



UGANDA BUDDHIST CENTRE

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Extending our monastic family

This month our family was blessed with 6 boys between 8 and 13 years to train as Anagarikas. These children have already been enrolled at our Buddhist Primary School and started getting familiar with the Buddhism way of life. Considering the broken backgrounds they hail from, we believe they have found a home and we are eager to share the gifts of life with them here at the monastery.

New friend, new collaboration.

This month we warmly welcomed our special visitor Cyril. He stayed at our Centre for a few days to connect and get to know our projects better. We laid the foundation for an exciting collaboration: Cyril wants to pilot a mind training program with our school. The goal is to train kids' in a simple and playful way so they can experience and apply Buddhist teachings in their daily lives to make better decisions and become self-confident and compassionate citizens. The trainings will include meditation, yoga. Not only was our centre is blessed, but also the kids were happy about receiving some toys and the school's library got stocked with English books. Thank you so much for your kindness Cyril, we're looking forward to welcoming you back soon.

If you also have a project for collaboration in mind or want to visit us, please send us a message.



Visiting the United States

Since mid-February Bhante is in the United States to co-teach a month-long meditation retreat at Spirit Rock Meditation Center near San Francisco, California. He is also currently teaching an online course on peacebuilding and conflict resolution at the Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in New York City. Moreover he is visiting some friends and gave a few talks at Santi Stupa Society, San José, California and various venues in the US. Please feel free to watch Bhante's talk while he was visiting the Santi Stupa Society. You can find the link on our [website \(click\)](#) or go directly to the [video \(click\)](#).



New palace for the King of Busoga

Last year we already had the great honor to welcome the King of Busoga, William Gabula Nadiop IV, at our Centre. On the 13 th of February Bhante was invited to attend the official opening of the new palace in Jinja, alongside the Vice President of Uganda Jessica Alupo, cultural leaders, spiritual leaders and national politicians. It was a perfect occasion to connect with other cultural leaders and politicians. Although Buddhism in Uganda is still in its children's shoes we can proudly share that it is already fully recognized by official institutions and country's leaders.



The King of Busoga, William Gabula Nadiop IV and Bhante Buddharakkhita



The new palace of the King of Busoga



Group Photo of cultural, religious and political leaders at the opening ceremony of the new palace.



Welcome Sarah!

We were fortunate to be joined by a new member, Sarah is assisting with accounts and running the chalk project. This is a new project that commenced this month. The produced chalk is to be used at our education centres . we are embracing the habit of producing most of the items we highly consume as a means of cost cutting in the long run. The little ones are so excited about being part of the production as well.



New volunteer

Finally after two years volunteers are joining us again. Sophie from Germany will stay for a few months with us and supports our communications team as well as giving German lessons to all our students. You might also catch her swinging the broom - who doesn't like mindful sweeping? She loves the community already so much so she started to pick up some words in Luganda, the language that is spoken in our area (more than 30 languages are spoken throughout Uganda).



Further updates:

- We managed to extend our farm land by buying six acres next to our existing farm. Our goal is to become self sustaining in terms of our school and monastery food needs.
- We purchased two houses — one of them to be the proposed "Buddha medical clinic"
- The temporary extension of our Buddhist Primary School is almost finished.



Gratitude to All Our Supporters

UBC activities are made possible by many supporters from around the world. Therefore, we are eternally grateful Buddhist Global Relief of USA, Huang Tu Lovingkindness Foundation USA, Buddhist Fellowship of Singapore, Tan Teo Charitable Foundation, and all our beloved donors from around the world.

UBC still needs your support:

- To maintain **resident** teachers/monastics
- To maintain the Temple
- To build monks accommodation facilities
- Construction and Operation of Buddhist Primary School
- Compassion Care Centre (Housing and Feeding Orphans)

How to donate:

1. *Donate online:*

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Gratitude from the Uganda Buddhist Centre!

On behalf of the Uganda Buddhist Centre (UBC), I am eternally grateful for your kind donations and support to the UBC. Owing to your kind and generous donations, we continue to carry out our Buddhist activities in Uganda and Africa.

Since its inception in 2005, the UBC is committed to the spreading of the Dhamma in Uganda, Africa. Currently, the UBC is progressively growing and developing. Some Ugandans who learn the Dhamma continue to appreciate its benefits in their daily lives. With the completion of the Sangha Building and the Buddha Building, we are training many novice monks to ensure the sustainability of the Dhamma in Uganda and Africa. Certainly, we planted the Dhamma seed on the continent of Africa.

Apart from spreading the Dhamma, the UBC adopted a comprehensive program to reduce or eliminate poverty, illiteracy and suffering among our communities through various projects such as Peace School and Buddhist Primary School (both still housed in a temporary facility), Boreholes, Women Empowerment Project, Compassion Care Center (aka Compassion Orphanage) and Farming project. I am so grateful to our Dhamma friends and supporters from Singapore, Buddhist Fellowship of Singapore and Dhamma friends from other countries, the Hong Dao Lovingkindness Foundation, Insight World Aid, Teo Tan Foundation, Buddhist Global Relief and other Dhamma friends and organisations for your continued support and donation.

This year, plans are under to construct a permanent Buddhist Primary School . Thereafter, we plan to expand the school and build a Buddhist Senior Secondary School along with a Buddha Medical Clinic. Accordingly, we are looking at the possibilities of acquiring more land and houses closer to the Uganda Buddhist Centre.

For updates about our Dhamma activities, I would like to invite you to [subscribe to our monthly newsletter \(click\)](#), so that you may learn more about how your support is positively impacting communities in Uganda and Africa.

Once again, we are eternally grateful for your donation , support and partnership.
May you be well, happy and peaceful!

With deepest gratitude,

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May all beings be well. May all beings be happy. May all beings be peaceful.