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Good is it to see the Noble Ones; to live with them is ever blissful. One will always be happy by not encountering fools.



KAWANDA S.S.S STUDENTS VISIT THE TEMPLE

On 10th June, we hosted a group of students from Kawanda Senior Secondary School located in Kawanda along Kampala-Gulu Highway. The group is part of the Senior Five (S.5) class that is learning about world religions. The School's policy is to expose students to world religions and for students to develop an understanding and respect for other religions. We welcome this approach because it helps students to learn about other religions to appreciate the differences and similarities between the world's religious traditions.

Venerable Sangharakkhita handled the group and answered their questions on Buddhism. Students were introduced to the Four Noble Truths which are pillars of the entire Buddhist teachings; Student's questions rotated around the characteristics of Buddhism; the Buddhist teaching about the Middle Way and other teachings of Buddhism; the similarity of the teachings to Christian teachings; and why Buddhism has few followers in East Africa.

By the end of the discussion, students had changed their perspective about the Buddha and his teachings, and appreciated especially the Four Noble Truths which form the central part of the entire Buddhist Path.

The Uganda Buddhist is increasingly becoming the only source of Buddhism in Africa, and continues to provide space for Buddhist study and research.



students had a moment of meditation

VISITORS TO BUDDHIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



As the Buddhist Primary School evolves, we are attracting various stakeholders who are passionate about education. Stephen Wyard (our volunteer architect from the UK) together with his wife Julie Wyard, an educationist and teacher in the UK visited the School this month and donated some school items that included textbooks.

Julie's approach to teaching inspired us to develop a very robust approach and methods of teaching our learners. She emphasised the use of practice techniques as effective methods in the children's learning. For instance, after listening to Bhante's Sunday Dhamma talk, where he taught about the acronym STREAM, she practically demonstrated to students how the acronym can help them succeed in their learning and in their own life. We are grateful to both Stephen and Julie for your time to share with our learners and for inspiring our teachers to apply dhamma in teaching.

The acronym STREAM as illustrated by Bhante is explained in full as follows:

S=Space

T=Time

R=Respect

E=Energy

A=Attention

M=Material things



Stepehn and Julie having a moment with Peace School and Buddhist Primary School pupils



“Ever since I got the skill I have never lacked and am forever grateful to Bhante for the great initiative, am now an independent woman.”

Esther Akello

STORIES FROM PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

Akello Esther (popularly known as Maama Hope) is one of the very first beneficiaries of our women empowerment program in 2017. She cannot say enough about how much the project changed her life. On finishing the tailoring course, she saved some money and used it to buy a sewing machine. She has been able to use the machine for tailoring and she can now earn to sustain her family. She is now taking care of her fragile and elderly father and educating her children. She has also been able to pass on her skills to her daughter who is in her teen age.



Some of Esther's products including beads made from recycling papers; and hand crafted shoes.



Esther's shop located in Bulega village.

BHANTE ATTENDS THE INTERNATIONAL WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND EXPO IN THAILAND

The Conference was held from the 16th – 17th of June 2022 at Miracle Grand Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference was presented by the Community Water Management Fund and the Thai Royal Initiative. Tracks of the conference included; Water Resource Management, Water treatment and Quality, Innovation and Business Opportunities and Education and Public Awareness for water management.

Since 2006, Uganda Buddhist Centre has been committed to providing communities with sustainable access to safe and clean water and improving the hygiene and sanitation of communities. We keep learning new techniques and sustainable ways to provide safe water. Platforms like these equip us with the knowledge and tools we need to achieve our goal of sustainable water.

On this event, Bhante was presented with a Memento from the Thai Deputy Minister of Education, Hon. Kalaya Sophonpanich.



Bhante Receiving a memento from Hon. Kalaya Sophonpanich, the Deputy Minister of Education in Thailand

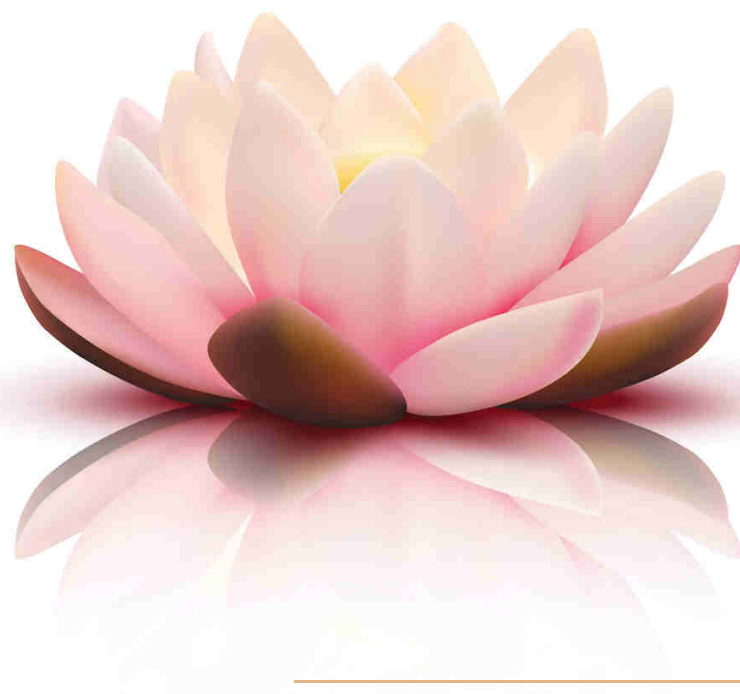


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This month, Khin Sanda and Mu Mu Myint offered alms to over 70 people and also offered shoes to the novices. "Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness." Special thanks goes to the Myint and Sanda families and our old friend, Moe Moe.

Sadhu! Sadhu! Sadhu!



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To build monks accommodation facilities

To construct and operation of Buddhist Secondary School

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