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www.aazanskar.org



« Whenever a child
does not attend school,
a whole community
is held back »

How AaZ will inform you:

-  Newsletter published twice a year.
-  Annual Report including financials.
-  Annual General Assembly report
-  Picture of your sponsored child who will be encouraged to correspond with you.

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Help Them
Build their
Future



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Main entrance to the school



View from the main courtyard of L.M.H.S.



Sponsor the best school in Zaskar

To be completed and returned to AaZ-USA (see back)

Your help is needed to maintain and improve upon the excellence of our school in Zaskar. Different levels of sponsorships are available.

Please send me additional information about AaZ

I wish to become a member of AaZ

<input type="checkbox"/> «Single» membership:	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> «Family» membership:	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> «Single» membership + sponsoring 1 child	\$275
<input type="checkbox"/> «Family» membership + sponsoring 1 child	\$305
<input type="checkbox"/> «Single» membership + sponsoring of school	\$230
<input type="checkbox"/> «Family» membership + sponsoring of school	\$280

I wish to make a one-time donation to benefit the children of Zaskar:

\$25 \$35 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other amount

All checks should be made out to Philanthropic Ventures Foundation or P.V.F. which serves as the 501c3 entity for AaZ-USA thereby enabling all donations to be tax deductible.



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Zaskar

Zaskar is located in the state of Jammu & Kashmir in India, North of the Great Himalaya range.

The combination of this area's mountainous landscape and its rough climate makes it difficult to reach. It's one of the world's highest livable areas (average altitude of 3,600m/12,000 feet), and coldest climates (-20°C/-4°F to -20°C/-24°F in Winter).

Zaskar lives in quiet solitude for eight months starting in November when its unique access road is closed

The population, with a majority of Buddhists, has close ties to its spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. Their spiritual fidelity and their use of a Tibetan dialect language, has earned Zaskar the nickname of "Little Tibet". About 15,000 people live meagerly from agriculture and animal farming.

The schooling of the children remains a serious problem in this very isolated region. The governmental primary schools offer a poor education: classes are given on an irregular basis and do not permit the schooling of all children.

We believe that each child is entitled to a good education, while preserving their rich cultural heritage and traditions.



Young student of L.M.H.S. school

The AaZ Non-Profit Organization

AaZ (Aide au Zaskar) was established in 1988 to enable the children of Zaskar to enjoy a quality education.

AaZ is a non-political and non-religious NGO (Non Governmental Organization). It has a not-for-profit status in France, Italy and the U.S.A. (through the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation).

AaZ has over 650 members worldwide: 66% in France, 33% in Italy and 1% in the USA.

Members of the Board of Directors as well as regional delegates are all unpaid volunteers.

The School

- 1988: the school opens in the Pibiting Monastery with 11 girls and 42 boys.
- 1991: the school moves to its own building as the Lamdon Model School (L.M.S.) in Pibiting.
- 2000: thanks to its good academic results, the school is recognized as a High School, and becomes the Lamdon Model High School (L.M.H.S.).
- 2001: in order to accommodate more students, the L.M.H.S. moves into a new complex built in the nearby village of Ufti.
- 2011: start of a major building extension of L.M.H.S., planned for a 2013 completion (work is limited by weather to 3-4 Summer months)
- Each year the L.M.H.S. serves about 300 students, divided into 12 grades, going from Lower Kindergarten to 10th grade.
- After 12 years of schooling at L.M.H.S., a large number of students successfully graduate from 10th grade.

Most of these graduates continue their studies outside Zaskar; they represent an enormous hope for the region. The return of some of these graduates is starting to contribute to the development of Zaskar and to reinforce its identity. The school is rated the best in Zaskar in a context of schools run by the government and a handful of other NGO supported private schools. Since its beginning, the school has aimed to raise the presence of girls. It is now close to parity with boys.

The AaZ Sponsorship Plan

100% of your sponsorship will go towards salaries of teachers and staff, as well as the daily maintenance and operation of the school. AaZ's administrative expenses are covered by a small membership fee. AaZ is administered by unpaid volunteers.

AaZ Major Achievements

- Construction of the L.M.H.S. school (2001).
- New teacher residence (2001)
- Remodeling of an old prayer hall into a Multipurpose Room (2006)
- Building of three additional classrooms (2009)
- Installation of solar panels to provide electricity 2008-2010
- Installation of Internet access (2010)
- Completion of the school campus enclosure (2011)
- Foundation laid for three new school buildings (2011).

AaZ Future Projects

Addition to and remodeling of the school: Build three eco-friendly buildings with a total of 6,500 square feet. The seven new classrooms will house the Lower and Upper Kindergarten classes and grades 1 through 3, with separate playgrounds for the very young. This major building project is done in partnership with the pro bono participation of Architects Without Borders.

For additional information, visit our website: www.aazanskar.org - link: **projet campus.**