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### UPDATE ON NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

A tremendous amount of care and support has been flowing through HCF. People on this side of the globe as well as in Nepal seem to be relieved to know about what is happening and feeling strengthened by the connection. We have more news regarding damage from the quake as well as the rescue and response activities.

Damage to the temple in Namo Buddha is more severe than originally thought – the upper floors are very badly damaged making it unsafe to enter below so the temple remains closed as does the Mahakala shrine hall. The shrine room of the Ngodro retreat is unable to be used and needs to be rebuilt along with the retreat rooms.

It is fortunate that living quarters and some other buildings were spared and the monks have been able to do prayers in the dining hall now with Thrangu Rinpoche.

Monks from the Clinic in Namo Buddha have been visiting the local villagers to bring comfort and medicine. Additionally, the monks of Thrangu Tashi Choling took up a collection of their own money which equalled about \$8,000.00 USD. In conjunction with the local people, Lama Konckok Dorje, (SMDBS principal,) organized the purchase of 100 bags of rice, lentils, sugar, tea and water – all things the people needed – and the monks loaded and delivered the items to the people in the district of Kavre themselves.



The retreat center in Bhaktapur was spared from heavy damage, but there are cracks in walls to deal with in the Milarepa tower and in the kitchen. The monks in this area have been tending to the local village people, helping to bring comfort and peace of mind, clear away the rubble, help with first aid and to deliver food and water. Lama Karma Pasang, the manager at Bhaktapur, said everyone is very happy with all the help and encouragement.

