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We Finally Found Our Spiritual Home!

Dear Dharma Masters,

We have all returned to Vietnam and resumed our busy lives. Yet, we brought back with us a precious treasure – a treasure for our spiritual journey. We now have a clear direction for our future, and we remain deeply grateful and joyful.

The moments spent in the presence of the Sangha are still vivid in each of our hearts. During our visit, we received countless blessings and heartfelt care which we will always cherish.

On the occasion of Christmas, a time when people share love and gratitude, we would like to sincerely express our heartfelt gratitude to the Dharma Masters and Sangha of DRBA.

Our dream has come true! On December 10, 2024, we officially took refuge and received the Precepts under the Sangha of DRBA following the teachings of the Venerable Master Hua. We are now disciples of the DRBA Sangha. How happy and blessed we feel!

We never imagined we would have the opportunity to attend ceremonies led by the DRBA Sangha, yet it happened – not just once, but twice! These sacred moments will stay with us forever. During the ceremony, Precept Master Sure carefully explained the details of each Precept we received and patiently answered all our questions. We keep in mind Precept Master Sure's instructions to diligently practice the Buddha's teachings every day, to strive to become Buddhas ourselves, and to help fulfill the Venerable Master Hua's vow – that He will not attain Buddhahood until all His disciples have become Buddhas.

We are sincerely grateful to Dharma Masters for allowing us to participate in the Transmission of the Precepts for the Deceased. We are deeply touched that Dharma Masters also prepared a special lecture for us, recounting stories of Venerable Master Hua's journey to Vietnam during the turmoil of the Vietnam War in 1974.

We are also deeply touched by the support from Ms. Karen and Ms. Tam, who traveled all the way from America to Taiwan to assist with translation and arrangements for the Vietnamese group.

We feel immense warmth and gratitude for the care and support extended to us by the Sangha and the lay community in Taiwan during our visit, who took time to make special arrangements, including preparing dinner and breakfast, in addition to other forms of assistance that we cannot list them all.

Above all, without everyone's support, our trip could not have happened. There were moments when we felt like giving up, but each time, we immediately received timely support. We truly believe what seemed impossible was transformed into reality through everyone's tremendous efforts and care.

We received every kind of support we needed – far beyond our expectations. We trust that the Dharma Masters prepared everything for us quietly, without saying a word, as if nothing had been done at all. Yet, the Dharma Masters' kindness touches our hearts deeply. In our busy lives, we rarely receive such caring actions without any expectation of return. We feel as though we were embraced like family. Yes, we have found our spiritual family!

Namo Amitābha Buddha 🙏

With Deep Reverence and Gratitude
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