here, I have attached the account Report of Ringmu School for the past 6 months. Please let me know if anything is unclear on this Report. Wishing you, your family, and the rest of Himalayan Project members all the best. Again thank you so much for your great contribution to Ringmu School and the people of Ringmu.

Sincerely, Ang Nuri Sherpa

Mail 4. May 2003:

Dear Ang Nuri and Ringmu School family!

Thank you for your mail and your report. Sorry for my delay in answering, but my wife and I has just returned from our holiday. We were in Africa to visit our daughter, who is working in Ghana. Just to have our holiday, but also to see how they are managing their development aid. And we had some new and very interesting experiences, which gave us new ideas.

We are having a board meeting in HP on 13. may. One of the points of discussion will be Ringmu School and our continued support. At this meeting will have to explain the income & expenditure statement, so therefore I will ask you some questions about it:

- 1) Is all the statement concerning the period 1/10-02 / 31/3-03 ONLY?
- 2) Is the income details a complete list of ALL the incomes of the school?
- 3) Is the expenditure details a complete list of ALL expenses of the school?
- 4) What about 1/4-03 / 30/9-03, is there any budget?
- 5) There is an excess of 85.859 Rs in this half-year - do you expect an excess/deficit in next halfyear?
- 6) Can you explain "income generating fund"?

The questions is only to clarify, so don't be nervous about them. HP Board is in favour of the support for Ringmu School.

My wife and I have changed our plans for the autumn. Only I will visit Ringmu. According to my plans right now, I will come there around 20. november, and stary for a few days to see everything around Ringmu. But the plan is not fixed yet, so it can be changed several times still.

In Junbesi we are working with a new tourism concept: Community Trekking.

Local groups taking tourists for their local area and showing them around. You should think about this till I come. What is in your local area of interests for tourists. In Ringmu village, in the other villages around, in the whole valley, in the mountains around the valley. I will like to know about it for future development, and also to be shown some of it.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Mail 5. May 2003:

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

Thank you so much for your e-mail. I am sorry to say that Ang Nuri is not here in Kathmandu at the moment. He has gone on a trek and will arrive in Kathmandu within a week. We will answer every question that you asked in e-mail after he arrives in Kathmandu. Thanking you.

With best regards, Chhiring Sherpa,

Mail 11. May 2003:

Dear Papa Kurt, Thank you so much for your mail. Ang Nuri left for another trek from Lukla without coming back to Kathmandu. So, I asked your questions to Mr Ngati Sherpa one of the members of a school managemnet committee who is in Kathmandu at present and the answers of your questions are as follows:

Answer 1. I am sorry to say that there had been a mistake on the statement concerning period and it was the statement of a whole Academic Year (i.e 2002 / 2003) not only for the past 6 months period. It was prepared by me as per information left by Ang Nuri and I thought that he only provided me the information of past 6 months as per our agreement with Himalayan Project but it was not so. Again, I am so sorry for the mistake.

Answer 2. Yes, it is and there are no any other sources of income besides these for school at present.

Answer 3. Because of not having good income sources of school, the school management committee has decided not to spend its income on other except teacher salary and things those are extremely necessary for school.

Answer 4. There is no other budget for school besides the excess amount of Rs 85,859 of last year

and monthly donation from villagers for the upcoming days.

Answer 5. Yes, there could be deficit budget in the next year but we are trying our best not letting to be a deficit budget of school for the next year as well.

Answer 6. As for income generating fund, it is the fund raised from villagers and set up with the purpose of generating income for the school through its investment in order to support the school expenses even with a small amount.

I hope the above answers will make you clear about school account report. We hope you will be able to come to visit Ringmu in autumn. We are eagerly waiting your visit to Ringmu and also looking forward the continuous support of Himalayan project to this School. Please give our kind regards and many many thanks to the board member of the Himalayan Project for their valuable support to the school. We are so thankful to the Himalayan Project for its valuable support to Ringmu School. Again, thanking you so much for every effort you made to continue grade 6 & 7 in Ringmu School. I also do hope Ang Nuri will find out the local area of interests for tourists to support your new concept of tourism.

With best regards, Chhiring Sherpa, (Secretary of the fund raising committee for school in Kathmandu) P.S: We also formed a 7-member fund raising committee for school in Kathmandu and opened school own e-mail for corresponding. The e-mail address of school is: ringmu_school @ hotmail.com. So, you can also send e-mail at this address if you have any further questions about school.

**SHREE RINGMU LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
OF (GRADE 6 & 7 RUN BY PRIVATE SOURCES)
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2002/2003 (1st April 2002 / 31st March 2003)**

Income Details

S.No	Particular	Amount (Rs)
1	Monthly donation collected from villagers (I.e from 2002 April / 2003 March)	26250
2	Previous year balance of income generation fund and Interest on its investment for 6 months @ 20% Per Year	51000 5100
3	Donation raised from school Donation Box kept in Ringmu	1595
4	Cash withdrawn from Rastriya Banijya Bank Salleri (Himalayan Project fund to school as well as interest received on school Fixed A/C)	29700
5	Donation received from Gyasa Community Forest	10000
6	Income generation fund investment returned with its 2.5 months interest @ 20 % / Year (19000+791)	19791
7	Donation collected in Kathmandu	46178
9	Donation received from Safik (American Citizen)	20000
10	Donation received from Petar (Canadian Citizen)	2500
11	Donation collected from donation pad	15345
12	Total Income Amount in Rs.	227459

Expenditure Details

S.No.	Particular	Amount (Rs)
1	2-teacher salary paid (I.e from 2002 April / 2003 March with Dashain allowance equal to 1 month salary each)	106600
2	Expenses on school Toilet construction	35000
3	Total Expenditure Amount In Rs.	141600
Excess of Income Over Expenditure (Rs) = Rs 227459.00 - Rs 141600.00 =		Rs 85859.00

Mail 15. May 2003:

Dear Ringmu School Family!

Thank you for your explanations. There is still something in the report and account which I don't understand in full. But I will wait to investigate it until I will come to Ringmu in the autumn. I will inform you later about my arrival.

We had the meeting in our Board 2 days ago. Although there still were some thing unclear, the Board decided to send you the next half year support as previous promised. Then the continuation will be decided by the Board when I come home again after visiting Ringmu.

Therefore I have just given message for Himalayan Project's bank to transfer approximately 25.000 Rs for the account of Himalayan Trust.

Therefore expect to contact Mr. Ang Rita in 2-3 weeks to transfer the amount for your school account.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Dear Mr. Ang Rita!

I have just started the transfer of the next half year of support for Ringmu Lower Secondary School. I expect the amount of approximately 25.000 NRS (320 US\$) to arrive in 2-3 weeks.

Will you please see to, according to our agreement, transfer the amount for Ringmu School.

And will you please give my best greetings for Sid Ed. I think he should be there right now to celebrate. And please remember, that you would write something about Himalayan Projects effort in Solu, with Sir Ed's signature. I am sure it will help me to collect more funds and more good thoughts from our donors.

Yours sincerely Kurt Lomborg! Himalayan Project!

Mail 24. May 2003:

Dear Papa Kurt, It was so great to hear from you. Thank you so much for your mail and continuous support to Ringmu school. Ok---- we will make contact to Himalayan Trust within 2 weeks and let you know about the receipt of money as soon as we hear from himalayan trust.

Sincerely, School family

Mail with attachment 29. Marts 2004

Dear Ang Rita!

With some delay, Himalayan Project decided to continue our support for Ringmo School.

Therefore I have today ordered the bank to transfer the amount of 660 US\$ (approx. 50.000 Rs) for Himalayan Trust account at Standard Chartered.

Will you please see to that the money are transferred for Ringmo School at the next opportunity. And will you please print the transferred document to be delivered along with the amount. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely Kurt Lomborg Himalayan Project Denmark

Dear School Management Committee and Teachers of Ringmo School!

I am sorry that it took us some time to continue our support for Ringmo School 6. & 7. class. We had to wait for our general assembly. As the previous board committee was quite indecisive we had to wait for the formation of a new board.

At our first board meeting I reported my last visit. I reported that there were only 15 students in 6-7. class. And that there were essential mistakes in your economic reporting, with double entry and some issues forgotten. But I also told them that at my visit I did meet some very committed and skilled teachers, who seem like doing a very good job. And a group of very bright students, who were speaking very freely and competent. And a member of Managing Committee who was a very energetic spokesman.

The board committee decided on my request to continue our support for one year at a time.

But they also expressed that a condition for a continuation of our support will be a proper economic report per half year.

- 1 There has to be an entry date and a closing date, and next report has to have entry at the same date as the last report did close.
- 2 And we want to be informed about all expenses and incomes in between those two dates, for the school as a whole, but in more details about 6-7. class.
- 3 What we wish isn't a very detailed report, but in lump sums according to subject, and only bigger and important amounts mentioned singularly.
- 4 Read the "Agreement of 2. November 2002" for more details, and ask the teachers to help in the reporting. I did discuss the matter with the teachers last November.

With this letter I am sending you the support from Himalayan Project through Himalayan Trust:
Approximately 25.000 Rs (330 US\$) for November 2003

Approximately 25.000 Rs (330 US\$) for May 2004

We in Himalayan Project hope you can continue your good quality education in 6. and 7. class.

And we hope you will succeed in having some support from DEO side, at least for one of the classes, as Ringmo School is a remote and important school.

We hope that you all will be healthy and fine, having a good life in one of the most nice spots on this Earth, Ringmo.

Yours Sincerely, Papa Kurt Lomborg!

Mail 18. April 2004u

Dear Papa Kurt and members of Himalayan Porject, Namaste!

It has been a long time that we couldn't write you any mail. We are extremely sorry for a long silence. Anyway, how are you all? Hope that things are running well there with you all.

The school is running smoothly with financial aid from Himalayan Project and other donors. We are really grateful to Himalayan Project and specially to you for your great contribution to our school.

Our dream to continue grade 6 and 7 in this school wouldn't come true if you didn't help us. We would like to give our best wishes to you and other members of the Himalayan Project. We look

forward the continuous support of Himalayan Project in coming years too. Thanks
Best regards, Ringmu School family.

Mail 14. June 2004

Dear sir

Namaste how are you ? me is ang nuri sherpa from nepal.I would like to know plan of Ringmo school . is same plan to this school? we haven't get any message .we hope you will countinue befor plan .thanks good bless you long life.

yours Ang Nuri Sherpa

Mail 16. June 2004

Dear Ang Nuri!

In HP we decided to continue our support for your school for one year at a time. We transferred in marts 2004 330 + 330 US\$ which is the support for the period from November 2004 until October 2005. But according to our original agreement, we of course need an account of the school budget, as we had before. But this time it need to be more accurate and precise without double entry. So please ask the school to prepare an account for HP so we can decide what to do for the next period from November 2005 til April 2005

Give my best wishes for everyone in Ringmu.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Fax 19. July 2004

July 2nd 2004

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste and all the best!

Firstly, All we teaching staff and all those schoolparents would like to thank you for your kindly and most valuable support for our school. We got your last message, then we are happy what you have transferred for financial aid which may be support for the period from Nov.2004 - to untill Oct. 2005. Besides you've asked for the school budget statement, those which are as follows:

1. At present the school is almost of 74 students with 3 governmental and 2 private teaching staff
2. We had appointed 3 private teachers for the last academic session but due to shortage of finance we cut off a private post.
3. Nowadays we collect a few money from villagers and pay for the private teachers salary.
4. We'd being face more problems to run Grade-I to Grade-VII by only 5 teachers.

Financial transaction in the period of Apr. 13th 2003 to March 12th 2004. In Nepalese currency.

S.N.	Income	Rs in NRS	Expenditure	Rs	Remarks
1.	Donation	50,000,-	Teachers Salary	1.17,200,-	2 x 2500 1 x 4400 per month
2.	Monthly collection by villagers	22,800,-	Sports	5,000,-	
3. #	Investment Interest	1.07,380,- 21,476,-	Scholarship	5,000,-	(20 x 250,-)
	Total Income	2.01,656,-	Total Expenditure	1.27,200,-	

* In words:- Total income in Nepalese currency:- two million one thousand six hundreds and fifty six only.

* Total Expenditure:- One million, twenty seven thousands and two hundred only.

According to ledger it remains Rs. 74,456,- (In words seventy four thousands four hundreds and fifty six only). In our Fund, which is reserved and invested in village as in interest.

Eventually, we look for your continue support for our school. God may bless for our prosperous life and happy daylife. Thank you,

With best regards!

(Chairman) (Ang Nuri Sherpa)

(Principal) (D.B. RanaMagar)

Mail July 21, 2004

Dear papa Kurt, Namaste!

We do hope you and the rest of Himalayan Project members are well there. This e-mail is just to let you know that we sent off the Ringmu School's account report by fax few days before. We do hope you got that fax safely. We also talked to the Himalayan trust about the fund that you transferred for Ringmu School. It is with Himalayan trust now and he is going to send the fund soon for the school.

In return, we would like to pray for peace, progress, and good health to you, the Himalayan Project members, and the Himalayan Organization as well. We really appreciate your valuable support to the Ringmu School and do hope the school will be able to enjoy the continuous support in the future as well. Thanking you.

Sincerely, Members of Ringmu school fund collection committee

Visit in Ringmo 25. October 2004

Thoeger Berg Nielsen & Kurt Lomborg did visit Ringmo on their way between Trakshindu and Solung. In our group were also Lhakpa Tenzing Lama who is teacher at Solung Preprimary School, and we informed him about our support for Ringmo School. The school were closed due to Dashain Festival. Only Pemba Gyalzen were at home, the rest of School Committee and teachers had left. Pemba Gyalzen almost couldn't inform about anything, so unfortunately we left without having any news to give decision about our future support. Therefore the following letter were written for Ang Nuri, the chairman of School Committee:

25. October 2004

Dear Ang Nuri!

Today my friend Thoeger and I visited Ringmo School. But unfortunately we didn't meet other persons than Pemba Gyalzen, and we couldn't see the school account. We also became a little confused about how the school will finance the teacher salaries for the next year. We still want to support your 6 & 7. Class, but we need to have the account from the last year of support, which is 1. November 2003 till 31. October 2004, in which period we supported with 660 US\$. We also need a Budget for the next year 1. November 2004 till 31. October 2005. So, as soon as you can give us this, including with a report on the results of the education in 6. & 7. Class in last academic session, we will send our support for the next period.

Yours sincerely Papa Kurt!

Mail 29. January 2005

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

How are you? Hope things are all right with you. I would like to wish Happy Sherpa New Year (Losar) as it is just around the corner. May this new year bring peace, progress and good health to you.

By the way, what is your upcoming plan for Ringmu School. We hope you and the Himalayan Project will continue the support to our School as before. Without your cooperation, it is very difficult for us to continue grade 6 and 7 at our school with our own resources because of the present unfavourable situation in our country. Therefore, we would be very thankful to you and the Himalayan Project if our school could enjoy your support for few years more. We are very thankful to you all for your great support to our school in the past days. I look forward to hearing from you. Again, wishing you a very Wonderful Sherpa New Year. Thanks.

Kind regards, Ang Nuri Sherpa

Mail 29. January 2005

Dear Ang Nuri!

Thank you for your mail. I am sorry that I didn't have more time for you at the GA of HCDO, and suddenly you were gone again.

I have mentioned you before, and I also said to Pemba Gyalzen while in Ringmo, that Himalayan Project has decided to continue our support for Ringmo School. We know the support is only for few students, and we know that probably DEO will not support that few students. But in 2003 I was impressed by your students and by your teachers. That is why we decided to continue our support. But in Marts 2004, when we did send the money, we also attached a letter, in which we ask the school to fulfill some conditions to continue having support. And again when we were in Ringmo this year we again gave a letter for the school. But nothing we asked for has happened yet, so we are still waiting for some action according to our demands.

There will be no payment of support before our conditions are fulfilled. Therefore I have here attached the two letters, if by one way or another you haven't received it before.

Also very many wishes for you and the school in the occasion of Losar.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Mail 30. January 2005

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

It was very nice to hear from you. Thank you very much for your quick response. I am also very glad to learn that you and the Himalayan Project will continue to support Ringmu School if the school fulfills your certain conditions. We will send every detail you asked as early as possible.

We also got a building block project from fundamental education project and the construction of building is going on. Local people also contributed for this project as much as they can. Therefore, there will be some remaining amount from this project and we have decided to put this amount for school funds. Once again, thank you all very much for your great support to us.

Best regards, Ang Nuri Sherpa

Mail 24. Marts 2005

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

This is me chhirng Sherpa from Ringmo. How are you all? Hope that things are running well there with you, your family and the himalayan project members as well. I am writing this e-mail to you to ask your fax number to fax the school report that you have asked to school for continueing himalayan project financial support to the school. I recently got the report and would like to fax you

as soon as I hear from you.

Finally, I would like to thank you and the himalayan project very much for your great support to Ringmo School and do hope our school will be able to enjoy your precious support in the upcoming days as before. Thanking you very much for your kind co-operation.

Best regards, Chhiring Sherpa

Mail 24. Marts 2005

Dear Chhiring!

Thank you, we are all fine here. The winter has finished and the spring is on us now - that's why we are all very happy.

Instead of faxing it, I would recommend that you ask an internetcafe to scan it. It is much cheaper for you and also more convenient for me, as I can save it on my PC immediately.

I will be looking forward seeing the report.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Mail 29. Marts 2005

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

I sent the school reports to you yesterday. I hope you received them safely and also do hope the school prepared the reports as you asked. Please let me know if you have more questions about school. Thanks.

Sincerely yours, Chhiring Sherpa

Report 6. Marts 2005

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

We've received your letter through Ang Nuri after for a long time. We know about your expectation. Then before we didn't have sufficient information because all those old teachers were transferred when we appointed in this school in Feb. 2004. We unfortunately missed your last visit in Ringmu. While we're being overthere, all those mails were received a bit late, this one also. Besides, the unfavourable situation of this country retracted all those efforts we sent a letter about 5 months ago but we didn't get any reply. Just now we got it so we're happy.

At present, we are running class 6 & b7 with hard labour. We are only 5 teachings staffs for grade 1 to 7. We asked to DEO for a post of teacher but we could not encrease the students number. DEO refused to appoint extra personel. It helped us to build new building. We've completed and we have asked extra support for Himalayan Trust in school teaching materials. We've expected continue support by you. Herewith we have tried to copy all the financial status hoping your adorable help. Eventually we wish your prosperous life with happy good days. Thank you.

D.B.Margar

Principal

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

of Grade 6&7 run by private sources for the last academic year 2003/2004 (1/11-03-31/10-04)

INCOME DETAILS

SN	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1.	Monthly donation collected from villagers	4.000

2.	Previous balance of income generation Fund # interest on it's investment for 6 months @ 20%/year	130.800 26.160
3.	Donation received from donation pad # Donation received from donation box	4.600 360
4.	Bank bil (by Papa Kurt) in Salleri Rastriya Banijya Bank in school's fixed a/c	47.000
	Total income (Rs)	212.920

EXPENDITURE DETAILS

SN	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1.	2 Teacher's salary paid (from Nov-2003 / Oct-2004) with Dashain allowance equal to 1 month salary each	106.600
2.	Sports materials purchase	5.000
	Total Expenditure	111.600

Excess of income over expenditure: Rs 101.320

BUDGET

of Grade 6&7 run by private source, for academic year 2004/2005 (1/11-2004 - 31/10-2005)

SN	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1.	2 Teachers salary to be paid for 12 months with Dashain allowance equal to 1 month salary each	106.600
2.	Additional encreasement by 20% in each salary	21.320
3.	Sports materials	5.000
4.	Magazines (child booklets)	5.000
5.	Students feedback - reinforcement materials	2.000
	Total budget	139.920

* **Income to be funded from previous fund - 117.904**

* **Expected budget for the academic year - 139.920**

* **Expected short Fund for the year 2004/2005 - - 22.016**

D.B. Magar

RESULT SHEET CLASS VII

Adopted from April 12th 2004 (published date)

Annual Examination for the year of 2003/2004

RN	Subject	Nepali	Maths	English	Social st	Science	Population	Vocational	Health Phy	Total obtained marks		AGG in %	Remarks
										opt eng	650		
										20/	208		
1	Pasang Sherpa	42	60	42	56	50	25	14	24	11	324	49,8	class-I
2	Vam K. Thapa	42	49	42	66	42	25	16	22	13	317	48,7	class-II
3	Sarki Sherpa	40	59	51	52	46	24	15	20	9	316	48,6	class-III
4	Sani Sherpa	41	50	43	46	49	25	16	21	8	299	46	Passed
5	Lhakpa Sherpa	36	49	41	42	42	23	14	21	6,8	275	42	Passed
6	Kanchha Sherpa	43	50	43	43	41	25	13	22	14	294	45	Passed
7	Kaji Sherpa	40	39	40	42	42	27	14	20	9,2	273	42	Passed

RESULT SHEET CLASS VI

Adopted from April 12th 2004 (published date)

Annual Examination for the year of 2003/2004

RN	Subject	Nepali	Maths	English	Social st	Science	Population	Vocational	Health Phy	Total obtained marks		AGR result in %	Remarks
										650			
										208			
1	Kanchhi Sherpa	52	61	55	55	60	28	30	30	371	57	class-I	
2	Jiku Sherpa	39	44	44	45	46	17	18	31	284	43,6	Passed	
3	Wangchhu Sherpa	45	56	55	47	55	29	27	25	339	52	class-III	
4	Nuru Tsering Sherpa	50	57	44	50	58	28	29	28	344	52,9	class-II	
5	Furwa Sherpa	44	44	53	44	55	22	17	23	302	46	Passed	
6	Futi Sherpa	45	44	57	42	53	29	22	24	313	48	Passed	
7	Doma Sherpa	47	41	49	38	44	31	22	26	298	45,8	Passed	
8	Tshering Sherpa	48	41	49	40	46	29	22	25	307	47	Passed	
9	Lhakpa Sherpa	47	41	40	42	53	28	22	25	307	47	Passed	

1 st Division:- 390

2 nd Division:- 292,5

3 rd Division:- 208

D.B.Magar
(Principal)

Mail 14. April 2005

Dear Chhiring!

Thank you for your mail and all the reports. It all arrived successful and clear to my PC. I am sorry I have delayed my reply, but I have been too busy for a period. I have also send the report for the rest of HP Board for advice. And we have decided to ask some supplementary questions before accepting it.

Actually we have never had any report on those teachers, whose salary we are supporting. We even don't know their names.

A) Could you please tell us the names, and home village, of the class 6 & 7 Teachers from the very beginning of our support in November 2002. If the teachers have changed during the period, then also write for which period they were employed.

B) There are only 5 teachers at the school right now. Is it the private teachers or the public appointed teachers, who isn't there now? For how long time have this been the situation, and for how long time do the school expect this to continue.

C) How come that the monthly collection from villagers have gone so dramatically down?

D) Has the village-shop closed?

E) The Donation-boxes and Donation-pad did create much more income before. How come it has gone so much down?

F) The report mention hard work from the school committee. Can this labor be described?

I hope you will be able to answer my questions, but if you have to send my letter for Ringmo, it is OK. We have the time to wait for the right answers.

We are very happy to have the report on the students results. They are definitely not in the Top-Ten-Race, but they are anyway doing fine. We are satisfied with those results.

Hope hearing from you soon.

Yours Papa Kurt!

Mail 16. April 2005

Dear Papa Kurt, Namaste!

It was great to hear from you again. Thanks a lot for your e-mail with some questions that are still unclear. I am also glad to hear that you received all the reports successfully. As for your questions about the school, as I also don't know about the teachers very well, I put all your questions to Ang Nuri Sherpa and his answers of the questions are as follows.

A) Could you please tell us the names, and home village, of the class 6 & 7 Teachers from the very beginning of our support in November 2002. If the teachers have changed during the period, then also write for which period they were employed.

Answer (A) The names and addresses of the teachers which salaries are supported by the Himalayan Project from the very beginning are as follows.

S.no.	Name	Address	Worked Period
1.	R.P Niraula	--- Okhaldunga District	2002 to March, 2004
2.	Udav Khanal	-- Solukhumbu, Necha	2002 to 2003 (As he was appointed as a public teacher from the government in 2003 he is working there as a public teacher since then)
3.	Lhakpa Sherpa	--- Ringmu, Solukhumbu	2003 to till date
4.	Chhewang Nuru Sherpa	---- Beni, Solukhumbu	2003 to till date

Name of the public teachers:

1. Dal Bahadur Magar -- Ampang, Solukhumbu ----- Headmaster
2. Karna Bahadur karki---Kangel, Solukhumbu

3. Udav Khanal ----- Necha, Solukhumbu

B) There are only 5 teachers at the school right now. Is it the private teachers or the public appointed teachers, who isn't there now? For how long time have this been the situation, and for how long time do the school expect this to continue?

Among 5 teachers, there are only 3 public appointed teachers and 2 are private.

C) How come that the monthly collection from villagers have gone so dramatically down?

The monthly collection from villagers have gone down because of not having good income for them due to the present unfavourable situation in our country.

D) Has the village-shop closed?

Yes, the shop has been closed as it is not giving good income due to very low investment.

Therefore, instead of running shop, the school management committee found it is rather profitable to borrow the money to the villagers at the interest rate of 20% per year and did so.

E) The Donation-boxes and Donation-pad did create much more income before. How come it has gone so much down?

Due to the unfavourable situation in our country, the number of tourists visiting in this area have also fallen down dramatically as a result we could not create much income through donation box and pad.

F) The report mention hard work from the school committee. Can this labor be described?

I also don't know what kind of hard work actually they wanted to mention on the report but it could be the villagers active involvement in every school project (free of labour charge) so as to save even the small amount of money into school fund.

I do hope the answer given by Ang Nuri are as clear as you expected.

Please feel free to ask if any answers are still unclear. Thanks.

Yours sincerely, Chhiring Sherpa, Ang Nuri Sherpa

Mail 18. April 2005

Dear HCDO-Board and specially Academic Committee!

HP is going to send our support for grade 6 & 7 for Ringmo School. We are used to send this support through Himalayan Trust and Ang Rita. They are delivering the money directly when going for other purposes, or they deposit the money in Salleri Bank. They take no charge for this delivery. I found it useful to have good connections with the Trust, as we in many ways are working parallel.

Now I want to ask you in HCDO: Should HP continue sending support for Ringmo School through Himalayan Trust - or should HP send the support through HCDO?

In case of HCDO: How would you do it?

Yours Papa Kurt!
