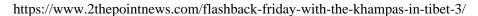
## FLASHBACK FRIDAY – WITH THE KHAMPAS IN TIBET



October 1987, on an overland

expedition across the entire Chang Tang Tibetan Plateau. Here is where you find the warrior nomads of Tibet, the *Khampas*. Renowned and feared for fierceness, they couldn't have been friendlier to me when I gave them each what they treasured most in the world – a photo of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, far more valuable to them than gold.

Before, they were suspicious and angry at a stranger intruding upon them. Instantly with gifting the photos, they were joyous and smiling. They had no idea who I was, all they knew was that I was their friend, insisting I sit down and have a cup of yak-butter tea with them. It was the most memorable cup of tea in my life. (*Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World #55*photo ©Jack Wheeler)

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