#### **Editorial**

Dear Friends,
Once again, a big
thank-you for your
confidence which
has enabled HOPE
to continue its
support to Himalayan
mountain communities
while respecting
their traditions and
environment. Please
accept our heartfelt
gratitude.

# Increase in membership and donations

Our membership continues to grow, as does the number of regular donors, for which we are truly grateful. We were particularly touched by the kindness of the family of the late Mme Pascale Viret who requested friends and family to make a donation to HOPE rather than send flowers to her funeral. This money has been used to set up a library at the Lamdon School (LMS) in Ladakh.

The HOPE team



### Results of the past year

# OUR MOTTO HAS BEEN "CHANGE IN CONTINUITY"

#### The new dynamic and energetic HOPE team

→ The new committee elected by the General Assembly on 11 May forms a dynamic team: Danielle Föllmi (president), Patricia Bell (secretary general), Catherine Duffour (vice-president), Céline Anger (treasurer), Michellou Sipp (active member)

#### Finance - transparency and efficiency

→In the interests of economy and efficiency HOPE has moved its bank account from Swiss Credit Bank (Crédit Suisse) to UBS so as to facilitate money transfers to India. The new banking details appear on the order form. In 2011 HOPE spent CHF 64000 on projects.



# A happy event

→ We are delighted to announce the birth of Takpa, son of Diskit, who manages HOPE in Ladakh, and her husband Achuk.



scholarships were granted for 2011-2012, of which 5 were renewals and 3 were new applications.



Sonam has obtained a Masters in English from the University of Chandigarh and will start teaching next year.

# Emergency help and special events

#### LADAKH (INDIA)

→In January 2011 three young musicians from Lausanne gave a concert in favour of HOPE, raising CHF 2000. CHF 1000 were given to the director of LMS to buy coats and shoes for poor children.

#### KOLKATA (INDIA)

→ HOPE gave CHF 4300 to Svarna School for emergency repairs to a wall that was damaged and threatening to collapse and injure the children. This school provides quality English- language education for children from poor families.

## Scholarships

→In addition to increasing the number of scholarships, we reviewed the costs and reassessed the amounts of the grants which have now been increased from CHF 1500 to CHF 1850 plus the registration fees. There will be an increase in the number of scholarships in 2012-2013. More about this in the next Newsletter.

#### KATHMANDU (NEPAL)

→ HOPE gave CHF 2000 to the Sunrise Nima Child Care Foundation to provide a year's supply of drinking water for Sherpa children.



« Give-and-take should be seen as something simple and normal that occurs spontaneously. » Chögyam Trungpa.



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We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our local representatives who are the best and most dedicated representatives of HOPE: Diskit, Motup and Rigzin Tundup, a former HOPE scholar.

# IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

The new HOPE website will be launched in 2012 and we are working hard to make our projects better known.

### Major projects

#### **LEH**

→ We continue our support of the innovative and ecological hostel in Leh. Thanks to solar heating it will be able to welcome Zanskari children from the isolated Himalayan valleys who are unable to return home in winter and provide them with schooling and vocational training. The people of Ladakh have welcomed this new low-cost heating system which removes the dangers of gas cylinders.



The Leh hostel, opening end 2012.

→ There is high demand for places in the hostel. Eshey Tundup (director of the LMS) is looking forward to the opening of the hostel to be able to offer shelter to some 20 children who currently have to spend the winter with any families willing to take them in when the school is closed (LMS is unable to cover the high cost of shelter for these children). We have drawn up a realistic provisional budget and financial plan and would like to step up HOPE's presence and support on a give-and-take basis.

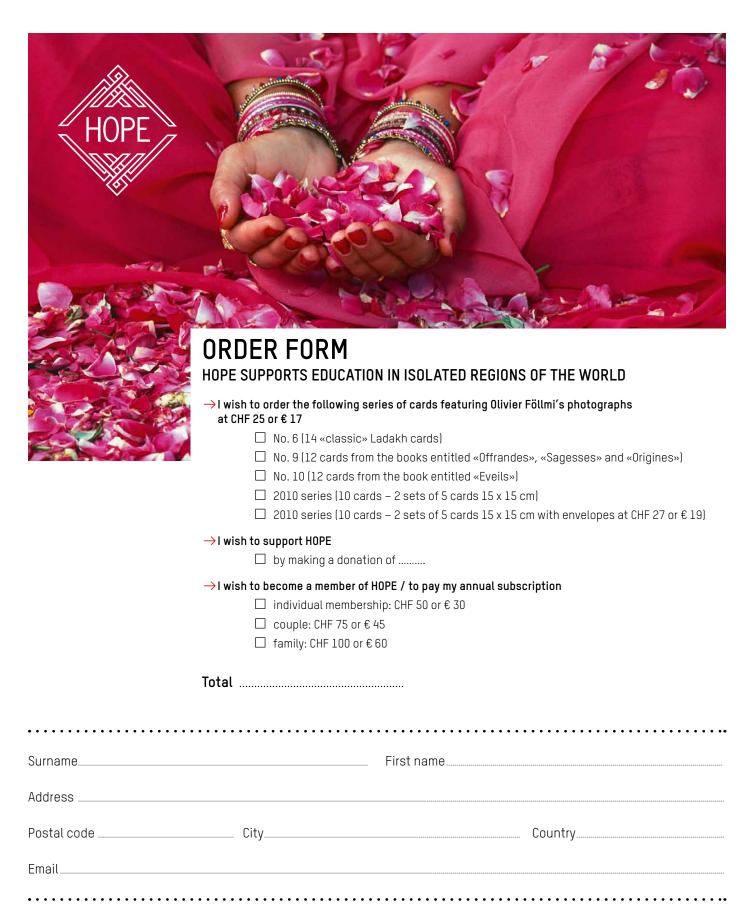
#### **DELHI**

→ The hostel will accept scholarship holders identified by the director of the LMS in Leh from amongst its most promising students. Eshey Tundup is delighted by this proposal which will offer the best students a chance to continue their studies.

### OUR LOGO, THE NEVER-ENDING KNOT OF FRIENDSHIP

It symbolises interdependency and the un-ending link between love and friendship. Where would we be without each other to give and receive a helping hand?





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