



Pasang Tamang (1960-2005)

Last November 24th 2005, while climbing Chulu East (Nepal), Pasang and two French climbers fell to their deaths. Pasang was finishing a trek in the Nar valley by climbing a mountain he knew very well. At about 5800 m, as he was roped with two other French climbers on a steep 45 degree hard snow slope, one of them lost footing and all three fell over 300 m. The bodies were recovered and transported back to Kathmandu.

Like many Nepalese from the Solo Khumbu area (near Everest), Pasang started working in the trekking industry at the early age of 12 to support his family after the untimely death of his father. He started as a porter, then kitchen boy, and eventually worked his way to become an accomplished high-altitude mountain guide. He participated in numerous expeditions on some of the world's highest mountains in Nepal, including Everest and Dhaulagiri. As he realized the increased risks of

high altitude climbing as one gets older (and father of three), he started to "specialize" in guiding trekking peaks (between 6000-7000 metres), and became to know the Chulu Peak well by summiting it numerous times with clients.

Pasang is remembered by his wife Lakpi Dorma, his three children, Sarthra (7), Indra (9), and Phurba (12), and all his mountain companions who shared his love for the Himalayas.

Pasang had recently purchased land on the outskirts of Kathmandu to eventually build a house for his family so that his three children could pursue their schooling in a healthy environment. Several of his closest friends wish that Pasang's kids see their father's dream come true. With the help of his nephew, Teke Bahadur in Nepal, we want to help Pasang's wife build the family house. For this, we need to raise 1 million Nepali Rupees, approximately \$14,000CDN¹.



We therefore appeal to your generosity. Even small, every gift is welcome and **will be directly applied to the construction of the house**². If you wish to make a donation, please send a cheque payable to Laurent Godin, 294 College Street, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4M4 Canada, with a letter detailing the amount of the gift, your name and address, as well as a note stating that the donation is for Pasang's family.

Pasang was 45 years young. He was a tender and generous man, always looking out for the well-being of his team, whether they were Nepalese porters or foreign clients. Since I first set foot in Nepal in 1994, Pasang has been my guide, cook, mountain companion, friend, and most importantly, "dhai" (Nepali for 'older brother'). We have shared many happy moments while in the mountains, but also sitting around in Kathmandu among his family and friends. I will miss him dearly.

If you wish to have more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email. Thank you for supporting Pasang's dream.

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¹ As of March 2006, we have already collected \$7,000 CDN.

² I am travelling to Nepal in the fall 2006, and will make sure the funds are uniquely used for the house.