



buddhist global relief

BGR New York City 4 Mile Walk in Riverside Park

Saturday, November 2nd, 2013

Registration 9:15 am; Walk starts at 10:00 am

An Invitation from Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi

Dear Dharma Friends,

This fall, in different cities around the U.S. and abroad, Buddhist Global Relief will be holding its fourth "Walk to Feed the Hungry." It's a little known fact that today close to a billion people worldwide face hunger as a fact of daily life. Hunger and related illnesses claim ten million lives each year, half of them children. In a world where trillions of dollars are spent on weapons and armies, the extent of hunger is a blemish on the soul of humanity. The "Walk to Feed the Hungry" is a moral counterweight to this: a gesture of care and compassion by which we express our commitment to helping those in need.

I write to cordially invite you to join us on this walk. Our purpose is to raise funds for our many projects that address hunger and malnutrition. These include right livelihood training for girls in Sri Lanka; meals and scholarships for poor kids in Haiti; food scholarships to girls and their families in Cambodia; education and vocational training for kids in Bangladesh; nutritional guidance and micronutrient supplements in Côte d'Ivoire; a tuition center for women and girls in India; urban gardens here in the U.S.; and sustainable agriculture programs in Cambodia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Haiti, India, and Malawi.

The BGR "Walk to Feed the Hungry" has already become an American Buddhist tradition. Our first walk took place in New Jersey in October 2010. In 2011 we held four walks: in New York City, Michigan, the South Bay of California, and England. Last year we held a dozen walks, including solidarity walks in India and Cambodia. We expect a similar number this year. By putting your own feet to work, you will be helping provide needy people with the means they need to help themselves: with food, water, training, tools, and seeds. You'll also be tackling the underlying roots of hunger, by enabling poor girls to attend school and giving women the chance to earn more to support their families.

In New York City the walk will take place on the morning of Saturday, November 2nd, at Riverside Park. We will gather at 9:15 am and begin walking at 10:00 am. At the walk's end there will be a lunch, talks, and a chance to share experiences. A walk like this offers us a channel to express our

collective compassion in solidarity with the world's poor. It's also a great form of exercise and an opportunity to make new friends.

Please join us, and also mobilize members of your congregation, Dharma group, or community to participate as well. Registration information can be found on our website, [**http://www.buddhistglobalrelief.org/index.html**](http://www.buddhistglobalrelief.org/index.html). Please register as early as possible. By creating a First Giving Fundraising page, you can enable your friends and relatives to share in the merits of the walk by supporting you in this worthy endeavor.

Together, let's show that we cherish the poor and needy of the earth like our own parents, children, brothers, and sisters.

Thank you so much.

With mettā and a downpour of blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi
Founder and Chairperson
Buddhist Global Relief

BGR, a registered nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status, is an all-volunteer organization with a board of directors that includes people with professional backgrounds in humanitarian service. We operate by partnering with agencies already operating on the ground in the countries where we launch our projects. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or religion.

For more information about BGR, check out our website: [**www.buddhistglobalrelief.org**](http://www.buddhistglobalrelief.org)

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