

# *The Bodhi Stand*

*Upasika Lum Sek Moi*



Upasika Lam Kuo Moy began to draw near to Buddhism after her son, Dharma Master Heng Gung, left the home life at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in 1978. Her first visit was solely to see her son. But it left an impression on her, and she vowed to visit The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas more in the future. On her second visit she found the City to be a place like the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss in the Saha world. Then she began practicing on her own. Upon her third visit, her faith deepened and she began to be a vegetarian.

Now Kuo Moy cultivates the Dharma door of reciting the Great Compassion Mantra 108 times daily, the Shurangama Mantra, and the 42 Hands and Eyes. There have been numerous responses that have further increased her faith in the Buddhadharma. For instance, once her grandson was extremely ill due to an allergy from some vaccination. On the third day of his illness he was in severe shock and on the verge of going into a comma. After Kuo Moy sincerely recited the entire day, her grandson surprisingly recovered, and was completely well by the next day. She said, "I do not always think about how priceless daily recitation of the mantra is, but when I need help at critical times I really do feel the response that comes from accumulated daily practice."

She is now visiting the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas for the fourth time. She said, "On this visit, time has flown so fast that I haven't realized how long I have been here. Every visit to the City makes me more aware of the sufferings in the world and also it gives me a chance to learn and cultivate with a group of sincere disciples."