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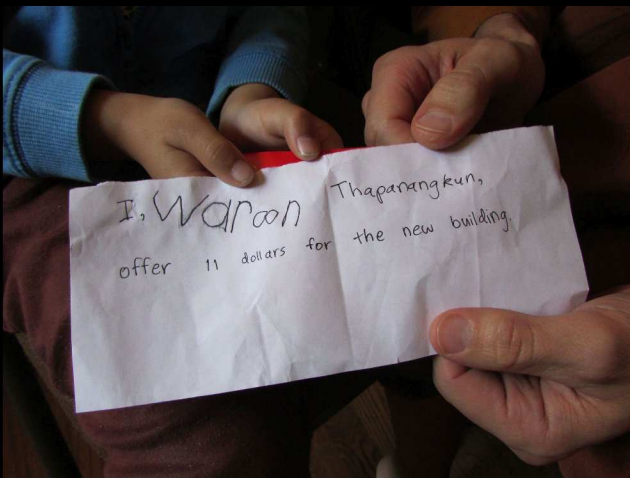


In 2013, construction began on the new reception hall, and the foundation was poured. After a one year break, work commenced again in March 2015.

Invitation to visit Mississippi, April.



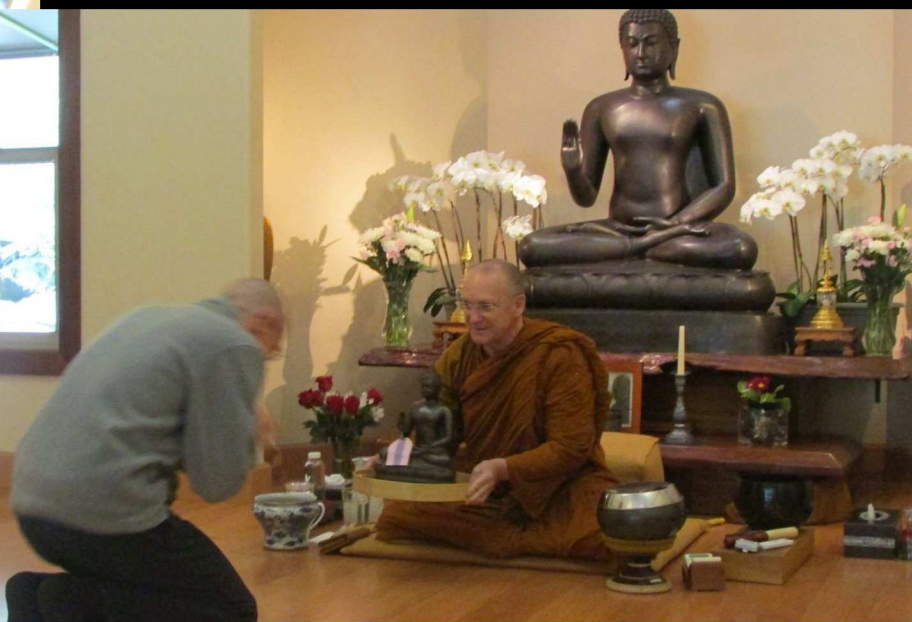
Luang Por and mother, Canada, May.



A 4-year-old boy makes an offering.



A new alms route: Willits.



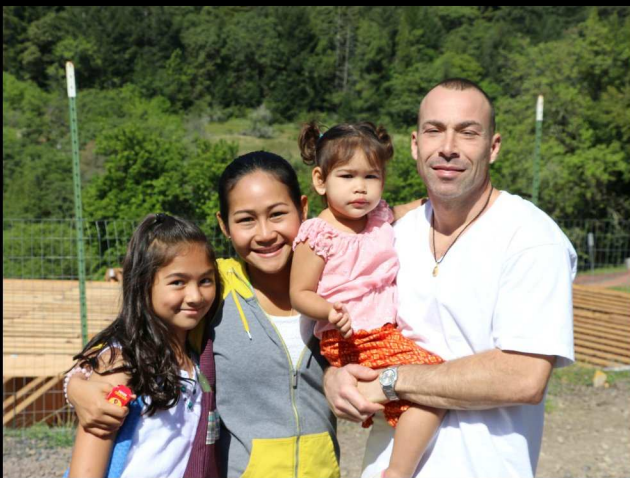
Tan Thitabho left the robes in January, we sent him off with all our best wishes!

Left: Thai New Year (Song-kran), April 12th.

Song-kran meal offering.



Water pouring ceremony.



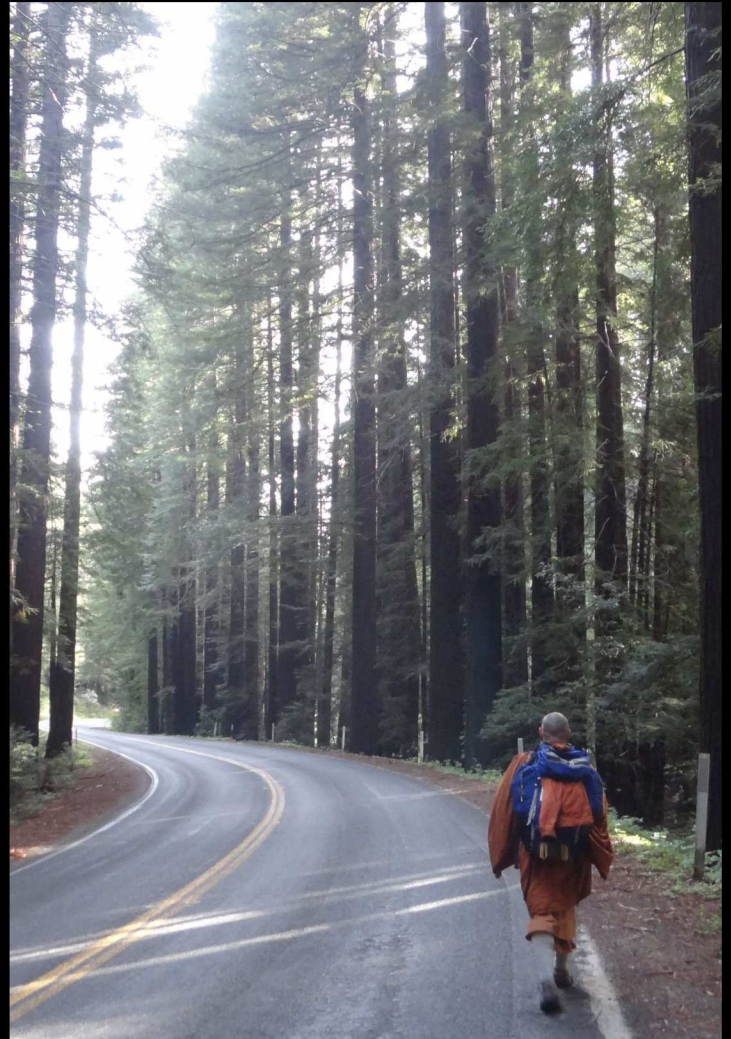
(Bottom row): Local families



Ajahn Jotipalo sets up a tent on tudong.



Debbie and Beth offer support.



Tudong along Medocino coast, May.



Tan Thitapañño left for England in May.

Reception Hall progress: April / May.



Preparing to frame the 2nd story.



2nd story floor framing complete.



Glue bonding floor boards on.

Meditation hall rises: May / June.



Spending time with the workers.



Roof trusses going on meditation hall.



Planning the next step.



Ordination ceremony, June 9th.



Khantiko and Gambhiro ordain as bhikkhus.



Luang Por opening under a cooling rain.



Ajahn Amaro instructing the ordainees.



Anagarikas John and Doug became novices.



(Above) Tan Khantiko's sister and mother offered his bhikkhu bowl and robes during the ceremony.

(Left) Samanera Kondaño with his parents after the ordination.



Luang Por Liem and Luang Por Jundee visited from Thailand in July. Their North American tour began at Tisarana in Ottawa, Canada, and continued on to Temple Monastery in New Hampshire, Pacific Hermitage, then Abhayagiri.

(left) Luang Por Liem at Pacific Hermitage
(below) Almsround in White Salmon, WA









(Far left page): On Saturday, July 11th, we took our meal in the partly finished meditation hall.

(Left): That same evening, we had a ceremony to bless the new hall, which ended with the Sangha taking formal leave of Luang Por Liem and Luang Por Jundee.



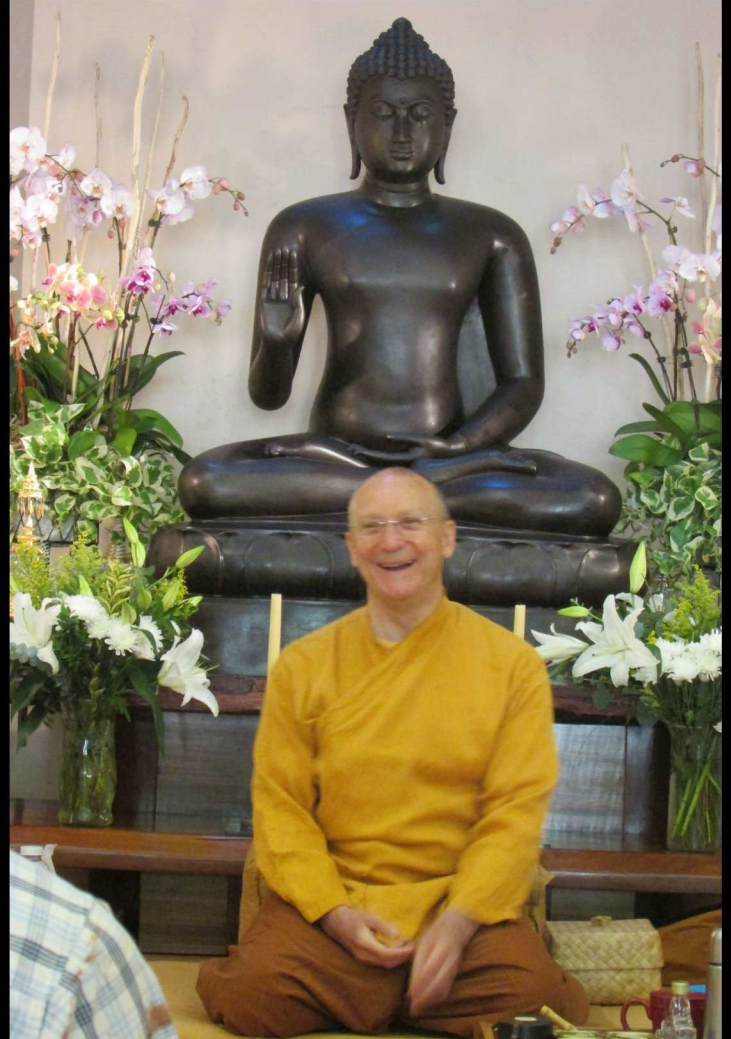
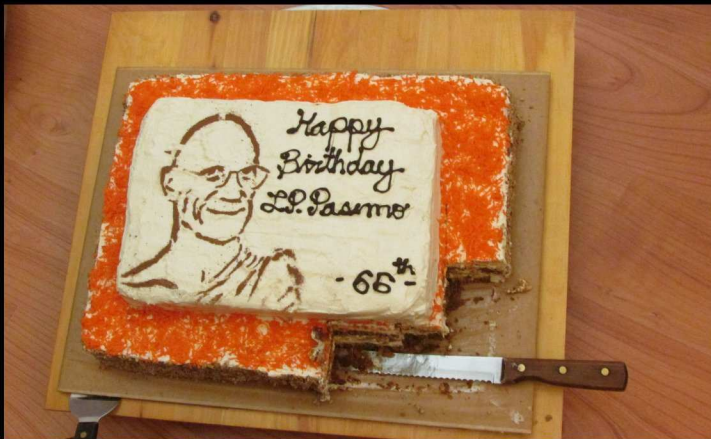
The next day, we went to the Bay Area for a few days, also spending a day in Yosemite (see next page).

Tan Sudhiro joined the group on their trip back to Thailand to spend his third year as a bhikkhu at Wat Pah Nanachat.





Luang Por Pasanno turns 66, July 26th.





Armand Schneider went forth as an anagarika on August 7th.

On August 23rd, a benefit was held for the new Reception Hall at the Mindfulness Care Center in San Francisco. Everyone got a chance to express why they have gratitude for the community at Abhayagiri.

Mark Sponseller and Catherine Direen, two long-term Abhayagiri supporters and current Sanghapala Foundation board members.







The group, Conness Lakes, just outside of Yosemite National Park, September.

Spirit Rock teen weekend.



The Spirit Rock teens helped stack firewood at the upper part of the Abhayagiri land.



Milling madrone
wood for the
Reception Hall
main shrine,
August.



Preparing for the
roofing to go up,
September.



Reception Hall: Spacious new library.



Downstairs shrine room.



Preparing downstairs for stucco.



More bathrooms / showers for guests.





After almost two years from its conception to completion, the new sandstone "ABHAYAGIRISRISAKYAMUNI" image has arrived at Abhayagiri. The picture on the left was taken just after we removed the image from its packing crate and looked at it for the first time.

The community of Abhayagiri would like to extend a special thanks to Ajahn Achalo of Anandagiri monastery in Petchaboon, Thailand, for overseeing the sculpting of this particular image.





October 31st, day before Kathina, things are really coming together...



November 1st, 2015: Kathina day.



A soft rain settled all the dust in the morning time, it was still drizzling when we collected our food for the meal.



As the Reception Hall is not yet complete, we had to set up tents to help everyone stay dry during the Kathina ceremony.



Formally receiving offerings of cloth during the Kathina ceremony. This year the robe was sewn and dyed in a single day for Luang Por Pasanno.



Due to rain on the Kathina day, we had to make use of the incomplete Reception Hall. Here we utilized the breezeway next to the meditation hall for setting out free distribution books.

Debbie and Beth, two people who make the running of Abhayagiri possible these days.



The Kathina donation table. Much gratitude for all the laypeople who offered their generous support this year!





