

Metta In Action Update
November 2021

Metta In Action is Happening!

Support for Nuns, Schools, and Villagers



Greetings from Mingaladon!

Everything has changed.

First there was Covid-19.

Then earlier this year, other terrible events unfolded.

Of course, both of these situations are creating ongoing challenges for everyone, and our support couldn't be more needed. At the same time (also of course!) it's not been easy to get your donations here and to distribute them. We have had to trust friends of friends, and the honesty of good people we hardly know. But fortunately, everything is working out - your dana gets here, and we have been offering it. As you can imagine, the people who get it are so relieved and happy.

This is where our decade-long relationships are bearing fruit. I rarely go outside the Chanmyay Myaing gates, so people come here – nuns, monks, villagers, and helpers. Even though I cannot see for myself,

we know that your dana is being used well! As I write this, we are planning our next round of offerings -- with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your amazing generosity in these difficult times. The people who receive your dana tell me over and over that they are radiating mettā for you, every day -- so grateful that we have not forgotten them!

So here is a brief update of this year's activities so far.

We have offered:

- ❖ 325 lakh* Kyat for nunnery schools (mostly for teacher salaries)
- ❖ 275 lakh Kyat for nuns – vital support for food
- ❖ 273 lakh Kyat for Community offerings – to individuals, for two big food offerings here in Mingaladon in June and October, and a vaccination drive for nuns and helpers at Chanmyay Myaing Meditation Centre.
- ❖ 100 lakh Kyat for Thaleba – for support of the village clinic, which is especially important now that current political events prevent the new hospital from staying open.

*One lakh is one hundred thousand

So altogether your total donations this year are the equivalent of roughly 55,000 USD!

With our next year's round of offerings to come.

Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu!

Here are some photos, of offerings this year and older (Some much older!) photos of a few of the nunneries we have made offerings to this year; the first in a sequence are this year's photos – the ones that follow are older:





Nwe Kwe Nuns – eight nunneries altogether



Sanasukhacari Laputta Nunnery The young nun on right-hand side of the first photo is the same as the nun on right-hand side of next photo!



Chanmyavati Nunnery and School



Sasanaramsi Nunnery



Chanmyay Thayar Nunnery



Chanmyay Myaing Nunnery



Sadhammaramsi Nunnery



Zaloon Parahita School and Nunnery



Zaloon Parahita School and Nunnery (cont.)



Appamada School and Nunnery



Chanmyaygonyee Nunnery



Dhammagonyee Nunnery

We have made two large rice offerings to the community here in Mingaladon, altogether to about 1200 households, for families who are struggling financially because of Covid-19 or other events.



Distributing Tokens



Getting ready for the big day!



Receiving the dana



And hauling it home.

Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu to U Ñanissara and Sayadaw U Indaka, and countless helpers at the monastery for organizing the danas and working so hard on the big days!



And ending on as sad note: this year we have lost a special friend. We have been paying the yearly rent for U Pi Nan for a decade. He came for the June rice dana, but died suddenly in September.
Sharing the merit of our offerings with all who have died or lost friends and loved ones this last year.