

## Palmo Ling Nunnery & IBMC are pleased to host the Monks of Drepung Gomang 2008-09 Tour

Please join IBMC for a week long inspirational event with the monks of Drepung Gomang Institute June 6th - June 15th 2009

### Tentative Schedule

#### Sunday - June 7th- 11 AM Dharma Talk

\* **3PM History of Gomang Slide Show**

#### Monday - June 8th- Lamrim Teachings 7 PM

#### Tuesday - June 9th TBA

#### Wednesday - June 10th TBA

#### Thursday - June 11th -7 PM - Buddhist Art Work Shop

#### Friday - June 12th- 7 PM -Teachings on Medicine Buddha practice

#### Saturday - June 13th- 10 AM Medicine Buddha Blessing/ Healing Ceremony

\* **5pm Cultural Presentation**

#### Sunday - June 14th - TBA

#### **Evening Prayers, everyone welcome - Time TBA**

Below are overviews of the programs. The

*suggested donation* for each event/offering is included with the description. *DONATION AMOUNTS ARE SUGGESTED ONLY, NO ONE TURNED AWAY DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.*

#### **Teachings**

The tour group is led by Geshe Lobzang Samdup who has the equivalent of a western PhD.

“Geshe” is the title given to a scholar who has studied Buddhist philosophy for 22 to 26 years, passing rigorous monastic examinations.

*\$15 per person*

**The “History of Gomang” Slide Show** displays rare images of the refugee monastery up to the present day, as well as recent pictures of Tibet and Tibetans.

*\$15 per person*

**Cultural Presentation:** temple chants and a debate demonstration present a bit of Tibetan Buddhist monastic life to the Western audience. The Yak Dance provides a comic interlude. The presentation takes 45 minutes.

*\$15 per person*

**Workshops** include Butter Sculpture and Thangka demonstrations. In addition, the monks can teach you to inscribe Mani Stones with sacred mantras. Coloring Book Sessions-- featuring the 8 Auspicious Signs--are provided for youngsters

*\$15 per person*

Drepung Gomang Institute offers many different types of Sacred Sand Mandala,

**Pujas and Blessings:** *Puja* is a Sanskrit word that means “offering.” The monks chant prayers and perform rituals specific to the type of prayer being offered. Their primary purpose is to over-

come negativities that may be obstacles in obtaining release from suffering and to promote spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being. House blessings and prayers for the sick at home or in the hospital are also offered. The chanting takes 1 to 2 hours.

*Suggested donation: \$300*

**Sand Mandala:** Five to six-day construction involves the work of 5 monks each day. A ceremony precedes the construction which ends with the dismantling of the Mandala and the dispersing of the sacred sands into a body of flowing water.

The monks can construct the Medicine Buddha Mandala and the Chenrezig (Compassion) Mandala.

*Suggested donation: \$4,000*

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## About Drepung Gomang Monastery

Drepung Gomang 2008-09 Tour members are refugee monks now living at Drepung Gomang Monastery, a Tibetan monastery in south India. Drepung was founded in 1416 near Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

Gomang College is the oldest of the four colleges of Drepung. In 1959, before the invasion of Communist China, Drepung Monastery had more than 10,000 monks; Gomang alone had about 5,500. Gomang College has produced many eminent Buddhist masters and has been a very important Tibetan Buddhist learning center.

Each of the colleges of Drepung has its specialty, and the focus of Gomang is philosophy: logic and debate.

In 1959, When Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, was forced to flee his country. He was immediately followed by 80,000 refugees. Only about 100 monks of Drepung managed to escape with the Dalai Lama. They lived first in Boxa, North India. In 1969, 62 of the surviving Gomang monks were given 42 acres of land in Mundgod, south India. There they started to rebuild Drepung Gomang in its present location. Today more than 1,800 monks live on these few acres.

Responding to requests from supporters and potential students in the West and needing to find ways to create a broader network to ensure the monastery's survival, the monks of Drepung Gomang decided to establish a sister organization in the United States: Drepung Gomang Institute (DGI) of Louisville, Kentucky. In 2006, Tashi Gomang Dharma Center was established as a religious arm of DGI



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