

Buddhist Relief Mission Activities, April 2025



One day, our local pharmacist called and asked whether we could donate a quad cane to an elderly man who had come to his shop. We were glad to oblige.



In early April, a relative of Ashoka's younger daughter's fiancé fell out of a tree and broke his spine. He urgently needed a back brace, and we were happy to be able to purchase one for him. May he recover soon!

Conquer anger with kindness; conquer evil with righteousness; conquer greed with generosity; conquer falsehood with truth.
—Dhammpada 223



The father of one of the residents at Methasevana Rehab Center was receiving cancer treatment. We donated nutritional supplement to strengthen his resistance.



On April 14, we celebrated Asian New Year's Day with a dana welcoming Ven. Nandobatha on his first visit to Sri Lanka. There were six other Sangha members, including Ven. Janaka, who will become abbot of a new temple in Osaka, and Ven. Manitha, who has been invited to a Sri Lankan temple in NY.

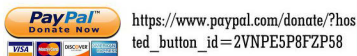
BRM donated toward a New Year's party at Meth Sevana Home for the Handicapped. In addition to dry rations, medicine, and traditional sweets, each resident received new clothing. The staff declared that this was the best party the center had ever held.



To celebrate New Year's, Jagath delivered 10 parcels of dry rations from BRM to poor families in his village in Halloluwa. He also was able to carry several boxes of glucose test strips to diabetic monks and nuns on his latest tour.



Each full-moon day, BRM provides special box lunches to the residents of Methasevana Drug Rehab Center for their meditation program.



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Your donations will help Buddhist Relief Mission to carry out programs such as these, providing food, medicine, and other essentials to families, students, schools, monasteries, hospitals, and other institutions in Sri Lanka during this economic crisis and assisting refugees in both Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Thank you for your generous support!
Sadhu! Sadhu!! Sadhu!!!

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On the fifteenth of every month, Buddhist Relief Mission offers High Tea (sandwiches, vegetable cutlets, soup, yoghurt, bananas, juice, and tea) to the residents of the Kandy Cancer Home. In April, the date coincided with the Home's New Year's celebration in which the residents performed delightful songs and dances. Along with High Tea, we also provide vegetables and dry rations, as well as a large supply of much-needed vitamins, medicines, and nutritional supplement.



Buddhist Relief Mission has just learned that there are 114 Rohingya refugees in Panadura, some of whom have been in Sri Lanka for as long as seven years. Sri Lanka does not recognize refugee status, and with the closure of the UNHCR office in Colombo, they have lost the allowance they had been receiving. Several families, unable to find adequate employment (Any employment is illegal.), cannot afford rent and have become homeless. Because the children are not eligible to attend public schools, one of the refugees is teaching as much as he can. Starting in May, we will include these refugees in our program.



The response to our appeal for relief assistance after the devastating earthquake in Myanmar was overwhelming and is still coming in. The monks with whom we are working are delivering food, water, medicine, clothing, money for reconstruction, and much more. We have learned that some of the funds we donated were used for medical treatment, particularly for a three-year old girl in Mandalay who needed an emergency heart operation.

The Rohingya have been fleeing from oppression in Arakan State, Myanmar, since the 1970s, but, with the genocide which began in 2017, the exodus has become massive. In one camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, the largest in the world, there are more than one million refugees.

Buddhist Relief Mission has been involved with Burma (Myanmar) since 1983, and has recently sent several donations to these refugees to provide care for the orphans, medical treatment, food, school supplies, a water pump, solar panels, etc. We hope to continue supporting this vulnerable community as long as we can.



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