

UGANDA BUDDHIST CENTRE October 2020

REVSLETER

In this Issue:



Updates on the Construction of Abbot's House, pg.1



Gratitude to the Sri Lankan and other Buddhist Members in Uganda, Pg.1



Updates on the Construction of Abbot's House



As earlier reported, the construction of the Abbot's House is in progress, and the skeleton of the building will be completed in the first week of November

The next stage of the building is to cast a ring beam that will hold a grass-thatched roof. Thereafter, the house shall be roofed and some of the materials for the roof have been booked.

Some parts of the building like the basement, have been finished and fittings are already fixed.

Also, a water tank has already been installed that will supply water to the entire building.

Gratitude to the Sri Lankan and other Buddhist Members in Uganda



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the Sri Lankans and other Buddhists in Uganda for their enormous support during this rains retreat (Vassa) period. The community is providing all requisites for the monks during this period. They have also continued to visit the temple every weekend and performing religious rites that have informed the local community of the Buddhist practices.

The family of Mr. Perera has donated a water point near the Bodhi tree which will

provide access to water during the religious ceremonies at the Bodhi Tree shrine.

The community led by Mr. Kamal and Gihan De Silva have also enhancing the Buddha shrine at the Bodhi tree beautifully designed to provide walkaways for processions during the chanting and the Bodhi Puja.

The Kathina ceremony is planned to take place on November 15, 2020 and the main celebrant is Mr. Gihan De Silva and his family.

Improvements and Renovations at the Temple

The Entrance Gate—we have enhanced our gate by installing a new one. The new gate is beautifully decorated with the eight spokes of the Noble Eightfold Path, and the beautiful facing stones on the pillars.

We have also demarcated and shaped our parking area outside the gate. We are often disturbed during meditation by the incoming vehicles. So we have decided to allot the front part outside the gate as our parking for visitors.

Work is already in progress but it needs your kind support. We need to level and pave the parking.

We request all our visitors to park at the designated parking lot so that we can keep and maintain the meditation area silent and serene.

New Entrance

Parking Area

The Dining—we have tiled and painted the dining hall from where the monks eat now. The upgrade of the hall has been more demanding than ever, and the necessity for having it tiled and painted could not be very strongly stated. Monks can now eat while seated on the floor as their tradition as opposed to the earlier state of the dining.

We invite you once again to support us in paving walkways and the parking lot; as well as other temple repairs like painting of the main meditation hall, removing the bats that have spoilt the ceiling, and renovating the ceiling.

For any support you may have, please contact us at ugandabuddhistcentre@gmail.com.



Gratitude to All Our Supporters

UBC activities are made possible by many supporters from around the world. Therefore, we are eternally grateful for your kind and generous donations.

UBC still needs your support:

- To maintain resident teachers/monastics
- To maintain the Temple
- To run Buddhist activities
- To build monks accommodation facilities.

How to donate:

1. Donate online:

Please follow the links below to make a secure donation online:

https://ugandabuddhistcenter.org

https://xpresspay.ug/payments/ugandabuddhistcentre/index.html

Please note that this payment gateway accepts 3D secure

transactions only. This means that only cards that are Verified by Visa, and Master secure code will be accepted. If your donation doesn't go through, kindly contact your bank to ensure you are secured. Thank you!

2. wire transfer

Beneficiary's Bank Details:

Bank Name: Orient Bank Limited

Bank Account Number: 41261302010523

Bank Account Name: Uganda Buddhist Centre

Swift Address: ORINUGKA

Bank Address: Orient Plaza, 6/6A, Kampala Road.

