

The Bodhi Stand



Pang Gwo-rung

Pang Gwo-rung grew up in Singapore and attended Catholic school. However, she always had many doubts and never totally believed in Catholicism. When she came to the United States in 1965, she immediately began to search for a monastery where she could worship and study the Buddhadharma. She did not find what she was looking for until 1981, when a friend, Gwo-mai, came from Singapore to attend the Opening Ceremonies at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. Before returning to Singapore, Gwo-mai encouraged Mrs. Peng to attend the Venerable Abbot's lectures, and so she did. Whenever she had the chance, she attended the lectures at Gold Mountain Monastery in San Francisco and the Dharma Assemblies at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. She also took refuge with the Triple Jewel at that time, and her understanding of the Buddhadharma continues to grow.

Mrs. Pang often dreams of the Venerable Abbot. Once she dreamt that the Abbot was walking in a large monastery, but his feet did not touch the ground. Another time she dreamt that he exhorted her to recite the Buddha's name more often and not waste her time. At the time she had this dream, she had been staying up late at night watching video movies. Before she took refuge with the Triple Jewel, she had also been very greedy for good food, and was reluctant to take refuge because she didn't want to stop eating meat. But after she began reciting the Buddha's name and tasting the simple and healthy food at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, she began to lose her desire for meat.

Mrs. Pang and her husband (see "Vajra Bodhi Sea," Issue #190) have come to have deep faith in the Buddhadharma and the wonderful influence it has had on their lives.

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