



## **Benchen Monastery Free Dental Clinic Newsletter Spring 2006.**

### **Work in the Clinic during the last Winter and Spring can be called one of the most difficult in the Clinic's history.**

Dr. Agata Turkiewicz opened the Clinic in mid February and till the very end of her presence in Kathmandu at the end of April, she had to struggle with a very difficult conditions prevailing in Nepal at that time. It was the driest winter in that part of Asia for many years, which resulted in daily breaks in delivery of water and electricity. Those breaks lasted from 3 to 6 hours every day, at difficult to predict times, sometimes during procedures. Additionally the April general strikes and national uprising, the cause of "political unrest" made the royal authorities introduce strict injunctions – for a period of 3 weeks the Government imposed "shoot on sight" daytime curfews, so that Kathmandu citizens could not walk freely on the streets. Lots of people in need of dental care could not reach the Clinic.

In spite of all the obstacles Dental Clinic treated 218 patients. Dr. Agata did 247 fillings, 190 scales, 49 extractions, 19 root-canal treatments, 7 prosthetic procedures and 4 surgeries. Financial report of the work done at that time is now available on our web site.

**We also invite you to see the most fresh pictures from the Dental Clinic Benchen Monastery available on [www.free-clinic.org](http://www.free-clinic.org)**



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### **Thank you.**

This year for the first time we were allowed to collect donations in a form of 1% of income tax – allowed by Polish regulations during the time of the yearly tax clearance. The project was supported by a small tv campaign. At the beginning of May the Clinics account was showing 13 800 PLN, including 9 710 PLN coming from the tax collection. We can assure you that the money will be spent with care. Additionally, we shall thank a very generous dentist from Germany, Dr. Höller from Esslingen, who sent valuable dental medicine to the Clinic and offered an autoclav, and Erich Heimbach, who made this connection for us.

**Thanks to your generosity the Benchen Monastery Free Dental Clinic can continue to treat patients.**

### **Team of Benchen Monastery Free Dental Clinic**

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