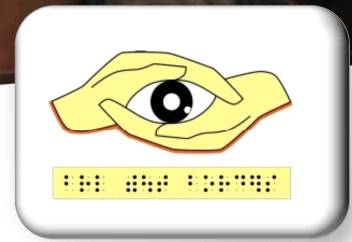


Braille Without Borders

Quarterly Newsletter 1 -2015



Dear Friends and supporters,

The BWB programs during the months of January and February are usually a bit quieter than the rest of the year. This is due to the Lossar (new year) Holidays. During January and February the students return home to celebrate the Tibetan new year with their families. Yet several activities have happened that we wish to share with you in this newsletter. Nyima and Gyendsen shared the following updates from Lhasa.

BWB Lhasa

In January 2015, Shanghai Buddha temple helped Tsering to get an eye operation done. The operation took place at Shanghai number nine people's hospital and took four hours. Part of Tsering's sight has been restored and now he is back in school doing very well. Nyima accompanied Tsering on his exciting journey.

Nyima and Yudon, both former students of BWB got married in 2014. On February seventh 2015, Yudon has delivered a baby girl. The name of their baby is Tenzin Dichen. Gyentsen and Kelchoe celebrated the first birthday of their son Navin. For the occasion everyone at the school were treated on Momos.

On the 8th of March, all students and staff celebrated women's day. Some local donors provided all the necessary items for the celebration. Many people from outside joined the event and enjoyed many songs performed by our students.

Dachung's "Katak band" is now officially registered and they are now allowed to do public performances. Dachung and his band will go to our farm in Shigatse for a week to perform and teach some of the students.





The blind students that are studying in the university are doing well. This summer, two more blind students who currently are in high school grade three, will take the university entry exam.

For a fundraising activity on the 26th Of March, held at the Lhasa office of the Chengdu Zhongyuan company, Gyentsen brought two of our students to attend an exhibition and auction. During the exhibition, Gyentsen gave a public speech and the students performed several songs

Farm Shigatse

Mike and Adrun have shared the following news from the farm in Shigatse;

This quarter has seen some movement with some staff moving on and new replacements moving in.

For the most part our own BWB graduates have replaced the staff-members who have moved on: Migmar Tsering and Tashi Puntsok have replaced Digye in the Braille Production department. A newly donated Braille Display is very helpful for them to translate schoolbooks into Braille. Digye has formed a knitwear outlet with her sister as partner.

Pedrun, a BWB graduate, has replaced Lakhpa Tsamchu in the Knitting department. Lakhpa is now producing and retailing knitwear in her own company in Shigatse. And Nordron, also a BWB graduate, has replaced Tai Yang in the Weaving department

In Memoriam

Our special thoughts go out to the family of Po Tenzin, our most senior staff member. He passed away due to heart failure on the 31st of March 2015. He lead the greenhouse staff and training but Po Tenzin was like a second father for many of the trainees as well of our colleagues in the farm.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

*On behalf of all students and colleagues we say **THANK YOU** very much for your ongoing support! We would be grateful if you can share this newsletter with your family members, colleagues and friends. We herewith also send **HAPPY CHINESE AND TIBETAN NEW YEAR Greetings**. With very best regards,*

The entire BWB team, Sabriye and Paul

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