



NEWS

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The Thin Green Line



FOUNDATION

Dear generous Thin Green Line Foundation supporters,

It's been an eventful time since our newsletter early last year. With your help, we've supported more projects and families of rangers killed and rangers in action but, sadly, it is a continuing need as another 52 rangers have died since February. To support our work we have continued with integrating music into our fundraising events from a raffled guitar (signed by some great musicians), to music benefits with Bomba and KRASH. Also on the musical theme, Gotye (aka Wally De Backer) has chosen TGLF as one of his three charities and helped raise \$5000 at his Melbourne events!

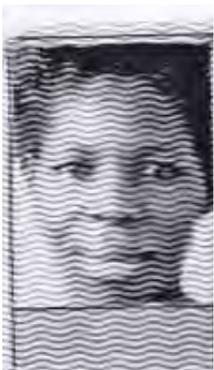
Another major highlight has been having Dr Jane Goodall lend her support in a big way. What a thrill and an honour to have a person of her integrity and history get behind us.

Our World Ranger Day Dinner was a great success with 200 plus people enjoying a night of organic food, wine, music (including great album launch), and a special remembrance ceremony with all proceeds going to TGLF. There's still much more to be done so read the rest of the newsletter to see how you can get involved.

Thank again to everyone for their generous support, and I hope you can spread our work to all of your friends and families to step up the work of The Thin Green Foundation supporting Park Rangers on the frontline of conservation.

Kindest Regards,
Sean Willmore
Founder & Director
The Thin Green Line Foundation

SUPPORT REACHES IVORY COAST, COLOMBIA



Regular readers and followers of The Thin Green Line Foundation will remember Esnat Paundi's Story. A ranger in western Zambia, last year Esnat was set upon by three commercial poachers and killed in cold blood at the end of a machete.

Esnat has four children, who are all now orphaned because her husband was killed previously (he was also a ranger). Esnat's extended family has taken the children in, but the extra burden is too much.

So, with your help TGLF has been able to step in. Under the circumstances, we have agreed to support Esnat's four children - Annie (15), George (12), Kiyumbu (7) and Irene (4) - through their entire schooling. We will cover their tuition, books, board for secondary school, and university.

This is a tragic case that shows the power of your involvement. Imagine how it makes Esnat's family and fellow rangers feel, knowing their loved one and colleague's brave work is respected in this way. It might not seem directly related, but this is conservation support in action! Just ask Esnat's fellow rangers how they feel about this, when they go out on their next patrol.

Also with your help, TGLF has been able to support eight



Joachim Kouasse Kouamme and rangers who received TGLF support,

rangers who were caught up in the recent civil war in Ivory Coast. Joachim Kouasse Kouame was in constant contact with TGLF during the conflict, often on the run and in hiding with his family.

Evacuations were organised but the war was semi settled and Joachim decided to stay and try to help rebuild his country and continue his work as a ranger.

JANE GOODALL and BRYCE COURTENAY

Founder of TGLF Sean Willmore was lucky enough to meet and connect with conservation legend Dr Jane Goodall. Not only did Jane approve of the work by TTGLF, she was "blown away", and now is a strong advocate and supporter of the Foundation's work.

So much so that Jane's own foundation, The Jane Goodall Institute (Australia and Global) and TGLF are investigating ways of working together. It's truly an honour to have someone of Dr Goodall's integrity, joining Bryce Courtenay, Tim Flannery, Lincoln Hall, Gotye and our other high-profile advocates and ambassadors, supporting TGLF's efforts. See Jane's video message at: www.thingreenline.org.au and Bryce's on the TGLF youtube.

Thanks to Zoos Victoria for providing the link to Jane.



Above left: Bryce Courtenay Above right: Sean and Jane Goodall

Below left: Bomba in April Below right: Marty Williams on World Ranger Day

BOMBA

Back in April, a great gig was put on for around a 500-strong crowd by long time supporter and TGLF Ambassador Nicky Bomba, with the complete Bomba Band and special guest Ross Hannaford. All nicely backed up by the rhythms of Congolese band Angelvoice, whose songs effortlessly flowed for 25 minutes a piece. And, as always, a local band in support - the young lads from the Mornington Peninsula called Mako, who, by the way, had already raised \$1000 for TGLF through their busking near the Balnarring shops! Thanks to all who came along for a memorable night.

WORLD RANGER DAY

All around the world communities celebrated and acknowledged the hard work and sacrifice on the frontline of conservation by Park Rangers.

In Victoria, Australia, The Thin Green Line Foundation, together with its partners, Victorian Rangers Association and Parks Victoria, put on a scrumptious organic dinner for 200 guests.

They were all treated to a night of soulful live music by Shane Howard, Damian Howard and the Ploughboys, along with Marty Nelson Williams, who also did his album launch for *Here And Now*.

There were engaging talks from Lentil as Anything creator Shanaka, Parks Victoria CEO Bill Jackson, and the presentation of Honorary International Ranger Awards, Young Conservationist Awards and Ndouvu Business Awards.

The highlight of the night was a minute of silence during a candle vigil. Prefaced by a haunting bagpipe lament, we remembered all those Rangers who had lost their lives in the line of duty, and those still out in the field, continuing their brave fight for our last wild areas and endangered species.



Left: Congolese band Angelvoice support TGLF in April



Right: World Rangers Day guests in Melbourne.

BEN HARPER SINGS ON TO SUPPORT RANGERS AND THE THIN GREEN LINE FOUNDATION

Thanks to everyone for their support of the guitar raffle, which helped to raise \$14,000 for TGLF's work.

First prize was a true one-off guitar, hand painted by indigenous artist Colin Wightman - aka Dhinnawan Boy and signed by these great musicians/artists:

Paul Kelly, Grace Jones, Tim Finn, Tim Rogers, Ben Harper, Elvis Costello, Archie Roach, George Clinton, Clare Bowditch, Jack Thompson, Brian Nankervis, Tash Parker, Angelo Moore (Fishbone), Warren Maxwell (Trinity Roots), Eric Bibb, Afro Moses, Tim Robbins, Gabriela (Rodrigo & Gabriela), Michael Franti and Spearhead, Ruthie Foster, Kate Miller Heidke, Kram (Spiderbait), Nicky Bomba, Xavier Rudd, Goyte, Marty Nelson-Williams, Vicka and Linda Bull, Neil Murray, Dani Harrison (Fist Full Of Mercy) Andrew Stockdale (Wolfmother), Kasey Chambers, The Bamboos, Saltwater Band, Ash Grunwald, Harry (Cat Empire), James Hasselwood, Carl (Spearhead).

Big thanks to all the great artists who signed, Dhinnawan Boy, and to Peter Nobles, Brendan Meeks and all the crew at Byron Bay Bluesfest, Wazza Jones, and Circle of One Foundation.

Special thanks also to Marty Nelson-Williams who offered Second Prize, a live performance at the winner's house. Marty's music can be heard at www.martynelsonwilliams.com

And well done to the lucky winners of the raffle:

1st Prize: Guitar signed by musicians above.

Winner: Maria of St Kilda, Victoria.

2nd Prize: Live home performance by Marty Nelson-Williams.

Winner: Mary Jo from Mystery Bay, NSW.

3rd Prize: Talk by The Thin Green Line Foundation to school or business. Winner: Dale from Bendigo, Victoria.

DGR STATUS!

Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status - we finally got it! March 22, 2011 is a significant milestone for the Foundation. We are now fully tax deductible in Australia! So anyone who pays tax here can claim donations back. So if you've got a spare \$2 or a spare \$2 million we'll happily receive it, give you a receipt, and you can get the tax benefit. Huge thanks to our solicitors at Landers and Rogers in Melbourne who, for over three years, guided us through the bureaucratic minefield. And also to the staff at the Federal Department of Environment who helped to have it signed off by Minister Bourke.

Power of One pack - great gift

Birthday or other celebration coming up? Buy a present or a donation that helps conservation and Rangers by logging on to the TGLF website merchandise and donations



Ben Harper with TGLF guitar.



page. The donation and project you choose will be sent out as a beautiful card with a unique TGLF photo. It will also acknowledge the donor, the recipient and to where the support will be going.

www.thingreenline.org.au/donation

www.thingreenline.org.au/merchandise

Power of One pack all for \$50!

KRASH FOR CONSERVATION GIG

Since the conception of TGLF, music and conservation have been infused. Saturday December 17, Kram from the legendary Spiderbait, and Ash Grunwald joined forces as KRASH in the Krash for Conservation benefit at The Prince of Wales Hotel in Melbourne's bayside St Kilda. Support acts included Mornington Peninsula funk-rockers TUBOVAS, and RRR DJ Max Crawdaddy. Thanks to all who were involved. Helping conservation, rangers and TGLF is as easy as going to a music gig! Who said change was hard? Keep posted for the next gig.

52 RANGERS KILLED SINCE FEBRUARY 2011

Below is a list of the rangers killed that we know of since this February. The actual figure is likely to be much higher, possibly double or even triple!

Each of these families require support, in most cases there is little workers compensation. Families of rangers sacrificed often face destitution.

TGLF will continue to strive to provide all of the families with \$1000 worth of support, sending children back to school, helping start a business of long-term sustainability, healthcare and emergency funding.

Please take a moment to acknowledge these brave men and women ...

DRC: Mastaki Rumama
Ranger driver, Virunga National Park
Died from wounds received in 31/1/11
FDLR rebel attack

Australia: John Garland (65)
National Parks firefighter
Quorrobolong, NSW
Killed by tree while fighting a fire

India: Nifal Dutta
Forest Guard, Mohkhuti, Kaziranga NP
Killed by Rhino

UK: Bob Wade (47)
Ranger, Rochester; Kent
Died from work related disease
(mesothelioma)

India: M Prabhakar
Forest Officer, Mangalore
Knocked down & killed by speeding
vehicle

United States: Julie Weir
Ranger, Independence National Historic
Park. Motor vehicle accident while en
route to Yosemite NP

Iran (Kurdistan): Kamal Hussein Panahi
Ranger, Sanandaj area of northern Iran
Homicide by counter-revolutionaries

Iran (Kurdistan): Massoud Ali-khani
Ranger, Sanandaj area of northern Iran
Homicide by counter-revolutionaries

Iran (Kurdistan): Mamar Maghuyi
Ranger, Sanandaj area of northern Iran
Homicide by counter-revolutionaries

Iran (Kurdistan): Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
Ranger, Sanandaj area of northern Iran
Homicide by counter-revolutionaries

Argentina: René Vera
Guardaparque, Los Alerces N. P.
Killed in an auto accident

DRC: Paluku Mayani Vianney
Ranger, Virunga National Park
Homicide Lake Edward.
Died from wounds 13th March

Uganda: Lieutenant Leopold Kyalisiima
Ranger, Kidepo National Park
Homicide by Toposa warriors from Southern
Sudan

Colombia: Alex Trujillo Yucuna
Guardaparque, Orinoco River
Drowned in an accident on the river

India, Bharat Das
Senior Forest Guard, Kartik forest camp;
Kaziranga NP. Killed by Rhino

DRC: Magayane Bazirushaka
Ranger, Virunga National Park
Homicide by FDLR Rwandan militia

UK: Matthew Tracy (33)
Park Ranger, Rother Valley Country Park
Suicide (work related stress a contributory
factor)

India: Rampal
Forest Guard, Paonta Sahib Himachal
Pradesh. Homicide by poachers

India: Sisir Khosla, Forest Guard
Balimela forest; Malkangiri, Orissa
Homicide by poachers

India: Sangram Swain
Forest Guard, Bharuamunda
forest area Orissa.
Homicide by Maoist guerrillas

Columbia: Jaime Oscar Girón Porfilla
Ranger, Parc Nacionale Los Churumbelos
Stepped on a land mine while on patrol

Taiwan: Un-named
Forestry Officer, Alishan Forest; Chiayi
Killed when work vehicle went into ravine.

Philippines: Elpidio "Jojo" Malinao
Forest Ranger, Mt. Makiling NP
Suspect contract homicide related to
illegal logging

India: Avnish
Forest Guard, Bahraich; Uttar Pradesh
Killed by timber smugglers

India: Sonallah Zargar (30)
Forest Guard, Sukhnag Forest; Budgam,
Kashmir. Suspected homicide by timber
smuggling mafia

India: Santosh Kumar Yadav (30)
Forest Guard, Bandhavgarh NP
Killed (and eaten) by tiger

India: M. Srinivasulu (45)
Forest Officer, Chintalapalem Forest; AP
Homicide by timber smugglers

India: Syed Akbar Ali (47)
Forest Range Officer, Nirmal Forest Andhra
Pradesh. Road traffic accident

India: Mushetti Rajeshwar (54)
Forest Range Officer, Nirmal Forest Andhra
Pradesh. Road traffic accident

India: Thota Narsaiah (52)
Forest Superintendent, Nirmal Forest
Andhra Pradesh. Road traffic accident

India: Mohammad Aslam Bhat
Senior Forest Officer, Kishthwar, Jammu &
Kashmir. Killed in auto accident

India: Rambabu,
Forest Guard, Orai; Uttar Pradesh
Run-over by truck.

India: Shivram
Forest Guard, Orai; Uttar Pradesh
Run-over by truck

India: Babulal
Forest Guard, Orai; Uttar Pradesh
Run-over by truck

DRC: Michel Imanirafasha
Park Ranger, Virunga NP
Homicide by FLDR

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Park Ranger, Virunga NP
Homicide by FLDR

India: Govinda Raj
Forest Guard; Kodumudi; Tamil Nadu
Run over by truck

India: Natesan (54)
Forest Guard Valayar Forest; Tamil Nadu
Killed by wild elephant

India: Man Singh
Forest Guard, Sariska Tiger Reserve
Rajasthan. Died from work related disease
(malaria)

South Africa: Zephania Mbuso Myeni (39)
Wildlife Ranger, Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Nature
Reserve. Killed by friendly fire during anti-
poaching incident

India: Narayan Duan (34)
Forest Guard, Bargarh; Orissa
Homicide by Maoist guerrillas

India: Ramabai Nagar R K Gangwar
Divisional Forest Officer, Akbarpur; Uttar
Pradesh. Road traffic accident - collision
with tanker

Cameroon: Zomedel Pierre Achille
Forest Ranger, Lobéké National Park
Homicide by gorilla poachers

India: Majji Madhava Rao (48)
Forest Ranger, Lankelapalem Forest Area;
AP. Homicide by Maoist guerrillas

Colombia: Jairo Antonio Varela Arboleda,
(49) Park Ranger, P N N Paramillo
Homicide possibly by anti-government
FARC terrorists

India: Seena Naik (42)
Forest Guard, Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary.
Suicide - work related stress

Zambia: Sitali Musolole
Wildlife Ranger, Sioma Ngwesi NP
Killed by elephant poachers

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Wildlife Ranger, Sioma Ngwesi NP
Killed by elephant poachers

India, Arumugam (50)
Forest Guard, Aravaimozi Tamil Nadu
Homicide by timber smugglers

India, Ramadas (50)
Forest Guard, Coonoor; Tamil Nadu
Trampled to death by wild elephant.

India, Mushtaq Ahmad Sofi
Forest Guard, Ningli-Tarzo Forest; Kashmir
Homicide by unknown gunman

•Data supplied by Roger Cole, Jeff Ohlfs
and TTGLF



GOTYE SUPPORT

A big thanks to Wally De Backer, better known as Gotye, for getting behind TGLF in a big way. He has chosen TGLF as one of his three charities that he will concentrate on. Recently during his four sold-out Melbourne shows, Wally and his crew allowed TGLF to set up a stall, sell raffle tickets for the recent Rockers Raffle, and shake the tin. Wally also stopped his shows to let the crowd know of the work of TGLF and rangers around the world and asked them to consider getting involved. A great endorsement that helped net \$5000 for the foundation. We look forward to working with Wally in the future. A big congratulations for his number 1 success on the charts with *Somebody That I Used to Know* and *Album Making Mirrors*, and all the music awards and recognition that have followed for him since.



Gotye with Deakin Uni volunteers Liz, Anthony and Hayley and TTGLF founder Sean Willmore

FUNDRAISER OF THE MONTH

TGLF thanks all of its grassroots supporters. It is your support that got us going and has kept us going since the start in 2007. Having said that, it is nice from time to time to get a larger contribution and support. Big Thanks to Annie and John Paterson Foundation for their generous donation of \$20,000, all of which will be sent to help rangers and conservation projects in Democratic Republic of Congo, in Virunga National Park where over 180 rangers have lost their lives in that one park – home of the endangered mountain gorilla. It's a great start for there, but we need to raise over \$250,000 for this area alone. If you know of other businesses or philanthropic trusts, all TGLF donations within Australia are 100% tax deductible. Thanks Again Annie and John Paterson Foundation.

HERE AND NOW – OUT NOW

Marty Nelson-Williams, a long time supporter and close friend of TGLF, has released his new album *Here and Now*. Not only is it a stunningly beautiful release that captures where we are as a world *Here and Now* but Marty is also donating 20% of his total profits from Album sales back to

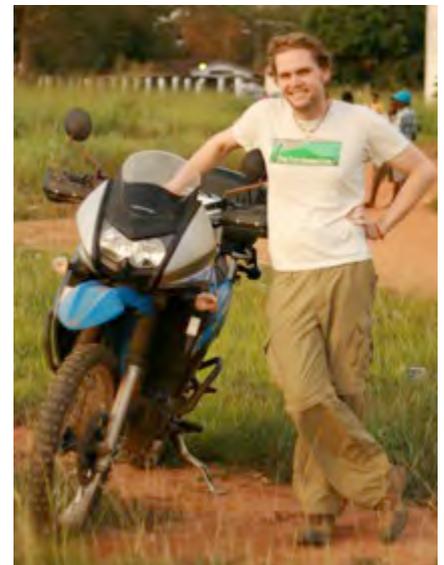
three charities, one of which is TTGLF. The interesting thing is you get to choose which charity the donation goes to. Go to www.martynelsonwilliams.com

CONFERENCE

Every four years, the International Rangers Federation, a voluntary organisation, holds the International Rangers Congress. In November 2012 it will be held in Tanzania. It is an important event for Rangers worldwide, not only for sharing knowledge and techniques, but also in raising morale and camaraderie for Rangers who often work in thankless and isolated situations. This has direct positive spin-offs to conservation projects on the ground. The Thin Green Line Foundation has already committed to helping send to the event five rangers from less fortunate backgrounds in Africa, South East Asia and Latin America. If you would like to sponsor or help support a ranger to attend this event, please contact Sean Willmore on sean@thingreenline.org.au

COREY'S RIDE FOR RANGERS

Corey Jeal, a Victorian Park Ranger currently studying in Ghana, Africa, also believes TGLF is a worthy cause. So much so, that he's set to saddle up on his motorbike and embark on an epic journey across Africa, from the edge of the Sahara to Cape Town, South Africa. He is doing this to raise awareness of the Park Ranger situation worldwide and to raise much needed funding for The Thin Green Line Foundation



"I think if I can help in any way to assist the rangers and just let them know that there are people out there who really think they are doing a great job, then just maybe it will make their lives a little bit easier," said Corey.

"I want them to see that we appreciate it every time they go out, being underpaid and facing life-threatening risks, to keep protecting and keep saving our rapidly disappearing environment."

To follow Corey's adventure across Africa, please visit the Ride for Rangers Facebook page: www.facebook.com/rideforrangers