

The Bodhi Stand



Introducing Upasika Tsai Ling Yu

Tsai Ling-yu (Dharma name Gwo Pi, "Fruit of Jade Green" 果碧), was born into a Buddhist family. She has been a vegetarian since her youth. Her grandmother recited the name of Amitabha Buddha, and her family naturally followed the grandmother's example. While in her early twenties, after graduating from college, Gwo Pi married her classmate, Carlos Tsai. Four years ago the family moved to Southern California, where Carlos set up a business importing sporting goods. Three years ago the couple quite accidentally happened upon a copy of *Vajra Bodhi Sea*. Reading the material in that journal marked the turning point in their lives. "The articles in the journal embodied proper knowledge and proper views. They helped us gain a correct understanding of the Proper Dharma. After that we were introduced to other Buddhist Text Translation Society publications and the teachings of the Venerable Master."

At that time, Gwo Pi said to herself, "I had never thought that there was such a pure, adorned Way-place right in the United States!" Shortly afterwards, she and her husband made a visit to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. About two and a half years ago the Tsai couple and their son and daughter, Anthony (age 14) and Joy (age 6), took refuge with the Venerable Master.

Gwo Pi, accompanied by her husband and children, took part in the Dharma Realm Buddhist University Dharma Propagation Tour in the winter of 1988 and traveled to the major Way-places in various Asian countries. She cultivates the Great Compassion Mantra every day and is a regular visitor at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas.