



# FPMT ANNUAL REVIEW 2015

SERVING THE WORLD WITH A BODHICHITTA ATTITUDE





Lama Zopa Rinpoche,  
Sera Monastery, India,  
December 2015

Cover: His Holiness the Dalai Lama being offered a mandala by Lama Zopa Rinpoche at the Jangchup Lamrim teachings, Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, India, December 2015. Photo by Rio Helmi/JCLRC.

## A Letter from Our Spiritual Director

# LAMA ZOPA RINPOCHE

*My most dear, most kind,  
most precious wish-fulfilling ones,*

From Lama Tsongkhapa's "Three Principal Aspects of the Path":

***Even if renunciation has been developed,  
If it is not possessed by the mind of enlightenment  
It does not become the cause of the perfect bliss  
of unsurpassed enlightenment.  
Therefore the wise generate the supreme mind of  
enlightenment.***

***Swept away by the current of the four powerful  
rivers,  
Tied by the tight bonds of karma, so hard to undo,  
Caught in the iron net of self-grasping,  
Completely enveloped by the total darkness of  
ignorance,***

***Endlessly reborn in cyclic existence,  
Ceaselessly tormented by the three sufferings -  
Thinking that all mothers are in such a condition,  
Generate the supreme mind of enlightenment.***

First of all, we have all experienced this numberless times. Numberless times we have suffered like this, from beginningless time and will continue to unless one realizes the true suffering, the true cause of suffering, the true cessation of suffering and the true path. If one doesn't get to actualize the wisdom directly perceiving emptiness, then one will have to experience these sufferings of samsara numberless times and endlessly. So that means being in the ocean of suffering of the six realms. Already we have experienced it numberless times

from beginningless lives, and we will have to experience this numberless times without end.

This is so terrifying, most terrifying, most terrifying! To have to be reborn in samsara again, even one more time, it is most terrifying. To be in samsara even for one more day, even one hour, even one millisecond, it is most horrible, most terrifying, if you realize that samsara is only in the nature of suffering and that being in samsara is like being in the midst of molten iron – the very hot, red, iron fire.

We have been hallucinating in samsara, looking at it as pleasurable. The suffering we experience now in samsara is nothing compared to the suffering of numberless hell beings, numberless hungry ghosts, numberless animals, numberless human beings, numberless suras, numberless asuras and numberless intermediate state beings, not only what they are suffering right now but also what they have suffered numberless times from beginningless rebirths.

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Similarly sentient beings have experienced this suffering numberless times, the oceans of suffering of the six realms. They haven't received a perfect human rebirth and haven't met a perfectly qualified Mahayana guru. Some have, but their number is nothing compared to numberless sentient beings who haven't received a perfect human rebirth, met the Buddhadharma and met a perfectly qualified Mahayana guru who reveals the unmistakable path. So like this, they will have to suffer again in the ocean of suffering of the six realms, again and again, numberless times, endlessly in samsara.

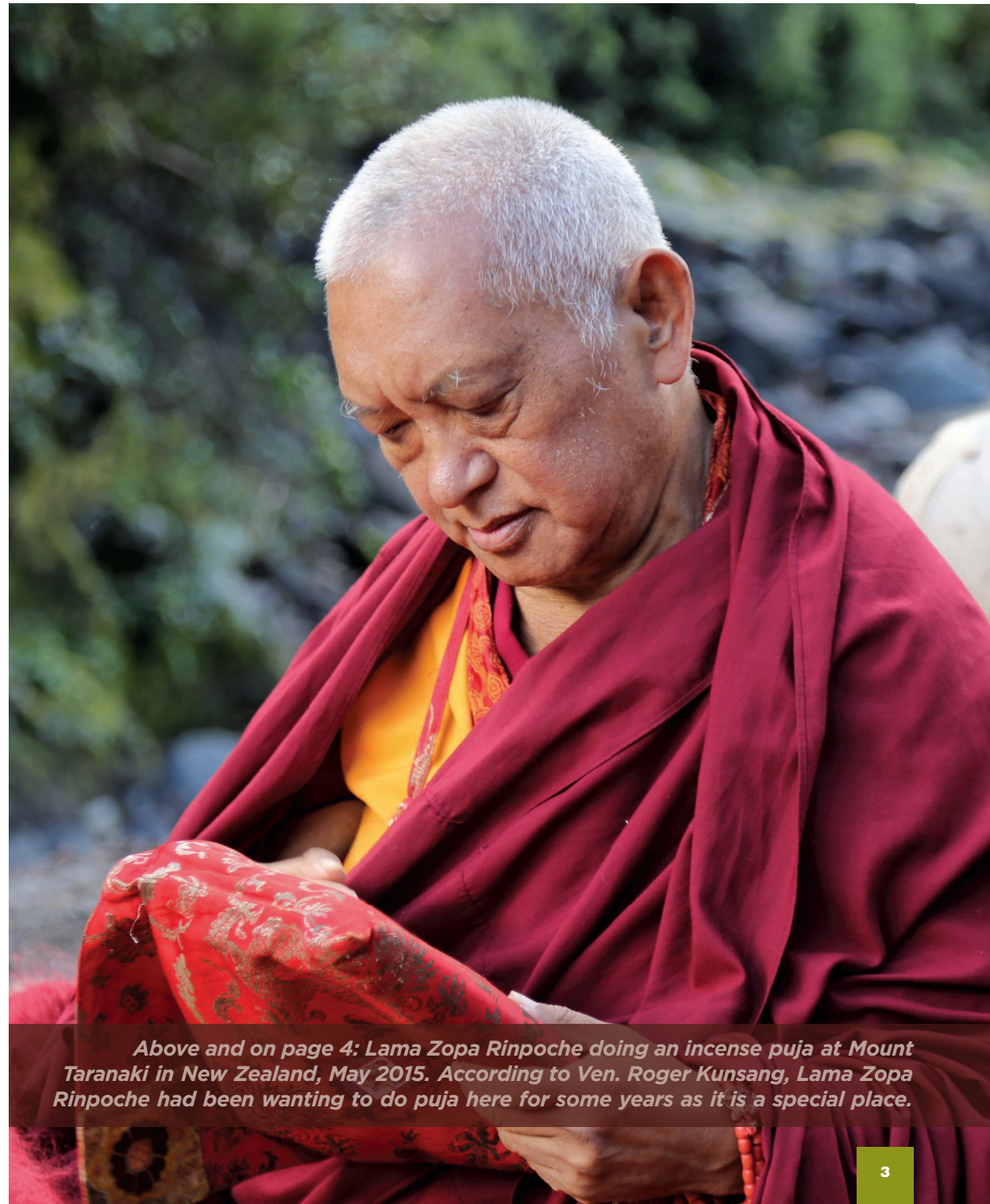
It is said by the great yogi Heruka Kyabje Pabongka Dechen Nyingpo in “Calling the Guru from Afar”:

*Thinking of the plight of my pitiful old mothers,  
pervasive as space,  
Fallen amidst the fearful ocean of samsara and  
tormented there – reminds me of you, Lama.*

*Therefore, Lama, please bless me to generate in my  
mental continuum  
Effortless experience of the profound three principles  
of the path and the two stages.*

Here you can understand what to do, what is the best way to help sentient beings, who are numberless, even to help just one sentient being; so this is the best thing. Here the FPMT organization's main effort is to create the causes for sentient beings to have realizations of the gradual path to enlightenment and to actualize the gradual path to enlightenment, the gradual method and the gradual wisdom and to achieve dharmakaya and rupakaya, for numberless sentient beings, for every maggot, for every tick, for every mosquito and for every single slug. So that comes from practice, and to practice, first you have to learn the Buddhadharma. So for those who can, then you learn the most extensive philosophy, sutra and tantra, lam-rim and then tantric subjects of your own deity and then the essence of what the guru has taught from the holy mouth.

So like the Kadampa Geshe teach according to the different levels of intelligence, the different capacities, so there are three ways of studying. Similarly we offer that, different levels according to different levels of intelligence and capacity, in order to achieve enlightenment for sentient beings, to be able to work perfectly without the slightest mistake for sentient beings. This is why we offer the *Masters Program*, the *Basic Program*, *Discovering Buddhism*, *Buddhism in a Nutshell*, *Living in the Path* and so on, this is besides Universal Education for Compassion and Wisdom. Then also we offer social services, such as hospices and many other services. Here it is not only to help the body, but mainly to help the mind. Then in all the centers since they have started, there have been lam-rim teachings continually, offering the essence of the path to enlightenment.



*Above and on page 4: Lama Zopa Rinpoche doing an incense puja at Mount Taranaki in New Zealand, May 2015. According to Ven. Roger Kunsang, Lama Zopa Rinpoche had been wanting to do puja here for some years as it is a special place.*





The whole point of FPMT is to bring sentient beings to full enlightenment, to the peerless happiness – the total cessation of all the obscurations and completion of all the realizations. So this is what FPMT has been trying to do, and this is the function of FPMT International Office, to help in that, and also the function of all the centers, projects and services, to be able to benefit in this way to the numberless sentient beings.

When a person has cancer, diabetes or leprosy, but then the person's nose is crooked, so they try to fix it with plastic surgery, but that doesn't help cure the cancer, diabetes or leprosy. Or they try to make the wrinkles on their face disappear by spending lots of money, but this doesn't do anything for the life threatening diseases. People spend so much money and time on something really unimportant, such small things, and have no idea at all, no knowledge at all about the suffering of death, sickness and old age. They don't know where this suffering comes from, which is karma and delusions, nothing is done for that, nothing is known about that. The root of samsara is the ignorance holding the I as truly existent, as real from its own side, while it is not, while it is totally empty from its own side, from beginningless time. Even having tantra realizations and bodhichitta realizations is not enough, but it is only with wisdom directly realizing emptiness that can directly eliminate the root of samsara – ignorance.

Similarly you don't have a rhinoceros horn growing from your head or a white-faced monkey's long tail growing behind you.

So the purpose of the FPMT organization's existence, it is NOT like that.

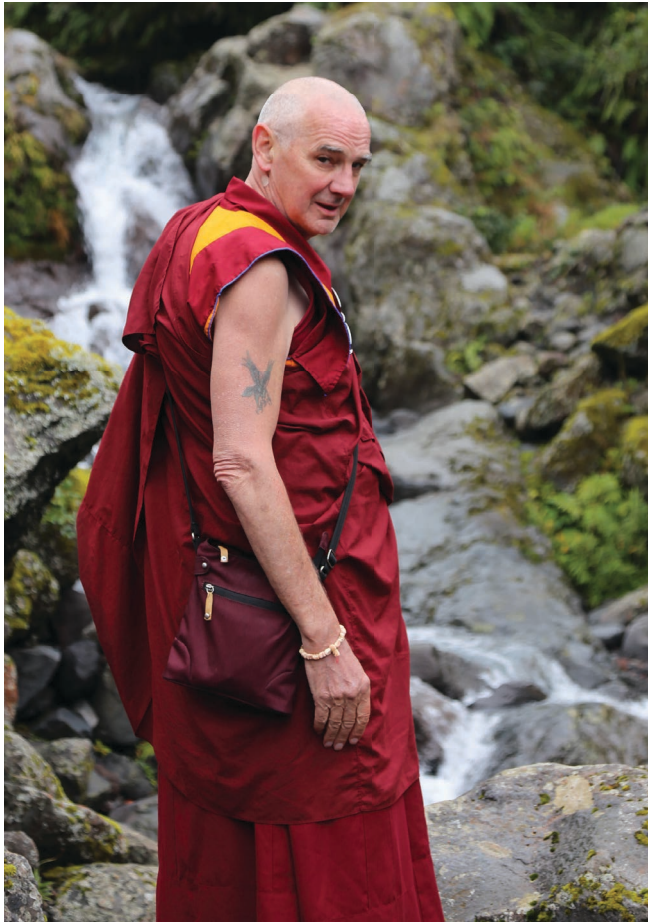
Thank you very, very, very much, from the bottom of my heart numberless thanks, by joining my two palms together – numberless thanks and I pray for the success of all the students, all the benefactors, all the volunteers, all the staffs, everybody. Thank you to all the directors of the centers and to every student. We are all here to liberate the numberless sentient beings, our pitiful mother sentient beings, to free them from the oceans of samsaric sufferings and to bring them to peerless happiness – buddhahood: the total cessation of all the obscurations and completion of all the realizations.

With much love and prayers,

Lama Zopa







*Ven. Roger Kunsang, New Zealand, June 2015. Photo by Ven. Thubten Kunsang.*

## A Message from Our Chief Executive Officer

# VEN. ROGER KUNSANG

*Dear Friends,*

Another year has gone by!

Lama Zopa Rinpoche always says that to run a Dharma organization, you must do so out of compassion and with patience. In the FPMT International Office we have an *internal* job description as well as an *external* job description and both are essential to the office running harmoniously and efficiently – especially the internal attitude, which is essentially cultivating the bodhisattva attitude. If there were ever a single defining quality of Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche, it would be bodhichitta. They live it. They breathe it. They *are* it! Recently, Khadro-la (Rangjung Neljorma Khadro Namsel Drolma) said to me very seriously that “Lama Zopa Rinpoche’s mind is never separate from emptiness and bodhichitta in all his activities; he doesn’t think about his body much.” We are so fortunate to have with us such a clear example of how to live in the path.

Although many people have mentioned that it has been a particularly busy year for Rinpoche, I didn’t feel it was different from other years. In 2015 Rinpoche taught in Nepal (including Lawudo), India, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, the Netherlands, Denmark, the United States (both East and West Coasts), Mexico, Colombia and Brazil. Rinpoche had not visited some places, such as Colombia and Brazil, for over 14 years. It’s never easy getting to all the centers. Although we could organize it systematically, Rinpoche prefers to go where most needed. Visiting the centers is so inspiring, with so many people working hard to support the Dharma and benefactors always generously giving. It’s the magic of karma!

All through 2015 Rinpoche’s health has been good, with even some improvement in walking and the use of his right hand, and in blood pressure. Rinpoche’s diabetes is under control with medication.

Rinpoche has been trying to teach as much as he can and yet still keep some time available to receive teachings, initiations and transmissions from his gurus that he then can pass on in the future. In New York, Rinpoche was able to receive oral transmissions from Khyongla Rato Rinpoche and at the same time benefit many of the Sherpas working in the city, including a long life initiation of Most Secret Hayagriva, which Richard Gere attended. (It was Richard’s birthday, so there was a birthday cake with the initiation.) Many of the former monks and nuns came for advice, and there was a big picnic at the beach organized by them. Rinpoche also taught several times at the request of Shantideva Meditation Center. Rinpoche traveled all over New York City in iconic yellow taxis with Sherpa drivers so happy to offer service.

Rinpoche was in Nepal when the first two big earthquakes hit in April, causing significant damage throughout the country, including at FPMT centers. Kopan Monastery and Nunnery, Mu Gumpa and



Rachen Nunnery in Tsum, and Thubten Shedrup Ling and Lawudo Retreat Centre in Solu Khumbu suffered a lot of damage, but no one was seriously hurt. It was so sad to see the loss of lives and homes, even more so to know the great difficulties people faced in trying to get emergency supplies and the enormous task of rebuilding! FPMT International Office (Rinpoche's office) did an excellent job of fundraising and so many people offered help – the support and kindness people showed from all over the world was amazing (see page 20)! Additionally, Kopan monks and nuns (via Kopan Helping Hands) did a tremendous amount of work responding to the needs of so many families, especially in the isolated mountainous areas of Nepal.

At the end of the year Rinpoche attended the Jangchup Lamrim teachings taught by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. His Holiness was able to complete the transmission of all the major lam-rim texts as well as give initiations at Gyume Tantric College. At the end of the teachings, His Holiness confirmed that he would give the Kalachakra next year in Bodhgaya, India. His Holiness was also requested to give the transmission of some of Lama Tsongkhapa's collection of teachings that are very rare.

A lot has been happening at FPMT International Office. To mention a few things: the social projects have been expanding, especially into the area of aged care, where we have begun helping elderly care homes in India and have plans to

hopefully do the same in Nepal. Education Services is expanding and being reorganized. Center Services continues to work with the different regions of the world in order to offer better support to centers, projects and services. *Mandala* now publishes two larger, high-quality magazines with an emphasis on timeless articles. We have great staff – in Oregon, California, Colorado, the United Kingdom, France and Nepal – with great attitudes, who are working hard to support our organization around the world. We are here to serve you.

FPMT has 118 centers, projects and services and 39 study groups in 37 countries. We have 42 resident geshe and 12 non-Tibetan resident teachers. In addition we have over 180 registered teachers leading our programs with a few always on the road visiting our centers to teach and lead retreats.

FPMT is such a unique organization helping to make this world a more compassionate place, and we have *you* to thank for this! So many people around the world together make FPMT what it is today – a place of refuge with a culture of wisdom and compassion. Please take time to rejoice in your contribution and that of so many others!

Sincerely,  
roger



## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE MAHAYANA TRADITION (FPMT) is devoted to preserving and spreading Mahayana Buddhism worldwide by creating opportunities to listen, reflect, meditate, practice and actualize the unmistakable teachings of the Buddha, and based on that experience, spread the Dharma to sentient beings. FPMT programs offer a comprehensive, experiential approach to study, practice and service in the great educational tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa of Tibet as taught by Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

FPMT, Inc. is a non-profit Buddhist organization incorporated in the State of California, USA. There are more than 150 centers, projects and services around the world that have entered into or are in the process of entering into affiliation agreements with FPMT, Inc.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche's Office, or FPMT International Office (IOF), is based in Portland, Oregon, and provides the necessary framework for all FPMT activity, develops and delivers high-quality education programs and materials, maintains several primary channels for communication, manages charitable projects key to FPMT's mission, coordinates communication between Lama Zopa Rinpoche and the larger organization and provides support to FPMT centers, projects and services.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The FPMT is an evolving organization and at the rate that Kyabje Zopa Rinpoche moves, we seem to be constantly trying to catch up with him. As we look back on the past year, we'd like to share with you a few things the board has been working on.

Probably the most significant of these is examining the unfolding vision for the future of the organization. When we think about our responsibility of caring for and developing our future, there are at least two concerns that dominate our thinking:

**The overall structure for the organization, which needs to be a structure that will sustain the organization far into the future and,**

**The role of the FPMT in preserving not only the Tibetan Mahayana tradition but, more specifically, the Gelug tradition. The preservation, and even the development, of the Gelug tradition is something His Holiness the Dalai Lama has brought directly to the forefront in recent talks and discussions with the leaders of the Gelug tradition as well as Lama Zopa Rinpoche. [For more on this, see *Mandala* January-June 2016.]**

With respect to creating a structure that will sustain and support the FPMT into the distant future, we presented last year the idea of an Advisory Council (AC). While we have spent considerable time developing the concept of the AC, we have also realized that there are unaddressed implications. Many of these were voiced at the 2014 CPMT meeting in Bendigo, Australia, and so we continue work on this important project to resolve these issues. We expect a trial implementation of the AC sometime in 2016.

Over the last two years, Lama Zopa Rinpoche's untiring schedule has not allowed for us to gather together in person long enough to tackle these complex questions with Rinpoche present. However, the board itself does have regular video conference meetings, about once every month. These meetings run for an hour and half and include a general catch up in addition to focusing on and discussing one or two pressing subjects, like the Advisory Council.

In the board's quest to bring more expertise into our make-up, we have added two new board members: Peter Stickels, who is now board secretary, and



*Kopan monks loading a truck with emergency aid to be distributed to those in need after the earthquake, Nepal, April 2015*

Rasmus Hougaard. Peter is a strategic planning consultant in Australia and Rasmus is the founder and director of The Potential Project. We are extremely confident that their levels of expertise in both organizational development and Dharma will greatly benefit the organization's future.

Finally, while the board cannot take credit for any of Rinpoche's or the Foundation's astonishing charitable projects, we do take great delight in and appreciate being at least a small support for these incredible beneficial activities. While no project is more valuable than any other project, I feel compelled to draw attention to the amazing response that the entire FPMT organization offered during the devastating earthquakes in Nepal. From the individual students, to the centers (particularly Kopan Monastery and Nunnery), to the International Office, the response was, and continues to be, phenomenal. Our appreciation goes out to all of you.

I speak for the entire board when I express an unbelievable sense of appreciation for our collective good fortune – and with all your help! – at being able to serve this one-of-a-kind organization created by the holy beings Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

With warmest good wishes,

Karuna Cayton,  
Chair of the FPMT Board of Directors, FPMT, Inc.





# LAMA ZOPA RINPOCHE'S 2015

**Lama Zopa Rinpoche taught and gave initiations** at 22 different FPMT centers in 11 different countries in 2015. Most teachings at FPMT centers were available via livestreaming, and all are available to watch or listen to via the “Rinpoche Available Now” page on FPMT.org.

Rinpoche began 2015 in India, having attended the Jangchup Lamrim teachings with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He then visited Sera Monastery, where he stayed at Osel Labrang. He gave teachings at **Choe Khor Sum Ling**, the now full-fledged FPMT center in Bangalore. Rinpoche spent several weeks in Bodhgaya, where he stayed at **Root Institute**. Rinpoche was there for Losar and the Day of Miracles and made the most of his time by circumambulating the Mahabodhi Stupa, doing pujas, making offerings, giving oral transmissions and teachings to students, and blessing many animals,



*Above from top: Rinpoche making offerings at the Mahabodhi Stupa in Bodhgaya, India, March 2015*

*Ling Rinpoche with Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Tushita Meditation Centre, Dharamsala, India, March 2015*

*Right: For hours after the 7.8-magnitude earthquake Rinpoche taught, led prayers and gave oral transmissions in the garden at Kopan Monastery, Nepal, April 2015*







including chickens! While in India, Rinpoche also visited Delhi and Dharamsala, where he met with His Eminence Ling Rinpoche at **Tushita Meditation Centre** and with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

In April, Rinpoche went to Nepal, where he spent three weeks at **Lawudo Retreat Centre**. He returned to **Kopan Monastery** the day before the April 25, 7.8-magnitude earthquake, which caused great destruction in many parts of the country. Kopan and Lawudo received damage to some buildings, however, the monks, nuns and lay students there did not experience any serious injuries.

Rinpoche began a lengthy teaching tour in May, traveling to New Zealand where he gave teachings at **Mahamudra Centre**, **Chandrakirti Centre** and **Dorje Chang Institute**. Rinpoche then went to Australia, where he visited **De-Tong Ling Retreat Centre**, **Buddha House** and **Vajrayana Institute**. Rinpoche also attended the teachings with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in the Blue Mountains.



*Above from top: Rinpoche with attendants and students, Blue Mountains, Australia, June 2015*

*Rinpoche and students in Moscow, July 2015*

*Right: Lama Zopa Rinpoche at a teaching organized by Ganden Tendar Ling in Moscow, July 2015*





In June, Rinpoche attended the long life puja offered to His Holiness the Dalai Lama in celebration of **His Holiness' 80th birthday in Dharamsala** and attended the **Geluk International Conference**, organized by the Geluk International Foundation. More than 300 high lamas, abbots, former abbots, dignitaries and representatives from the Gelug monasteries and nunneries in India, Nepal and Bhutan attended.

Next, Rinpoche traveled to Moscow, Russia, where he gave teachings organized by **Ganden Tendar Ling**. Rinpoche's next stop was at a 10-day retreat organized by **Maitreya Instituut** in the Netherlands, held at **Maitreya Instituut Loenen's** new location in a former hotel. Rinpoche also addressed the European regional meeting being held there. Rinpoche then traveled to Denmark and gave teachings organized by **Tong-nyi Nying-je Ling**.

Rinpoche spent August in New York City. During his visit he received oral transmissions from Khyongla Rato Rinpoche over the course of two weeks, visited and made prayers at the memorial for the victims



*Left: Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Richard Gere with members of New York City's Sherpa community after a long life initiation, New York, US, August 2015*

*Above from top: Rinpoche during the retreat at Maitreya Instituut Loenen, the Netherlands, July 2015*

*Rinpoche blessing goats, the Netherlands, July 2015*



of the September 11, 2001 attacks, gave teachings and initiation to Sherpas living in the city, and gave teachings organized by **Shantideva Meditation Center**.

In September, Rinpoche taught at the week-long retreat in Mexico organized by **FPMT Mexico** and **Centro Khamlungpa**. Rinpoche then flew to South America where he taught at **Centro Yamantaka** in Bogotá, Colombia, and at **Centro Shiwa La**, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, giving a public teaching and a weekend lam-rim retreat in both locations.

Rinpoche spent part of October and November at his home in California, in the United States, where he gave teachings and initiations at **Land of Medicine Buddha**, **Vajrapani Institute**, **Tse Chen Ling** and **Gyalwa Gyatso Buddhist Center (Ocean of Compassion)**.

Rinpoche returned to **Kopan Monastery** in November and taught during the November Course. There was the annual long life puja for Rinpoche on December 2. Then Rinpoche traveled to India to



*Khyongla Rato Rinpoche and Lama Zopa Rinpoche, New Jersey, US, August 2015*



*Rinpoche with Sangha at the retreat in Mexico, September 2015*



attend the concluding Jangchup Lamrim teachings given by His Holiness at Tashi Lhunpo. Rinpoche stayed again at Osel Labrang at Sera Monastery, teaching, seeing students and doing pujas whenever time permitted. While Rinpoche was in India, he also met with many lamas and tulkus, including the Sakya Trizin, Dagri Rinpoche, Tenzin Phuntsok Rinpoche and Khadro-la (Rangjung Neljorma Khadro Namsel Drolma).

*Right from top: Rinpoche examines new Namgyälma mantra board for blessing all the beings in the ocean while on the beach in Rio de Janiero, Brazil, September 2015*

*Rinpoche with Khadro-la, India, December 2015*

*Making offerings during the long life puja for Rinpoche at Kopan Monastery, Nepal, December 2015*

*Below: Rinpoche with the five dakinis during the long life puja at Kopan Monastery, Nepal, December 2015*





# FPMT 2015 EDUCATION SERVICES

In accordance with the wishes, guidance, and advice of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, FPMT Education Services creates high-quality study programs suitable for all levels, which are available in FPMT centers, as homestudy materials, or via our Online Learning Center; we publish various practice materials in hard copy and digital formats; and we work with a global network of educators, trainers, translators and publishers to develop valuable training programs and translations.

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

### Practice Materials: New Publications, Updates and Ebooks

Sixteen new or updated prayers, practices and materials were completed and are available through the FPMT Foundation Store, including *Kshitigarbha Practice*; extensive revisions to Lama Zopa Rinpoche's *Daily Meditation* practice, now called *The Method to Transform a Suffering Life into Happiness (Including Enlightenment) with Blessing the Speech and Daily Mantras*; and the *Nyung Nä Manual*.

Eighteen new materials and resources were added to FPMT.org for student use, including an amulet-format of the *Vajra Cutter Sutra*; a PDF of *How to Help Your Loved Ones Enjoy Death* by Lama Zopa Rinpoche; "Request to Padmasambhava Prayer"; name mantras for His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Lama Zopa Rinpoche; and video and audio recordings of Lama Zopa Rinpoche chanting Lama Chöpa verses.

Seventeen practice booklets were made into ebooks and are now available on the Foundation Store and

Amazon Kindle Store, including "The King of Prayers," *Preliminary Practice of Vajrasattva*, *Liberating Animals*, *Prayers for Teaching Occasions*, and *Chanting the Names of Manjushri*.

### Programs

The *Masters Program* Guidelines were revisited, reorganized, and now include suggestions for the three-month review and final exam in accordance with Lama Zopa Rinpoche's wishes. In addition, materials for *Basic Program*, *Living in the Path* and *Discovering Buddhism* were developed, updated and/or added to FPMT's Online Learning Center.

*"I've been studying alone for years, but without a focus. So my studies can wander and not add up to much. With a curriculum, I'm finding more opportunities to study, and it's all on one topic so I feel like I'm making progress."* – Basic Program student

### Translations

Extensive work was completed on essential translation guideline documents, which include a preferred-term glossary, a database of commonly used translations and a database of deity names. In addition, preliminary work was done on a new style guide and publications guide, in order to document standard practices for FPMT translations. The Translation Services team coordinated revisions to the upcoming *Middle Length Lam-Rim* as well as translated materials for the upcoming *Vajrayogini, Volume 4*.

## The Method to Transform a Suffering Life into Happiness (Including Enlightenment)

with Blessing the Speech and Daily Mantras



### Training

Foundation Service Seminars were offered twice in the United States at Land of Medicine Buddha in California and at Maitripa College in Oregon; and an Inner Job Description Seminar was hosted online. We welcomed three new Foundation Service Seminar facilitators.



## Teachers

We welcomed 18 new FPMT registered teachers, bringing the total number of teachers qualified to teach at FPMT centers, projects and services to 181.

## Online Learning Center

During 2015 the Online Learning Center (OLC) website received 51,507 visits from 19,005 visitors in 148 countries with 1,452 new accounts created and 1,412 new discussion forum posts.

New OLC materials added and updates in 2015:

- Two *Basic Program* Online courses – “Bodhisattva Deeds” Parts One and Two
- A new French *Discovering Buddhism* module – “*Tout sur le karma*”
- Three new *Living in the Path* modules – “Advice for Realizing the Lam-rim,” “Offering Food and Drink” and “This Is Going to Happen to You”
- Eleven *Living in the Path* modules were restructured and updated to a new format

# THE FOUNDATION STORE

The Foundation Store is the online store of FPMT. We offer a vast selection of authentic Buddhist materials, including education programs, prayers and practices, and meditation supplies such as malas, incense, ritual items, thangkas, statues and much more. Highlights of our accomplishments during 2015 include:

- **New collection of downloadable ebooks and MP3s:** We began distributing more than 30 ebooks of teachings and advice from FPMT’s founders, Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche, as well as from other highly regarded teachers published by the Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive. In addition, thanks to Kopan Monastery, Khachoe Ghakyil Nunnery and Rachen Nunnery, we offer an inspiring collection of songs and prayers performed in the traditional chanting style of Tibetan Buddhist pujas.
- **Mobile-friendly website:** Customers are increasingly accessing the Foundation Store through mobile devices and tablets. We updated our website to make it viewable from these devices, meeting the needs of our mobile customers.
- **Supporting students worldwide:** We provided service to more than 10,000 customers primarily in the United States, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Asia, but also in Canada, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa.
- **Product quality assurance:** By maintaining good relationships and communications with our suppliers worldwide, the store continued to improve product quality and reduce unnecessary inventory losses.

We envision the Foundation Store not as a business, but as an opportunity to fulfill Lama Zopa Rinpoche’s wish that “FPMT’s Dharma publications spread all over the world and in every corner of the world.”

Foundation Store products are therefore made available to enhance the Dharma practice of and educational resources available to students. We never profit from the sale of holy objects. Proceeds from sales are carefully categorized and calculated to ensure that income from Dharma items is used only to make more Dharma available and to further the charitable mission and projects of FPMT.

*You can learn more about what FPMT Education Services has to offer you, your studies and your practice at [FPMT.org/education](http://FPMT.org/education). You can find the Foundation Store at [shop.fpmt.org](http://shop.fpmt.org).*





# 2015 CENTER SERVICES

Working closely with regional and national coordinators, Center Services helps centers, projects, services and study groups (which are probationary centers, projects and services) establish and sustain good, robust governance structure to support their provision and preservation of the Mahayana tradition now and into the future. Center Services facilitates communication between Lama Zopa Rinpoche and FPMT centers, projects and services; coordinates Rinpoche's teaching schedule; and facilitates the placement of resident geshe and teachers at centers.

**Snapshot of the FPMT organization:** Four new study groups began in Australia, Russia, UK and US. Two study groups transitioned into full centers. One center stepped back into study group status. Three study groups closed. This brought the total number of FPMT centers, projects and services to 118, plus an additional 39 study groups, located in 37 countries. Forty-two FPMT centers hosted a resident geshe and an additional 12 hosted resident teachers.

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

**His Holiness the Dalai Lama** was hosted in June by Vajrayana Institute at their Happiness and Its Causes Conference in Australia.

**FPMT's Regionalization Strategy** continued in the form of support for each center, project and service via 14 regional and national coordinators, including our first national coordinator for India. Regional and national meetings throughout the year built upon what was discussed and learned at CPMT 2014, FPMT's most recent international meeting, including the implementation of the Five Pillars of Service. Coordinators began developing versions of FPMT's

generic Good Governance Guidelines made specific to their country.

**Key organizational successes** include fruitful meetings of the directors of large residential centers, support of spiritual program coordinators via teleconferences and the development of local mediation groups.

Centers, projects and services and International Mahayana Institute Sangha celebrated **FPMT's 13th International Sangha Day**.

In September, FPMT's interpreter training program, **Lotsawa Rinchen Zangpo Translator Programme 7**, began with 16 students who are studying in Dharamsala, India.

**Loving Kindness Peaceful Youth**, FPMT's secular project for young people, is resuming under a new director.

***"I attended the regional meeting and I feel I really benefited from meeting so many devoted students of Rinpoche. Even though I've been Rinpoche's student for 23 years, I learned a lot and have more understanding of what FPMT really does."***

– Study group coordinator

*Learn more about FPMT centers, projects and services and find one close to you at [FPMT.org/centers](http://FPMT.org/centers).*



*Lama Zopa Rinpoche at the European regional meeting, the Netherlands, July 2015*



# COMMUNICATIONS, ONLINE MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY



*Lama Zopa Rinpoche teaching at Dorje Chang Institute, New Zealand, and webcast live around the world, May 2015*

The communications work of FPMT International Office is multifaceted and seeks to develop and strengthen an international community of Dharma students studying and practicing within the tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa as taught by FPMT founders Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche. We maintain many methods for connecting FPMT students, centers, projects and services with Lama Zopa Rinpoche and with the greater organization.

## Live Webcasts of Lama Zopa Rinpoche Teachings

In 2015 we ramped up our **Rinpoche Available Now** initiative to allow FPMT students worldwide to watch Lama Zopa Rinpoche teach in real time. This collaborative effort between several departments and local centers had the following successes:

- Live webcasting of 13 different teaching events with Lama Zopa Rinpoche from five continents via the FPMT Livestream channel. The webcasts typically attracted 50-80 people watching live and, on average, 400-500 people watching recorded video of the teachings, with numbers frequently going up to 1,000 for popular events.
- 1,438 people are subscribed to our Livestream channel and get notified whenever a Livestream videocast starts.
- Video of Rinpoche's teachings were also quickly uploaded to FPMT's YouTube channel in HD, drawing up to 7,500 views for Rinpoche's July teachings in the Netherlands.
- All teachings are also available on FPMT.org's "Rinpoche Available Now" page with links to transcripts and audio downloads and, when available, French and Spanish translations.
- Editors created many short videos of Rinpoche teaching for use in FPMT Education programs and for FPMT's YouTube channel, which had 648,083 viewers in 2015.

***"There is NO WAY I would ever get a chance to see and/or participate in this [teaching event]. Thank you SO much."*** – Katherine K.

## Connecting Online

FPMT students have around-the-clock access to FPMT resources, information, updates and news through a wide array of outlets, including FPMT.org, email and social media.

**FPMT.org** is the central nexus of information and resources related to FPMT and Lama Zopa

Rinpoche. We maintain, support, upgrade and update our expansive website to help students worldwide. Some highlights of this work:

- The FPMT News blog had 486 new posts in 2015, connecting FPMT centers, projects, services and students with advice from and news of Lama Zopa Rinpoche as well as the entire FPMT organization, including critical updates from Nepal after the April earthquake.
- Lama Zopa Rinpoche's teaching schedule was updated as soon as new teaching events were confirmed.
- New advice from Rinpoche was added to the "Advice from Lama Zopa Rinpoche" page and guidance specifically for centers, projects and services was added to the Member's Area of FPMT.org.
- A custom search engine was created for the Member's Area, allowing visitors to find specific content in this secure area of the site.
- Education resource pages were reorganized and updated to better reflect the needs of FPMT students.
- An online version of the Registered Teachers Application Form was added to the site, simplifying the task of submission.
- A new set of tools was added that easily allows visitors to email, print or create a PDF from any page on FPMT.org.
- FPMT's Prayers for the Dead service continued to provide essential support for FPMT students at the critical time of death with prayers made for 620 people.



**Email** remains a critical form of communication within FPMT. We utilize several different services and maintain many lists for meeting the needs of various groups of students and supporters. Highlights include:

- The monthly FPMT International Office e-News added 3,357 more subscribers in 2015, reaching a total of 29,115 subscribers, helping students keep up to date with Rinpoche's latest advice, activities, teaching schedule and health updates; new materials and program updates from FPMT Education Services; service guidelines and policies from International Office; and important news from all over our organization.
- The FPMT Foundation Store e-News, sent monthly to 28,107 customers, announced new practices, products and promotions.
- The launch of our daily FPMT News email digest, delivered via MailChimp, was the result of consolidating several International Office blogs into one. At year end we had 2,247 subscribers to this free email.
- With a total of 3,390 subscribers, the CPMT and FPMT e-groups continued to provide a helpful communication tool for students and those offering service at FPMT centers, projects and services.

The monthly FPMT e-News, Foundation Store e-News and the daily FPMT News emails can be subscribed to for free on FPMT.org.

FPMT's **social media** accounts continually reach new people and keep current students connected, as well as share our FPMT News blog posts. In 2015, Lama Zopa Rinpoche's Facebook page was more popular than ever with 372,000 likes, up from 280,590 the previous year. Individual status updates – posts which share news about Lama Zopa

Rinpoche, his current activities and new photos – often reached well over 100,000 people.

Other active Facebook pages include the FPMT page, which shares news of the international FPMT mandala, had 14,000 likes; the FPMT Charitable Projects page had 1,857 likes; and *Mandala's* page had 7,025 likes. While we see the most interest on Facebook, FPMT maintains several active accounts on Twitter and Google+ as well as a Lama Zopa Rinpoche Instagram account with 10,000 followers.

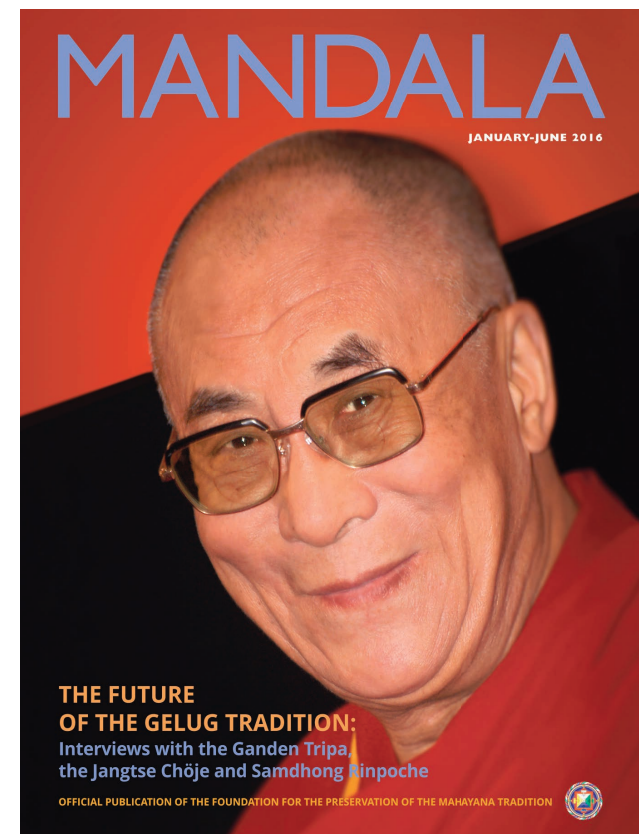
### **A New Era of *Mandala* Magazine!**

Over three decades, *Mandala* has taken on different forms, reflecting the needs of the FPMT community and the times. With students now able to access FPMT news and updates digitally, we decided it was time to redesign *Mandala* magazine. We unveiled the changes in our July-December 2015 issue, which contained stories and teachings tailored to best make use of print media's ability to share quality, long-form stories, more in-depth teachings, thoughtful interviews and sharp, high-resolution photos. The now twice-a-year magazine has an increased number of pages in each issue and an elegant new look.

We also began publishing special *Mandala* ebooks. Our first ebook, *Meeting Death with Wisdom*, was released in September 2015 and contained 10 archive pieces that explored the topic of death. *Mandala* magazine and ebooks are offered as benefits of the Friends of FPMT program and also through our center packages program, where FPMT centers, projects and services can integrate *Mandala* into their local fundraising efforts.

### **Information Technology**

FPMT International Office's Information Technology department ensures our IT infrastructure remains secure, reliable and efficient. Highlights for 2015 include:



- Critical security and functional upgrades to the Online Learning Center
- Creating a new Technology Guide for FPMT centers, projects and services
- Receiving a Google AdWords grant of US\$10,000 per month for online advertisement of all International Office products and services
- Digitizing 100 mini-DV tapes containing teachings and interviews of some of our teachers collected over the last 20 years

*FPMT.org offers a vast collection of advice, practice resources, video teachings, photo galleries, news and more. Visit and explore!*



# FPMT CHARITABLE PROJECTS



*Monks in the Sera Je Food Fund kitchen prepare meals for thousands of monks at Sera Je Monastery, India*

In 2015 FPMT Charitable Projects offered an unprecedented amount of aid – US\$3,483,668 – in the form of grants to many social service projects. A large portion of this was attributable to people's kindness and generosity in the wake of the April 2015 earthquake in Nepal.

This year we completed a redesign of our web pages to reflect important changes in how the various funds and projects are managed. The key purpose of these changes, which were based on Lama Zopa Rinpoche's Vast Visions for the FPMT organization, was to take on more of the responsibility for managing and fundraising for the various commitments that Rinpoche has made around the world. All of FPMT Charitable Project's work is now divided into six main areas: **Supporting Our Lamas, Supporting Ordained Sangha, Social Services, Holy Objects, Practice and Retreat, and Education and Preservation.**

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

### Supporting Our Lamas

The **Lama Zopa Rinpoche Bodhichitta Fund** enables Rinpoche's compassionate service to others to flourish. In 2015 US\$274,000 was offered in the form of grants to various beneficial causes such as social projects, the sponsoring of holy objects, and the offering of support to Sangha, monasteries and nunneries.

The **Long Life Puja Fund** offers annual long life pujas to our precious teachers: His Holiness the Dalai Lama and FPMT Spiritual Director Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

- In June and December 2015 long life pujas were offered on behalf of FPMT (including all FPMT centers, projects and services) to His Holiness the Dalai Lama. During the pujas, Lama Zopa Rinpoche and representatives from FPMT were able to directly offer the traditional offerings as well as a large silver Dharmachakra and substantial monetary offerings.
- During the Kopan November Course every year, a long life puja is offered to Lama Zopa Rinpoche. This year, all of the traditional offerings and a dakini dance were presented as well as a money offering, which Lama Zopa Rinpoche immediately gave away. In addition, smaller symbolic offerings were made by Ven. Roger Kunsang on behalf of the entire FPMT organization during every long life puja offered to Lama Zopa Rinpoche at different centers in 2015.



## Supporting Ordained Sangha

The **Sera Je Food Fund** is approaching its twenty-fifth year of providing three vegetarian meals a day to all of the monks studying at Sera Je Monastery. Food is prepared, cooked and offered to the monks, and breakfast is offered to an additional 800 students at Sera Je School, adding up to approximately 3,029,600 meals offered in a year. In 2015 a dietician reviewed the menu and kitchen and made recommendations in order to improve the diet of the monks. A number of changes were immediately put into place, such as introducing durum atta (Indian whole wheat) flour, having more fruits and vegetables, and offering tofu two times a week. Further recommendations will be put into place in 2016. Menus will also continue to be monitored and adjusted for protein and to better accord with the tastes of the monks.

The newly established **Supporting Ordained Sangha Fund** aims to provide support to monks and nuns as well as monasteries and nunneries. As the fund grows, grants will be used to offer food, accommodation, education, health care and retreat sponsorship to Sangha in need. This general fund allows special support to be offered to nuns and nunneries, which sometimes are overlooked. Some of the grants offered by the fund include:

- A total of US\$285,311 for the construction of a debate courtyard at Sera Me Monastery, for essential repairs to Ganden Samlo Khangtsen at Ganden Monastery, and to the International Mahayana Institute for a retreat cabin for Sangha at Thakpa Kachoe Retreat Land in France
- Food and educational expenses for young tulkus entering and studying at Sera Je Monastery
- Food for monks studying in Mongolia

**Lama Tsongkhapa Teachers Fund** is now in its eighteenth year and continues to support teachers of the Lama Tsongkhapa tradition. In 2015 the fund offered:

- Stipends to 150 of the most senior teachers of the Lama Tsongkhapa tradition and support to the annual Gelug exams and the Winter Debate
- Robes for all FPMT resident and touring teachers as well as for top scholars who have successfully memorized specific texts at Sera Je Monastery
- US\$230,000 for the building of a residence and administrative office at Ganden Monastery for the Ganden Tripa, who is the head of the Gelug lineage, and for the Shartse and Jangtse Chöjes, who are next in line for the position. The Geluk International Foundation will also be housed there. The establishment of this administrative office is an integral step in preserving the Gelug tradition far into the future as advised by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.



*From top: Sera Je monks eating a meal provided by the Sera Je Food Fund, India*

*Children at Maitreya School, Bodhgaya, India. The school received a grant from the Social Services Fund in 2015.*





*From top: Kopan monks delivering emergency aid provided by the Nepal Earthquake Support Fund to villagers after the devastating earthquake in Nepal*

*Goats can walk around the stupas at the Animal Liberation Sanctuary in Nepal, which receives support from the Animal Liberation Fund*

## Social Services

The newly established **Social Services Fund** offers substantial help to people in India, Nepal, Tibet and Mongolia. The fund supports children, the elderly, and the sick and very poor through grants for schools, hospices, health clinics, soup kitchens, aged care homes, orphanages and much more.

Due to the kindness of many donors, grants totaling US\$550,664 were disbursed in 2015 offering support to:

- Meals for 55 students in Ladakh, India; mid-day lunches to Tibetan refugee children studying at Central School for Tibetans in Bylakuppe, India; and food for 20 people living in a home for the elderly in the Tibetan settlement in Hunsur, India
- Annual operating expenses for Lamp of the Path, a project of Ganden Do Ngag Shedrup Ling, which runs a soup kitchen, health clinic and children's education program in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- MAITRI Charitable Trust in Bodhgaya, India, to help those with leprosy, tuberculosis, and disabilities, as well as the elderly, the very poor, mothers and animals. In addition, a jeep was sponsored to meet health care needs in remote villages.
- Maitreya School, Shakyamuni Buddha Community Health Care Clinic and Tara Children's Home (an orphanage for children affected by HIV/AIDS) in Bodhgaya
- A new community hall in the Tibetan settlement in Hunsur, which will serve as a place for 100 million mani retreats, classes in Tibetan culture and language, and community meetings
- A hostel for children attending a remote school and rebuilding a gumpa in Rowaling, Nepal
- Maitreya Project Kushinagar to help with the purchase of an ambulance and the distribution of blankets to the very poor in local villages

The **Nepal Earthquake Support Fund** was established in April 2015 in response to the devastating earthquake and subsequent aftershocks in Nepal. The fund offered US\$799,720 in direct aid, providing emergency food, shelter and medical assistance to many people, including those located in remote villages. Kopan Monastery's Helping Hands project and the Namgyal Rinpoche Foundation administered the aid directly in Nepal. Grants for rebuilding and repairs were given to Kopan Monastery and Nunnery, Lawudo Retreat Centre and Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery. In addition, a substantial amount of aid was raised by FPMT centers and projects, such as Yeshe Norbu in Italy and students in Singapore, Malaysia and Taiwan. Many more individuals offered support directly to Kopan.

The **Animal Liberation Fund** sponsored bi-monthly animal liberations with extensive practices and prayers at Rinpoche's residences in California and Washington State in the United States and gave a US\$10,000 grant towards the operating expenses of Kopan Monastery's Animal Liberation Sanctuary in Nepal.

## Holy Objects

The newly established **Holy Objects Fund** provides the resources to create holy objects for world peace. This fund offers grants to support the building and repairing of holy objects such as stupas, statues, prayer wheels and extremely large thangkas. In 2015 grants were offered to:

- Repair a stupa at Swayambunath, Nepal
- Help create a small stupa at a sanctuary for rescued race horses in Italy
- The ongoing painting and adornment of the large Amitabha Buddha statue at Buddha Amitabha Pure Land, Washington State, US
- Two large prayer wheels being built in Mongolia and California, US
- Maitreya Project activities in Kushinagar and Bodhgaya, India

## Practice and Retreat

The **Practice and Retreat Fund** supports students' practices and Dharma retreats. In 2015 grants were offered to:

- Sponsor 10 people to do 108 nyung nä retreats at Institut Vajra Yogini in France, the fourth such round of 108 nyung nās completed there
- Sponsor two 100 million mani retreats completed by the nuns of Bigu Nunnery in Nepal
- Develop retreat land at Buddha Amitabha Pure Land, Washington State, US

The **Puja Fund** celebrated 20 years of beneficial activity in 2015, sponsoring many pujas and offerings that happen monthly and on the four Buddha days – Losar, Saka Dawa, Chokor Duchon and Lhabab Duchon – when merit is multiplied 100 million times. Some of the pujas and offerings include:

- Monetary offerings to over 15,600 Sangha and to all of Lama Zopa Rinpoche's gurus
- Recitations of all the Prajñāparamita sutras, the entire *Kangyur* and 100,000 recitations of "Praises to the 21 Taras"
- Monthly Medicine Buddha and extensive Most Secret Hayagriva pujas
- Robes to the Buddha statue in the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya and gold to the face of Jowo Buddha in Lhasa, Tibet

- Continuous light offerings to holy objects in Mongolia and Garsha, India
- Pujas for the health, long life and safe travels of Lama Zopa Rinpoche and pujas offered on behalf of Lama Zopa Rinpoche's gurus

**Prajnaparamita Project** continues to provide the material resources for Ven. Tsering and Jane Seidlitz to write out the *Prajñāparamita Sutra* in pure gold. Together they have completed four out of 12 volumes.

## Education and Preservation

The **Education and Preservation Fund** supports Dharma study and contributes to the development of online and homestudy Buddhist education programs and the preservation of the Dharma. In 2015 grants included:

- Support for the development of the *Masters Program* at Istituto Lama Tzong Khapa, Italy
- An offering toward the annual expenses of Foundation for Developing Compassion and Wisdom, which oversees Universal Education for Compassion and Wisdom programs
- Continued sponsorship for *Steps on the Path to Enlightenment*, a commentary on Lama Tsongkhapa's *Lamrim Chenmo* by the late Geshe Lhundub Sopa
- An offering to FPMT Education Services for projects completed
- Funding for FPMT translations, International Office's Rinpoche Available Now initiative and the FPMT Online Learning Center

The **Preserving the Lineage Fund** offered a grant for a food offering for 17,000 people attending His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Jangchup Lamrim teachings at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery.

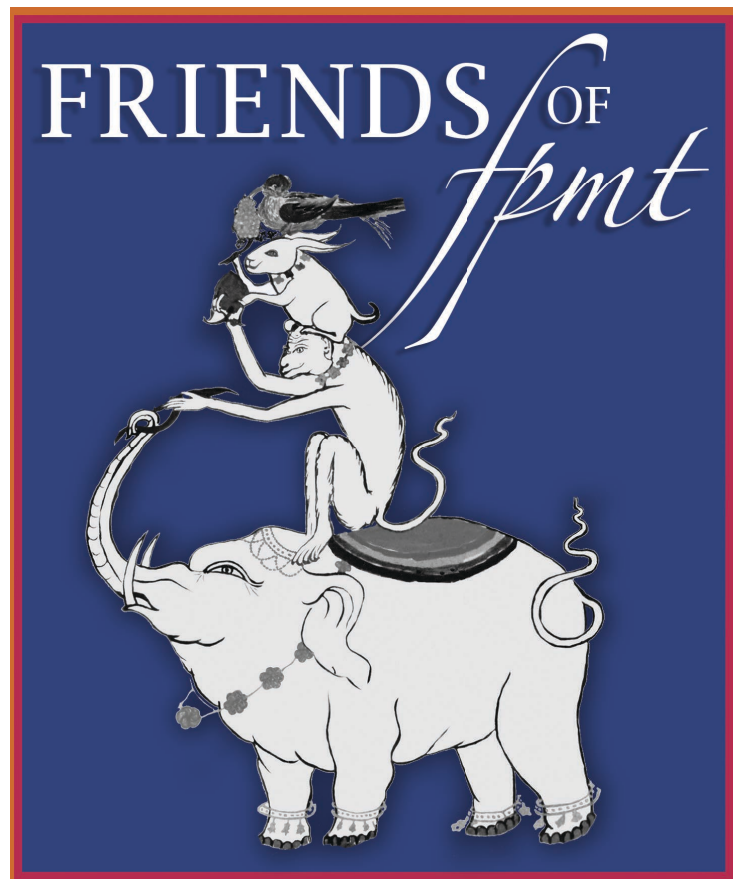
These are some examples of the many contributions made this year by FPMT Charitable Projects to an array of beneficial activities and causes that support Lama Zopa Rinpoche's Vast Vision for FPMT. All of these offerings are due to the kindness of others. Thank you again for the incredible support and helping FPMT be able to offer this direct benefit.

*Many more accomplishments can be seen in the "Charitable Projects" section of FPMT.org.*

*For a full financial report on all of the donations made on behalf of FPMT Charitable Projects for 2015 please see page 26.*



# DONOR SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT



FPMT Donor Services and Development works to ensure that the projects, funds and activities supported by FPMT International Office have the resources they need to thrive and come to fruition. This work includes stewarding our donors, implementing fundraising drives, communicating accomplishments and creating opportunities for our global FPMT community to practice generosity.

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2015

**Planned Giving:** The FPMT Endowment was launched to enable donors, committed to preserving our mission, to create lasting legacies so the teachings of our founders can flourish for generations to come.

The **Friends of FPMT** program is one of International Office's key sources of funding. There were 1,143 active Friends supporters at the end of 2015 with contributions totaling US\$238,030 for the year.

The Friends program opens doors for students worldwide to engage with FPMT Education programs and the international FPMT community through multi-tiered giving levels that give active Friends of FPMT access to a large collection of Dharma materials and learning programs. Most of the resources offered to Friends are digital, allowing Dharma materials to be gifted to supporters as benefits via email and online downloads without decreasing the impact of their financial contributions.

Nearly 500 "workers" in 49 countries participated in the **Work a Day for Rinpoche**

campaign, contributing US\$51,744 during the Saka Dawa campaign in 2015.

The **Give Where Most Needed Fund**, established in 2013 to support FPMT activities in immediate need, received US\$75,926 in 2015.

### New in 2015! Give a Gift That Helps Others:

As a compassionate alternative to material gift giving, one can donate to any of four FPMT charitable projects on someone else's behalf. Donors receive a thank-you card to give to their loved one that highlights what difference the gift will make in the world.

***"In a way I would say that you are providing us an opportunity to serve the society with bodhichitta in mind, which I could not have done all by myself."***

– Ramya, Friend of FPMT

**International Merit Box Project**, intended to foster daily generosity practice for practitioners, will be entering its fifteenth year in 2016. It is closing in on disbursing US\$1,000,000 in grants to over 200 Dharma projects since 2001.

WORK A DAY  
  
for RINPOCHE

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## 2015 MERIT BOX GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Buddha House, Australia – Statue project, US\$8,950
- Foundation for the Development of Compassion and Wisdom, UK – Translating the *16 Guidelines* website into French and Spanish, US\$5,000
- Gendun Drubpa Centre, Canada – Stupa for World Peace and Environmental Harmony, US\$5,000
- International Mahayana Institute, France – Support for Sangha to attend retreats with Lama Zopa Rinpoche, US\$4,000
- Langri Tangpa Centre, Australia – Stand for the stupa of Inta McKimm, US\$850
- Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive, US – Lama Yeshe's Gyalwa Gyatso teachings, US\$5,000
- Milarepa Center, US – Yama Toilet Meditation Project, US\$500
- Maitreya Instituut, Netherlands – Ganapati Statue Fund, US\$5,000
- Courthouse Community Centre (Jamyang Buddhist Centre), UK – Repaying the Kindness Project, US\$1,000
- FPMT Europe – FPMT Europe Office Fund, US\$2,500
- International Office, US – Online Learning Center funding, US\$3,200
- International Office, US – Grant for Sera Je Food Fund, US\$5,000
- Maitripa College, US – James A. Blumenthal Library Project, US\$3,000
- Maitripa College, US – Mindfulness & Compassion Initiative, pilot phase, US\$3,000
- Osel Labrang, India – Support for office activities, US\$5,000

For more on how to support the work of FPMT International Office, visit [fpmt.org/projects/office](http://fpmt.org/projects/office).



*Lama Zopa Rinpoche arranged for an enormous Guru Rinpoche thangka to be displayed and a Guru Rinpoche puja with 100,000 tsog offerings to be done at Kopan Nunnery in order to remove obstacles for Nepal, December 2015*



# FINANCES - FISCAL YEAR 2015

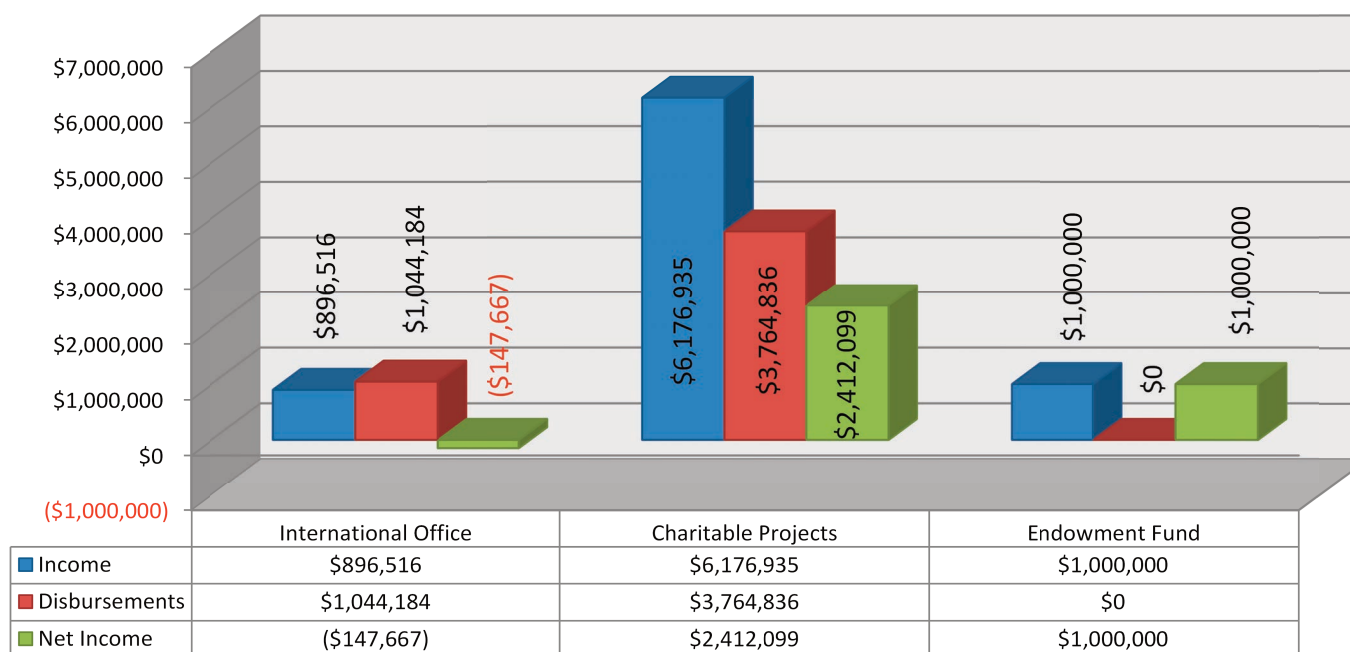
The CFO and Financial Controller of FPMT International Office are responsible for managing and supervising the finances of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition, Inc. (FPMT, Inc.) as directed by its Board of Directors.<sup>1</sup> Finances are divided between general funds (unrestricted) and funds designated for specific charitable projects (restricted funds).<sup>2</sup>

In 2015, total unrestricted income for International Office was US\$896,516 and total expenses were US\$1,044,184 (excluding a depreciation charge of \$256,530), resulting in an operating deficit before depreciation of US\$147,667.

In 2015, the total restricted income for the Charitable Projects was US\$6,176,935. The total disbursements and expenses were US\$3,764,836 with the surplus primarily consisting of funds held for some projects with projected disbursement requirements in 2016 and beyond.

In 2015, a gift to the FPMT Endowment Fund of \$1,000,000 was received for longer term support in perpetuity.

**FPMT - Overview of Income and Disbursements 2015**



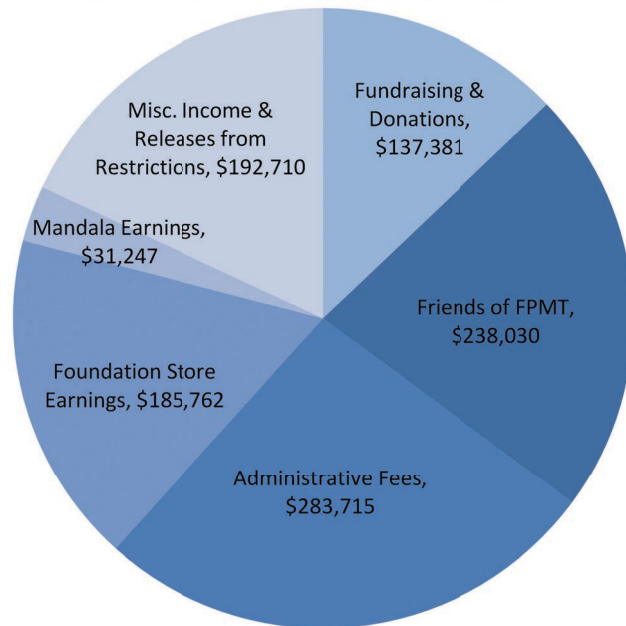
<sup>1</sup> Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition, Inc. (abbreviated as FPMT, Inc.) is the legal entity of FPMT International Office. The terms FPMT, Inc. and International Office are interchangeable. In practical terms, the International Office functions and serves as Lama Zopa Rinpoche's office, therefore the guidance of our Spiritual Director is implicit.

<sup>2</sup> Restricted funds include all the charitable projects of FPMT, Inc. as outlined on our website in addition to certain other charitable projects as directed by Lama Zopa Rinpoche and the Board of Directors.

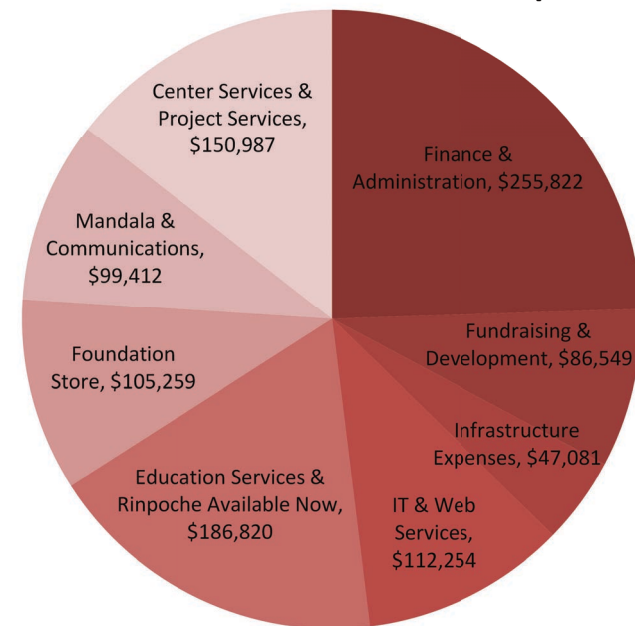
# UNRESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENSES - FISCAL YEAR 2015

Unrestricted funds do not have any donor-imposed restrictions and therefore can be used to fulfill the varying needs of the organization. The following charts give a summary of FPMT, Inc.'s unrestricted income and expenses in 2015.

**FPMT - 2015 Unrestricted Income**



**FPMT - 2015 Unrestricted Expenses**



Unrestricted Income 2015	Income US\$
Fundraising & Donations	\$137,381
Friends of FPMT	\$238,030
Administrative Fees	\$283,715
Foundation Store Earnings	\$185,762
Mandala Earnings	\$31,247
Misc. Income & Releases from Restrictions	\$192,710
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,068,844</b>
Investment Losses	(\$172,328)
<b>Adjusted Income</b>	<b>\$896,516</b>

Unrestricted Expenses 2015	Expenses US\$
Finance & Administration	\$255,822
Fundraising & Development	\$86,549
Infrastructure Expenses	\$47,081
IT & Web Services	\$112,254
Education Services & Rinpoche Available Now	\$186,820
Foundation Store	\$105,259
Mandala & Communications	\$99,412
Center Services & Project Services	\$150,987
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,044,184</b>

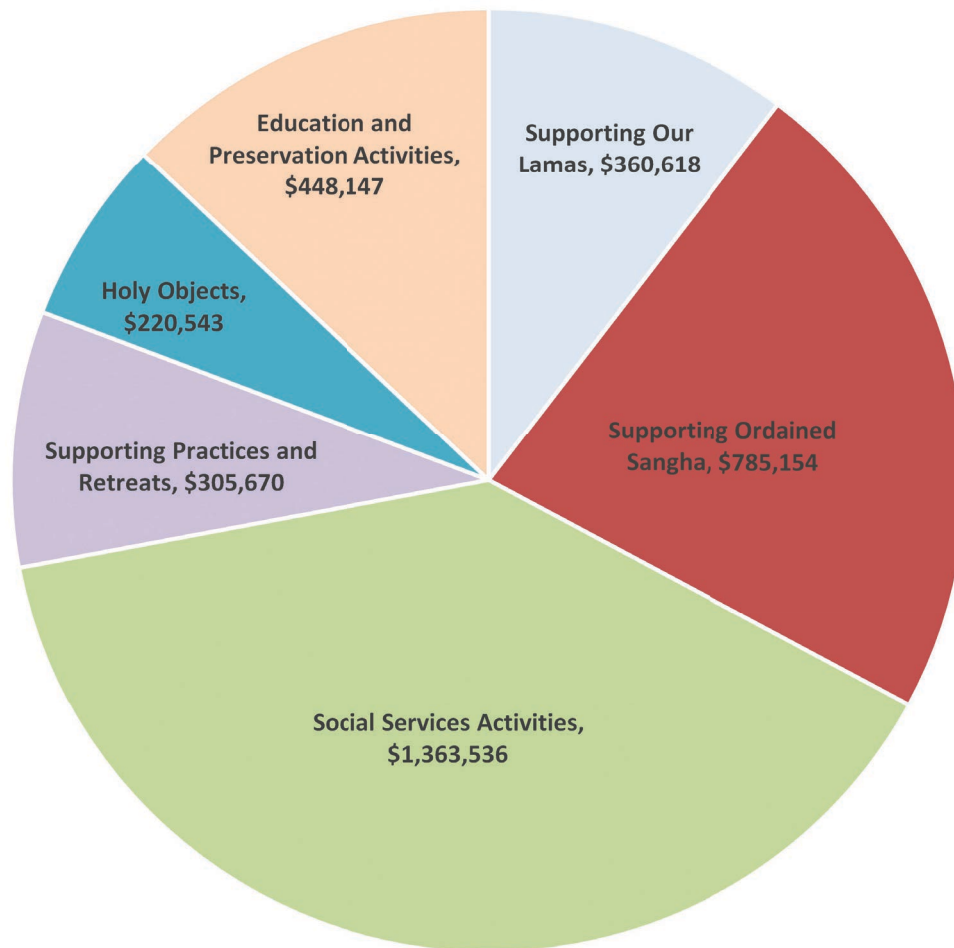


# CHARITABLE PROJECTS DISBURSEMENTS - 2015

This table and chart outline the direct disbursements during 2015 to FPMT's Charitable Projects. The direct disbursements came to a total of US\$3,483,668.<sup>3</sup>

## Charitable Projects Disbursements 2015

Total \$3,483,668



Charitable Projects Disbursements 2015	US\$
<b>Supporting Our Lamas</b>	<b>\$360,618</b>
Bodhichitta Fund	\$274,000
Big Love Fund	\$20,522
Long Life Puja Funds	\$66,096
<b>Supporting Ordained Sangha</b>	<b>\$785,154</b>
Supporting Ordained Sangha Fund	\$290,875
Sera Food Fund	\$241,912
Lama Tsongkhapa Teachers Fund	\$234,600
Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund	\$17,767
<b>Social Services Activities</b>	<b>\$1,363,536</b>
Social Services Fund	\$550,664
Nepal Earthquake Support Fund	\$799,720
Animal Liberation Fund	\$13,152
<b>Supporting Practices and Retreats</b>	<b>\$305,670</b>
Practice and Retreat Fund	\$38,975
Buddha Amitabha Pure Land	\$127,360
Puja Fund	\$91,387
Prajnaparamita Project	\$14,891
Prayers for Dead Fund	\$28,004
Other Retreat Sub-Funds	\$5,053
<b>Holy Objects</b>	<b>\$220,543</b>
Stupa Funds	\$6,825
Prayer Wheel Fund	\$13,577
Maitreya Project Funds	\$200,141
<b>Education and Preservation Activities</b>	<b>\$448,147</b>
Education and Preservation Fund	\$256,358
Preserving the Lineage Fund	\$69,391
Scholarship Fund	\$54,625
Translations Fund	\$9,000
Merit Box Fund	\$57,123
Other Education and Preservation Sub-Funds	\$1,650
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,483,668</b>

<sup>3</sup> The disbursement figures do not include expenses for administration fees and credit card merchant fees, and are inclusive of some interfund disbursements, which will be subject to audit adjustments during our annual independent financial review.



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*International Office staff in Portland having tea with Geshe Thupten Jinpa, May 2015*

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We want to recognize the years of service and hard work of Carl Jensen, who served as our administrator and office manager June 2012 to September 2015. We welcomed Eva Sippl in August 2015, who took over as administrative assistant.

# THANK YOU!

FPMT International Office offers our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all FPMT centers, projects, services, teachers, students, volunteers and benefactors who supported us in 2015. Your kindness helps provide the tools and resources we need to help carry forth Lama Zopa Rinpoche's Vast Vision for FPMT. All of our accomplishments are yours as well, so please rejoice with us!

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peace and loving kindness in your home,  
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