

TENZIN'S STORY

In March 2009 when FMVSO trustees Di and Grainne were at the orphanage, a young boy arrived – a new addition to the growing Manjushree family.

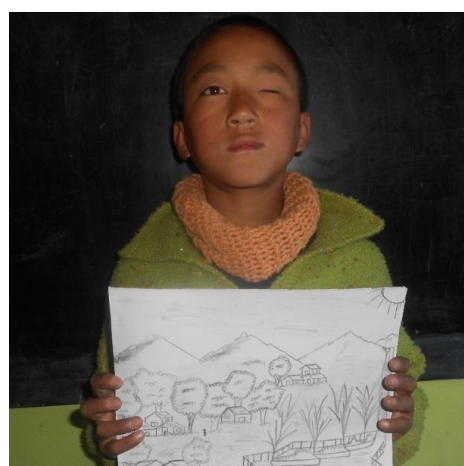


Master Tenzin was born in DharmKhang, the village where Lama Thupten Phuntsok was born, not far from Manjushree. At his birth, Tenzin's mother passed away. Sadly

the father took to drinking local brewed alcohol and died of excess consumption when Tenzin was just 8 months old. The grandfather tried to look after Tenzin but he was very old and could not look after the boy properly. When Tenzin was just 2 ½ years old he suffered a severe injury to his eye while playing stick games with friends. Due to lack of immediate medical care he lost his eye.

On a visit to DharmKhang, the Director of Manjushree Orphanage, Lama Thupten Phuntsok, found Tenzin in a miserable condition with swollen belly and frail hands and legs. Considering him a very needy case, Lama Thupten took him in to Manjushree.

Tenzin is now around 12 years old; he is in excellent health and may soon be able to have an artificial eye. He is talented and enthusiastic in dance and in drawing and painting, and he loves reading. He is doing well in his studies.



Tenzin says ***“Lama Thupten Phuntsok faced so much difficulty in making this school (Manjushree) – he is so kind to all the students and I love Lama Sir so much. In the future I want to become a good person – to help poor people like myself”***