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Dear Dharma Brothers and Sisters,

It is with sadness that I write to you about the events in Nepal. As you have undoubtedly learned from the news, Saturday's earthquake caused many deaths and extensive damage to Kathmandu and the surrounding area. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Nepal at this time of tragedy.

We have received word from Lama Lekshey that fortunately no one was seriously injured at our Guru's monastery in Kathmandu. However, the quake did cause significant damage to several of the buildings including the Main Shrine Hall and also the new Dining and Meditation Hall. The buildings did not collapse but sustained extensive cracks and structural damage. The large Buddha Statue in front of the monastery toppled over and broke into pieces and some of the retaining walls have collapsed.

The monastery is now facing a difficult time as it struggles to recover. It has been decided to move the monks out of the monastery since the situation in Kathmandu is extremely unsettled with shortages of food and water. Right now they are trying to hire buses to transport the lamas and monks down to the Tergar Monastery in Bodhgaya. Eventually the damaged buildings will be inspected and assessed for repairs; and the repair work will commence to bring our Guru's monastery back to order. This work will undoubtedly take considerable time due to shortages of construction workers and materials, and the costs for the repairs could be substantial.

With this in mind, I ask that you please help with the recovery efforts by contributing now to the **Yongey Tergar Osel Ling Monastery Relief Fund**. All funds that you donate will be sent directly to the Monastery for use in the recovery work there as well as for the people in Nepal in need. Please make your check payable to the "Yongey Buddhist Center" and note that the donation is for the relief effort. Checks should be mailed to the Center address, and please include your full name and address so that a receipt can be mailed to you.

Many of you have asked about our Guru Mingyur Rinpoche and whether he is still on retreat. At this time he has not returned. Please be assured that we will pass on any news that we learn. The recovery from the earthquake will take a long time and require everyone's help. Thank you for your support and for your continued prayers for our Guru's good health and longevity.

Best Wishes,

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