

# Offering Alms to Monks, Nuns, and Novices in Uncertain Times



During the economic crisis in Sri Lanka, many people are facing food insecurity. When they do not have enough to feed their families, it is difficult for them to take food to the temples. The monks, nuns, and novices in small temples are completely dependent on offerings from devotees. These members of the Sangha in the small, out-of-the way temples, even in popular tourist sites, such as Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, are often malnourished and lacking basic essentials.



Jagath Wijesiri is a tour guide, who has greatly assisted Buddhist Relief Mission in identifying needy families in and around his village near Kandy and in delivering food parcels to them. During his tours around Sri Lanka, he found many small, impoverished village temples where he has been able to offer parcels of dry rations, along with soap, mosquito repellent, vitamins, and personal items to the monks, nuns, and novices. His customers are very pleased to be a part of this meritorious work. BRM has been providing parcels and hopes to continue supporting Jagath's project. Your donations will make this possible.



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The Buddha said, "A donation may be endowed with six factors—three factors of the donor and three factors of the recipients. What are those six factors?"

"Before giving, the donor is glad; while giving, the donor's mind is bright and clear; and after giving, the donor is gratified. These are the three factors of the donor.

"The recipients are free of passion or are practicing for the subduing of passion; they are free of aversion or practicing for the subduing of aversion; and they are free of delusion or practicing for the subduing of delusion. These are the three factors of the recipients."

—Anguttara Nikaya 6, 37



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