

# Support Ven. Ariyawantha's Monastery in Assam

December 2021



Ven. Ariyawantha, a Burmese/Rakhine monk who studied at Nalanda MahaVihara in Bihar and previously stayed at Bodhisukha Monastery in Kolkata, is now living near Guwahati, the capital of Assam in Northwest India. For several years, he has resided in a small remote mountain village. He is the only monk in the area, and the villagers, mostly Buddhist, greatly respect him for his erudition, kindness, and teaching. He has been staying in a dilapidated monastery. His one-room kuti has no proper toilet, no water supply, and no electricity. He would like to improve the monastery and make it more comfortable, not only for himself, but for the devotees when they come to visit.



The path to the monastery



Proposed location for the new water tank



The existent kuti



The present altar



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- **Improving the access road to the monastery**
- **Installing a water tank**
- **Constructing a toilet**
- **Connecting to the electric grid**
- **Adding a separate room for worship and teaching**
- **Perhaps offering scholarships to students from the village to attend Bodhisukha School in Kolkata.**
- **Initial cost: US \$2000**

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# An Update on Ven. Ariyawantha's Monastery in Assam

## December 16, 2021



Additional donations will be used for a Dhamma library, furnishings, and landscaping  
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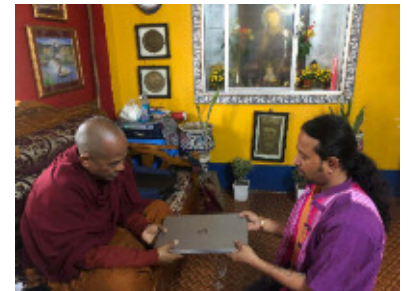
Ven Ariyawantha spent several days in Kolkata at Bodhisukha Monastery for the temporary ordination of Visakha, 9, daughter of Rajiv and Shilar Chowdhury, as a *thilashin*, a ten-precept nun in the Burmese tradition. He is returning to Guwahati today and hopes to begin construction of the monastery soon. After completing the main building, connecting the electricity, and installing the water tanks, he will begin construction of the stupa on the roof.



Ven. Nandobatha handed the donations received, \$4000, to Ven. Ariyawantha in Kolkata.

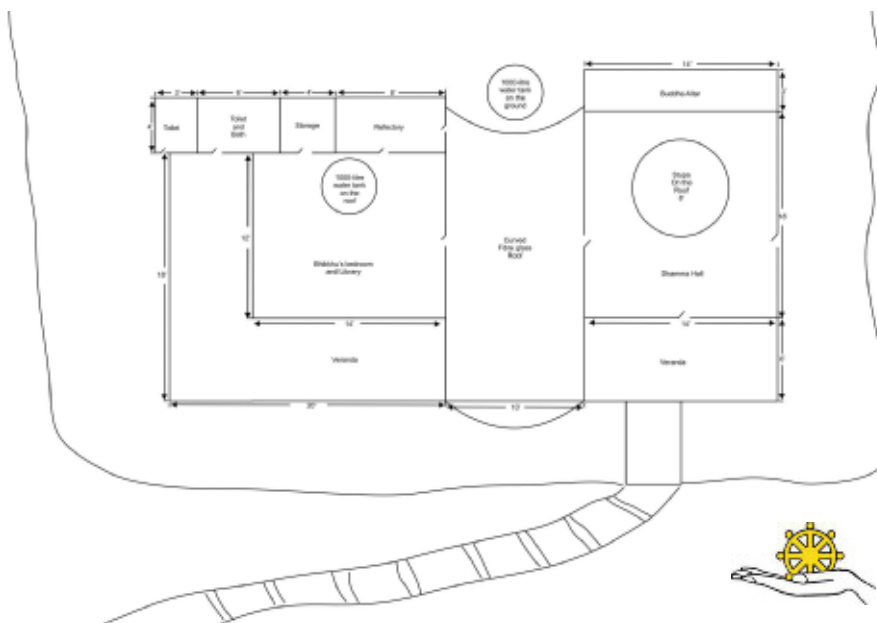


This wooden Burmese image of the Buddha will be enshrined at the new monastery.



Rajiv donated his computer to Ven. Ariyawantha.

Ven. Ariyawantha sends his blessing to all donors: "May you receive all blessings. May the devas protect you. Through the power of the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha, may you enjoy well-being." Sadhu! Sadhu!! Sadhu!!!



# URGENT! BREAKING NEWS!

March 1, 2022



After Ven. Ariyawantha returned to Assam in early February, he visited Meghalaya, the neighboring state for a ceremony. There, he experienced shortness of breath and chest pain. He quickly returned to Kolkata for a medical examination. Ven. NandoBatha, the abbot of Bodhisukha Monastery, had him admitted to Apollo



Hospital, the best cardiology hospital in West Bengal. (Bodhisukha has long had a close relationship with Apollo Hospital through the kidney-transplant program for patients from Myanmar at the monastery.)

We just received the news that Ven. Ariyawantha needs an immediate stent implant. Indeed, the surgery may be taking place at this moment. The procedure will cost about US \$2000. Donations to help cover this emergency are welcome.

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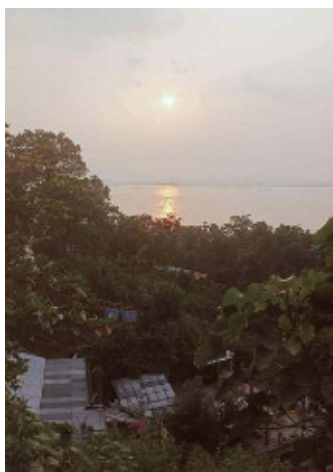


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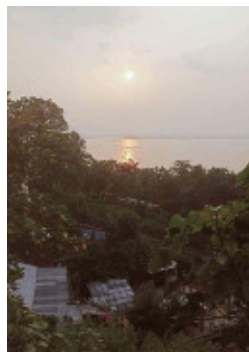
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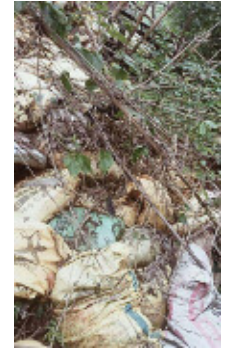
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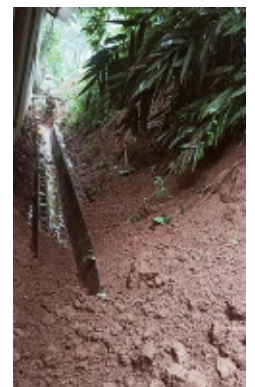
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Received June 13, completed construction of a drain beside the monastery



Received June 14, a landslide after a heavy rainfall during the night

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