

# **ANEC's 2010 Annual Report**

## **JANUARY 2010**

- ANEC Executive Director and Training Officer gave workshop on Active Nonviolence Strategies to 50 Tibetan teachers from various Tibetan schools under CTA Education Department. This workshop was organized by Dept of Education, CTA. ANEC was also able to distribute souvenir magazine copies and resource material handouts to the workshop participants.
- ANEC Executive Director met with Tushita Retreat Center Dharma Teacher Lobsang la from Holland and organized ANEC workshop for 54 western Buddhist at the Tushita Center. Later the executive director also met with Irish monk Lobsang la at the ANEC office and discussed on possibilities of future cooperation and co-ordination with the "Gentleness Program" in Ireland for which Lobsang is working.

## **FEBRUARY 2010**

- ANEC has been devoting a great deal of time to the distribution of ANEC newsletter to both inside and outside India. Clear, comprehensive mailing list has been prepared in this regard by ANEC Asst Trainer.
- ANEC also sent Losar greetings cards to important contacts both inside and outside India
- ANEC Executive Director and Training Officer had also been making necessary rehearsal and preparations for the ANEC workshop to 54 members of Tushita retreat Center organized by Lobsang la from the Tushita Center. This workshop took place on 25th FEB 2010.
- Between Mid January 2010 to Mid March 2010, ANEC staff members had also taken there annual leaves on rotation basis.

## **MARCH 2010**

- ANEC Executive Director and Assistant Trainer went to Norbulinka to have consultations with ANEC Governing Board Chairman, Former Kalon Tripa Sonam Topgyal who was extremely happy about the ANEC Branch Office news.
- ANEC devoted a lot of time in looking for a suitable branch office at a strategic place in Mcleod Ganj and finally have been successful in finding a most ideal site for the ANEC Branch Office.
- The formal opening of the ANEC Branch Office and preparations and arrangements for setting up the ANEC Branch Office automatically consumed a great deal of time as well as additional expense for ANEC.
- The ANEC Branch Office was finally inaugurated on 19th March 2010 and special every Friday Talk Session/ Open Forum Discussion and video film screening have been our regular outreaching and dissemination program at the Branch Office.
- Meanwhile, thrice a week ANEC Workshop/ Open Forum Discussions at the Tibetan Transit School have been simultaneously been going on apart from other ongoing outreaching and information dissemination program at the Main ANEC Office.
- Universal Nonviolence Training proposal offered by Doctor Mary Gendler & Rabbi Everett Gendler have been published in the form of standard, color brochures and free and wide circulation of the same have been ongoing along with other ANEC resource and information materials.

## **APRIL and MAY 2010**

- ANEC Executive Director repeatedly called and met with the concerned Tibetan authorities at the CTA and also Tibetan Transit School in Dharamsala and also called the concerned ANEC contacts at the Tibetan Camp in Delhi to organize follow-up workshops/ open forum discussions during the Gendlers visit to India.
- ANEC Assistant Trainer Lobsang Tenzin was deputed to the Tibetan Camp in Delhi along with Special Letter from the Executive Director to make the necessary prior arrangement for the ANEC Workshops in Delhi.
- ANEC Chief Resource Persons and Trainer and Asstt. Trainer conducted 2 day workshop at the Tibetan Camp in Delhi.
- ANEC Executive Director and Chief Resource Persons met with the Honorable Minister of Religion and Culture of the Department of Religion & Culture at the CTA.
- ANEC Chief Resource Persons and Executive Director met with Mr. Tenzin Phuntsok Athisha, Secretary for International Relations of DIIR.
- ANEC facilitated special follow-up workshops for monks and nuns at the Tsechokling Monastery and also for students of Gu-Chu-Sum and 30 Tibetan School Teacher Trainees at the Sahara Institute of Tibetan Higher Studies.
- Meanwhile, every Friday special programs at the ANEC Branch Office in Mcleod Ganj have also been going on smoothly and successfully. ANEC Chief Resource Persons Dr. Mary Gendler and Rabbi Everett Gendler also visited the ANEC Branch office over four times during their visit to Dharamsala in April -May 2010.
- ANEC also facilitated a second workshop for the Tushita Retreat Centre in Dharamsala with the ANEC Chief Resource Persons.
- ANEC organized a three hour special workshop at the ANEC Branch Office on nonviolent communication with Amanda from the UK as resource

person. The Gendlers were also present for this workshop on Non-Violent Communication.

- ANEC Principal Supporters & Chief Resource Persons the Gendlers had a special audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. All available ANEC information booklets, newsletters and souvenir magazine were presented to His Holiness the Dalai Lama by Doctor Mary Gendler & Rabbi Everett Gendler. His Holiness was extremely delighted and expressed genuine sense of appreciation for ANEC activities for Peace and Non-Violence. His Holiness also facilitated a couple of photo sessions with the ANEC Chief Resource persons during that memorable audience.
- ANEC Chief Resource Persons and Executive Director met with Kalon Tripa Professor Samdong Rinpoche on May 4th evening and with the CTA Education Secretary, Additional Secretary and Education Officer on May 5th 2010.
- ANEC Executive Director, Training Officer and Assistant Training Officer had three hour brainstorming meeting with the Gendlers on May 3rd 2010 at the ANEC Main Office and also invited the Gendlers for a Special luncheon reception in their honor.
- ANEC Executive Director and staff members hosted a special Thanks Giving Dinner on May 6th 2010 in honor of the Gendlers at the Tibet Kitchen in Mcleodganj. ANEC volunteers Christopher and Louisa from the U.K and Angele from Canada were also present for that Thanks Giving Dinner.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 ANEC conducted interview and written test for recruitment of new Accountant cum office Secretary with Mr. Rakesh Narayan on the ANEC Interview Board.
- Our Assistant Trainer Mr. Lobsang Tenzin had attended a five day Workshop on "Peace building through Collaboration Action" organized by Tibetan Center for Conflict Resolution at the Surya Hotel in Dharamsala.
- The Every Friday Public Outreach Programs and Every Tuesday Transit School Workshops continued as usual.

## **JUNE 2010**

- ANEC had been busy with Every Friday Programs, the Every Tuesday TTS Workshops and preparation for the production of the 2nd half yearly ANEC News Letter "ANEC Messenger".
- Visit to ANEC main office his Excellency Ambassador Mr. Alan Nazareth Former Indian Ambassador to New Mexico and Madam Maneka Director, Liaison office, ministry of external affair Government of India and meeting and discussion with Executive Director and ANEC volunteer Christopher and Louisa.

## **JULY 2010**

- ANEC distributed 400 copies of the second News Letter to all VIPs assembled at the main Tibetan Temple for the Celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 75th Birth Day with His Holiness as the Chief Guest for the Occasion.
- ANEC later distributed over 1500 copies of the 2nd News Letter both inside and outside India.
- The Every Friday Public Outreach Programs and Every Tuesday Transit School Workshops continued as usual.

## **AUGUST 2010**

- The Every Friday Public Outreach programs and Every Tuesday Transit School Workshops continued as usual.
- ANEC Executive Director had a lengthy interview on ANEC with Miss. Mary Downs from United States of America.

## **SEPTEMBER 2010**

- On 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 ANEC Celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> ANEC Day with distribution of traditional Indian sweets to the Children of the ANEC main office Complex, invited close and important Indian and Tibetan Guests for Lunch at the main office. On the same day ANEC organized a special Friday Program by organizing special talks by Reverent Geshe Lhakdor la, Director of Library of Tibetan Works and Archives and Mr. Tenzin Tsondue, General Secretary of Friends of Tibet in Mumbai. Reverent Geshe Lhakdor spoke on Buddhist Philosophy of Non-Violence and Mr. Tenzin Tsondue spoke on Tibetan Struggle through Non-Violence. It was a House packed session at the Lhamo's Croissant Restaurant in Mcleodganj and the Brain Storming and open discussions following the talks were indeed historic and most memorable.
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## **OCTOBER 2010**

- On 2nd October, ANEC celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Non-Violence at the Youngling Day School in Mcleodganj. There are over 100 western and Tibetan participants. ANEC Executive Director gave about 30 minutes introductory talk and Assistant Trainer Lobsang Tenzin also spoke briefly on Gandhi Jayanti. The movie GANDHI was screened and brainstorming and open discussions following the Gandhi movie were lively and most memorable. ANEC also distributed lot of materials on "PEACE and NON-VIOLENCE" including ANEC introductory brochures, Gendlers brochures on "Universal Non-Violence Training" and ANEC half yearly News Letter and also Handouts on "What you can do for ANEC" and "What you can do for Tibet". The Event was truly successful and all participants were full of compliment.
- Lobsang Tenzin our Former Assistant Trainer has now been promoted to the post of Training Officer. So, ANEC now has a lady Trainer, that is, Miss Tenzin Dasel and a Male Trainer, that is, Mr. Lobsang Tenzin. This goes very well with the express desire of our Chief Resource Persons Dr. Mary Gendler and Rabbi Everett Gendler as well as our funder for the forthcoming

ANEC southern Tibetan Settlements Workshop - A J Muste Memorial Institute.

- The intensive Orientation and training session for both Miss Tenzin Dasel and Tenzin Nyima have been running extremely well and they have no problem at all with their respective job assignments with ANEC.
- They have already been briefed in detail on Rabbi Everett Gendler and Dr. Mary Gendler and their Ten day Historic trip to Tibet in 1995 and the subsequent ANEC project with Executive Director Tenpa C. Samkhar.
- ANEC VOLUNTEERS FROM JUNE 2010 TO THE PRESENT DAY.
  1. Mr. Cart (Young Indian Guy residing in the U.K)
  2. Steve and Cathy from the United Kingdom.
  3. Christopher and Louisa from the U.K.
  4. Rory from Australia.
  5. Darren Fleetwood from London.
  6. Vijay Bodh from Chandigarh University.
  7. Andrew Tailor from Texas.
  8. Martina from Germany.
  9. Tony from France.
  10. Miss. Tenzin Tsamchoe from Delhi University.
  11. Henry from University of Denver, Colorado.
  12. Lorenzo from University of Denver, Colorado.
  13. Miss Ellie from University of Denver, Colorado.

All our Volunteers so far have been dedicated and helpful in running the ANEC branch office in Mcleodganj and ongoing Every Friday Programs in Mcleodganj.

## **NOVEMBER 2010**

- ANEC lady Trainer Miss Tenzin Dasel continued to receive intensive training on Active Nonviolence from the ANEC Executive Director, former trainer Lhakpa Tsering and ANEC present male trainer Lobsang Tenzin.

- Tenzin Dasei also did intensive reading of ANEC resource materials on Nonviolence and actively participated in ANEC workshops at the TTS, Tibetan new arrivals and the ANEC every Friday public outreach programs in Mcleodganj.
- ANEC accountant cum office secretary Tenzin Nyima continued to receive intensive guidance and orientation on ANEC Accounts maintenance as well as office secretaries' tasks.
- Both Tenzin Dasei and Tenzin Nyima received systematic orientation on various aspects of ANEC activities and day-to-day official chores from the Executive Director of ANEC.
- ANEC had lot of interaction with other Tibetan NGO Heads and also invited them consecutively for ANEC Friday programs in Mcleodganj.
- ANEC also had intensive discussions and brainstorming with Professor and students of university of Denver, Colorado.
- ANEC every Tuesday and every Wednesday training programs for the TTS and new arrivals from Tibet continued without fail.
- ANEC Executive Director Tenpa C. Samkhar presented regular briefing to the Gendlers on all aspects of ANEC activities thereby keeping the Gendlers fully updated and well informed about all ANEC activities
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## **DECEMBER 2010**

- ANEC Executive Director, two trainers and office secretary and also ANEC cook cum house keeper were all invited for a working dinner at the Pema Thang guest house by the Professor and students of the Denver University, Colorado.
- Executive Director Tenpa C. Samkhar gave a talk on ANEC and ANEC activities to the Professor and students of Denver University at the Pema Thang guest house.
- Subsequently, all present at the special working dinner hosted by the Professor and students of Denver University, Colorado had a



memorable and lively brainstorming on ANEC and Nonviolence. Copies of all ANEC resource materials on Nonviolence such as souvenir magazine, news letters and brochures were distributed to the students and Professor of Denver University.

- ANEC invited Miss Tenzin Choekyi, General
- Secretary of Tibetan Youth Congress (Central Executive Committee), Miss Dhadon Sharling, Information and Media Officer of Tibetan Women's Association (TWA), and Mr. Urgen Tenzin, Executive Director, Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) for consecutive ANEC every Friday public outreach programs in Mcleodganj. Their talks and the subsequent brainstorming with the participants went extremely well.

#### SPECIAL REPORT ON 12 A, 80-G AND FCRA APPLICATIONS FOR ANEC INCOME TAX EXEMPTION AND FUND RAISING FOR THE LONG TERM FUTURE TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT MADE BY ANEC TO THE PLEASANT SURPRISE OF ALL ANEC MEMBERS(December 2010)

As a substantial result of the ANEC Executive Director Tenpa C. Samkhar's tireless and frequent follow-up meetings and repeated reminders to the ANEC Auditor and Accounts advisor Mr. Rana (Chartered Accountant), ANEC surprisingly obtained the 12 A Certificate from the Himachal State Income Tax Department. ANEC Auditor cum Account Advisor Mr. Rana congratulated ANEC for this huge achievement made by ANEC within the space of such a short period while many other Tibetan and Indian NGO's five times older than ANEC are still struggling for the obtainment of the 12 A Permit from the Indian Government.

ANEC has obtained the 12 A Permit from the Indian Government following the Indian Government's thorough examination and scrutinization of all ANEC audited Accounts Balance Sheets, all complementary messages received by ANEC including messages from His Holiness The Dalai lama, the Himachal State Governor, Himachal State Tourism Minister, Tibetan Parliament Speaker and Kalon Tripa Professor Samdhong Rinpoche.

ANEC received the 12 A Permit from the Indian Government primarily as a result of all ANEC activities on spreading and promoting the message of Love, Compassion, Peace and Nonviolence so far.

The 12 A Permit is the most important pre-requisite document for the application of the FCRA Permit for receiving funds from abroad.

The 12 A permit is the certificate required for income tax exemption for donation received by ANEC from within India.

The 12 A Permit which ANEC has received, therefore, recognizes ANEC as a Non- Profit Oriented Trust dedicated to love, compassion, peace and nonviolence.

The 12 A Permit which ANEC has received just two weeks back, is therefore, considered a very big achievement by ANEC.

Many much older Tibetan NGO's including even the Human Rights Center that was set up some 18 years back have still not been able to obtain the 12 A Permit from the Indian Government. The Conflict Resolution Center set up over 10 years back have very fortunately been able to obtain the 12 A Permit just about a month before ANEC and they consider themselves very lucky to have obtained the 12 A Permit from the Indian Government.

#### APPLICATION FOR THE 80-G PERMIT IS THE NEXT VERY IMPORTANT LEGAL STEP BEFORE THE FINAL ANEC FCRA APPLICATION

The next very important legal step for ANEC funds is the application for the 80-G Permit from the Government of India. The 80-G Permit once obtained will exempt income taxes for those who donate funds for ANEC from inside India.

The moment ANEC obtains the 80-G Permit from the Government of India; ANEC can immediately start the online fund raising from inside India.

Our Chartered Accountant Auditor cum Accounts Advisor Mr. Rana told us that we may obtain the 80-G Permit within a year's period at the most.

We are now working very hard to apply for the 80-G Permit and making frequent visits to our Accounts Advisor Mr. Rana and also taking the other necessary legal steps for the 80-G Permit.

No Registered NGO is entitled to apply for the FCRA Permit without having obtained the 12 A and 80-G Permits. We, therefore, need to continue working real hard for the 80-G application process and for this very important and crucial task we will have to visit the Himachal State capital -Shimla a couple of times to meet with the concerned Indian

Government income tax Authorities and perhaps Indian Government Authorities in New Delhi as well.