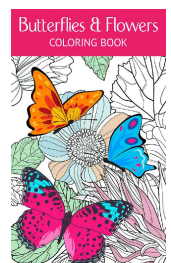
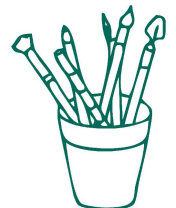
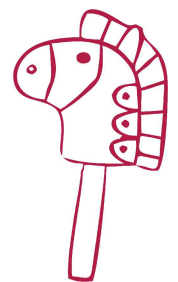


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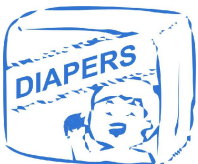
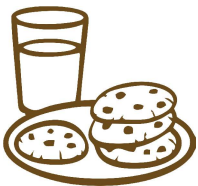
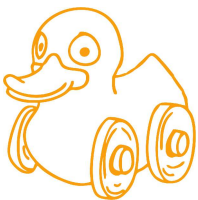
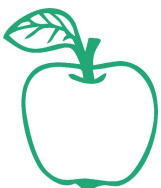
It's that time of year again. At the end of summer, we begin celebrating Ken's birthday (August), Visakha's birthday (September), and our wedding anniversary (October). This is the forty-eighth year of our marriage. There will be no parties, no cakes, nor any fireworks. We certainly don't need any presents.

We plan to uphold the noble tradition of giving. During this period, in honor of these three occasions, we will be offering food, medicine, and other items to several orphanages, special schools, an elders' homes, and a center for the handicapped. We extend this invitation to our friends to join in this joyous celebration.



Ten Meritorious Deeds

1. *Generosity*
Giving with a pure heart and good intention
2. *Morality*
Virtuous thoughts, words, and actions
3. *Meditation*
Mind-training to develop peace and wisdom
4. *Reverence*
Respecting others' lives, rights, and property
5. *Helpfulness*
Assisting others with compassion
6. *Transference of merit*
Sharing one's merit with the all beings
7. *Rejoicing in others' merit*
Happiness for others' good deeds and success
8. *Sharing the Dhamma*
"The gift of the Dhamma exceeds all others."
9. *Listening to the Dhamma*
Actively trying to understand the Truth
10. *Correcting one's views*
Understanding kamma-cause and effect



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