



## **Benchen Monastery Free Dental Clinic**

**September 2007**

**In April yet another trip of Dr Agata to Katmandu Clinic has ended. The months she spent there were busy, as she had more patients to treat than ever before, as well as had to deal with failing equipment and new costs.**

During her stay in Katmandu Dr Agata managed to see around 350 patients, performing over 1200 procedures, which is approximately 30% more than during her previous visits. It seems that the political crisis in Nepal is over (as well as the strikes caused by it), and more people were able to get to the Clinic and receive help. Free care is still provided to children from local orphanages as well as to monks from nearby monasteries.

Unfortunately, after 10 years of service the compressor feeding the dental unit has broken down. Sherab Wangciuk, working with the Clinic on behalf of the Monastery, commissioned necessary repairs, but the solution is only temporary. We have, therefore, decided to buy a new compressor (it costs around 3000 PLN) and send it to Katmandu.

In addition to the above mentioned costs, from 2008 we will rent a room for Dr Agata in the private house at the back of the Monastery. The Monastery itself cannot provide the doctor with sufficient lodging; also, a woman's presence among the monks was getting ever more awkward. Now, after eight years of working in the Clinic, Dr Agata has her own room with a kitchen, bathroom and hot water. Rent for 2007 was sponsored by Dr Wojtek Ryncarz, and following two years will be paid for from Clinic's funds.

**More details, as usual, can be found on [www.free-clinic.org](http://www.free-clinic.org)**



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### **Special thanks:**

Most of the Clinic's funds are still generated by 1% of taxes donated to it. This year we have made 12,298.92 PLN this way, and our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helped us! We would also like to express our gratitude to other sponsors, especially to Zbyszek and Wiola Sikora, who keep our website on their server.

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