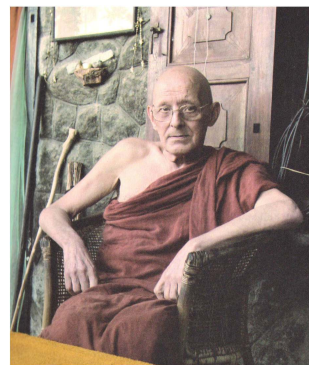
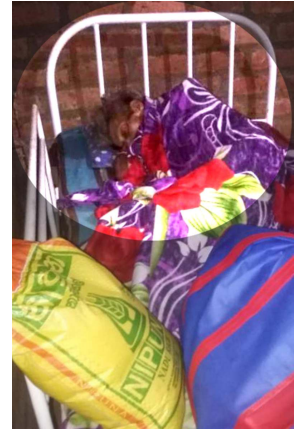


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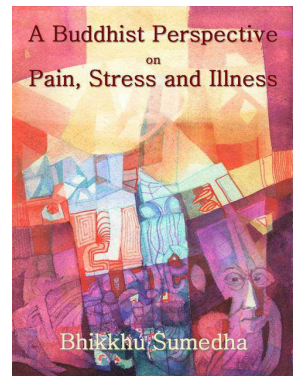


On July 19, 2023, Jagath held a ceremony to mark the one-year anniversary of his father's death. On that occasion, Buddhist Relief Mission provided food and medicine for the monks and dry ration parcels for needy families in the village of Halloluwa. The dana was fittingly held in Mahapadassana, the ancient cave in which the great Swiss painter/monk, Ven. Sumedha, resided until his death in 2006. Jagath's grandfather, his father, and Jagath himself, all three, served successively as attendants to Ven. Sumedha. The cave sits on a wooded hillside at the top of a stone staircase of about one hundred steps. In offering this dana, Jagath and BRM shared merit with Jagath's father, Ven. Sumedha, and all generous donors.



Bhikkhu Sumedha outside Manapadassana Cave in February 2006, photograph by Peter Zimmermann

Ven. Sumedha, who had survived cancer and had once nearly died in Peradeniya Hospital, was keenly aware of the pain and suffering of the critically ill. In his final years, he spent many hours in the ICU, comforting patients, not only with words, but with recordings he had collected of relaxing sounds of nature, as well as sacred texts of Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism. A small book of his teachings with some of his paintings was published after his death. The book is out-of-print, but, thanks to Ven. Anandajoti, it is still available online.



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