


Werellagama Village Relief, October 8, 2021



Last month, Ven. Nanda Theri, the bhikkhuni whom Buddhist Relief Mission has been supporting for several years, was admitted to Peradeniya Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit. After tests and treatment, she was able to return to her hermitage in Werellagama. Much relieved, we decided to make a charitable donation in her

honor. We’d learned that the surrounding community was enduring hardships due to the pandemic, lockdowns, and rising costs for essentials, and that it was difficult for the villagers to provide dana for the nun. She told us that there were some days when she received nothing at all.

Having decided to make this donation, we resolved to give to all families in the immediate vicinity, irrespective of faith or ethnicity. About half of the forty families are Buddhist, with the others being Hindu or Muslim. We also wanted to avoid single-use plastic. We ordered everything in bulk from our friendly local shop (which gave a generous discount), and Lily, family and friends did all the packing at our house. Each family received a sturdy handmade cotton bag, specially made by Lily’s daughter, filled with dry rations, and a five-kilo bag of rice. The potatoes and onions were in a reusable and biodegradable garbage bag, and the dhal, chickpeas, sugar, and flour were packed in reusable ziplock bags. There was a minimum of plastic waste! We thought it auspicious and fitting that each rice bag was stamped with the miller’s initials “BRM,” which to us stand for Buddhist Relief Mission!

Rice	5 kg	Potatoes	1 kg	Tea	200 g	Curry powder	100 g	Hand soap	1bar
Dhal	1 kg	Chickpeas	500 g	White flour	1 kg	Coconuts	2		
Onions	1 kg	Sugar	1 kg	Chili powder	100 g	Biscuits	2 packs		







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In honor of:

Ven. Nanda Bhikkhuni

In Memory of:

Peter Arnold

Alba Selli

Bob Cumiskey

Dan Jackson

Manil Karunaratna

Ven. Nyaninda Mahathera, Abbot of Burmese Vihara, BodhGaya



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*Bhavantu sabbamangalam
Rakkhantu sabbadevata*

*May there be every good blessing.
May the Devas protect everyone.*