

Dear Dharma brothers and -sisters,

We have started our work in Umbusi Khordong gompā again. When our Rinpoche was in Estonia in 2000, he said that a Dharma protector came to Him in vision and said it would be necessary to build a gompā in Estonia. In 2002, we bought an old school house with some land and we have been working on it ever since. As the school house was more deteriorated than it looked, we had to remove most of the old floors, ceilings, roof, walls, etc, and build new ones instead of them, as it often happens when buying old houses. We are very happy now that most of the demolition works are done and new things are being built up. Finally. The aim of the gompā is to function in a rime-spirit and to preserve our Rinpoche's lineage and Northern Treasures lineage.



The aim of the present letter is to give you a short overview what we plan to do and have done here so far and also to show how the financial support provided by you has been used. If you would like to support us and donate again, that would be very helpful. But firstly, a short overview of our plans this year about the teachings programme.

H.H. Taklung Tsetrul Rinpoche has accepted to visit our Khordong Northern Treasures gompā. We have a wish that He would conduct the land consecration or the bhūmividhi. According to Paljorla, Rinpoche's assistant, they would be happy to come if Rinpoche's health is fine. And now the date has been set that from 13th-17th September 2013 Rinpoche will visit our gompā. We are in the red tape process that Rinpoche would get entry to Estonia, it is somewhat complicated because of the refugee status of Rinpoche, but we hope that we will have success.

We are also happy to announce that Tulku Urygen Chemchok has accepted our invitation to visit gompā during August 2013 as the exact dates we can announce soon.

And also last, but not least, we are very happy that also James Low has accepted our invitation and will visit Estonia to give teachings from 20th-22nd September 2013.

Now the overview about the gompā construction.

Within previous years, we have finished most of the gompā's roof. 700m<sup>2</sup> of it we have finished mostly by ourselves (financial part as well as manual work), for one quarter of the roof, we used a project support and some part has been finished with your help and support.

Now it looks like this.





We have also changed the beams of the main hall's ceiling that you can see in front of the upper picture. We had to replace 31 beams, all rather big, but now it's done. The cost of the beams was supported by the German sanga. Here you can see the preparation of the beams, done mostly by Nele and Leho.

And here is Andrzej from Poland pulling up the last beam of the ceiling. All handwork.



Then we continued to fill up the new floors of the gompa's main hall with sand and proceeded to make the new concrete floor of the first section of the gompa.

Here we are preparing the ground.



And laying the insulation below.



Now the concrete is arriving. We got the concrete for free as the bridge renovation was going on at the same time in our village. As we got the leftovers of the concrete, it took us some 2 months to finish the work patch by patch.



Last year we started to fill up the second part of the gompa's main hall while emptying other rooms from old floors. The main hall has been filled with 120 tons of sand and 70 tons of splinters, all carried in with our small hands and with the help of friends.



Also last year we have started to plaster the main gompa hall with lime and other rooms with clay plaster (by the way, we are using the our own clay, taken from the earth, not from the shop). We have decided to use ecological materials in the gompa as much as we can. We have finished the plastering of the main hall with first lime plaster layer now.



These are the main works that we have done. However, there are constantly other smaller works being done as well as nice gatherings, practise sessions, tasty lunches, small garden for fresh vegetables, and some parties. We have also posted many pictures on our Facebook page Khordong Umbusi and we try to update it as well as we can.

For this year, we have planned to go on with following projects:

1. building the last part of the roof (300m<sup>2</sup>),
2. making the new concrete floor for the second part of the gompa's main hall,
3. making the new stairway for the main entrance,
4. filling the gompa's library floor with sand and splinters,
5. cleaning the walls from the old oil paint. Most of it has to be done by sandblasting machine.

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Here are also the prices of the above-mentioned works. We also do many works by ourselves and try to use our own money to keep the work going. As we have some land with forest, we have sold some of the forest this year. As the forest is not of very good quality (it is a riverside forest) it is becoming old and is suitable only for selling it to energy. So we have some funding for this year, but it is only 30% of what we would need for the works planned.

1. Roof construction 300m <sup>2</sup>	Roofing stain material	2780 EUR
	Wood 25x100	1200 EUR
	Installation of the roofing stain by specialists	1800 EUR
	Extra stain material for angles, top parts, also screws, underlay etc	950 EUR
2. Concrete floor 85m <sup>2</sup>	Concrete 5m <sup>3</sup> with transport	600 EUR
	Preparation (3,6 EUR per m <sup>2</sup> ) and concrete laying works (3,6 EUR per m <sup>2</sup> )	612 EUR
	Insulation material 10 cm (penoplast 100), plastic and armature	900 EUR
3. Main stairway for the hall	Concrete	120 EUR
	Concrete specialist works	100 EUR
4. Gompa's library filling with sand and splinters	Sand 108 tons with transport	740 EUR
	Splinters 60 tons with transport	420 EUR
5. Cleaning the walls with sandblasting machine	200m <sup>2</sup>	530 EUR

Hopefully you have got a nice overview about our works, though here we described only large works, it would be too long to give an overview about everything. However, you are very welcome to ask more questions or even better - visit us in Estonia!

Yours in dharma,

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