



## **Happy New Year!**

We wish you a healthy, prosperous, and happy new year. We also want to thank you for your continued support.



# Wat San Fran Kathina

We are excited to announce that Wat San Fran's 2024 Kathina was a huge success!

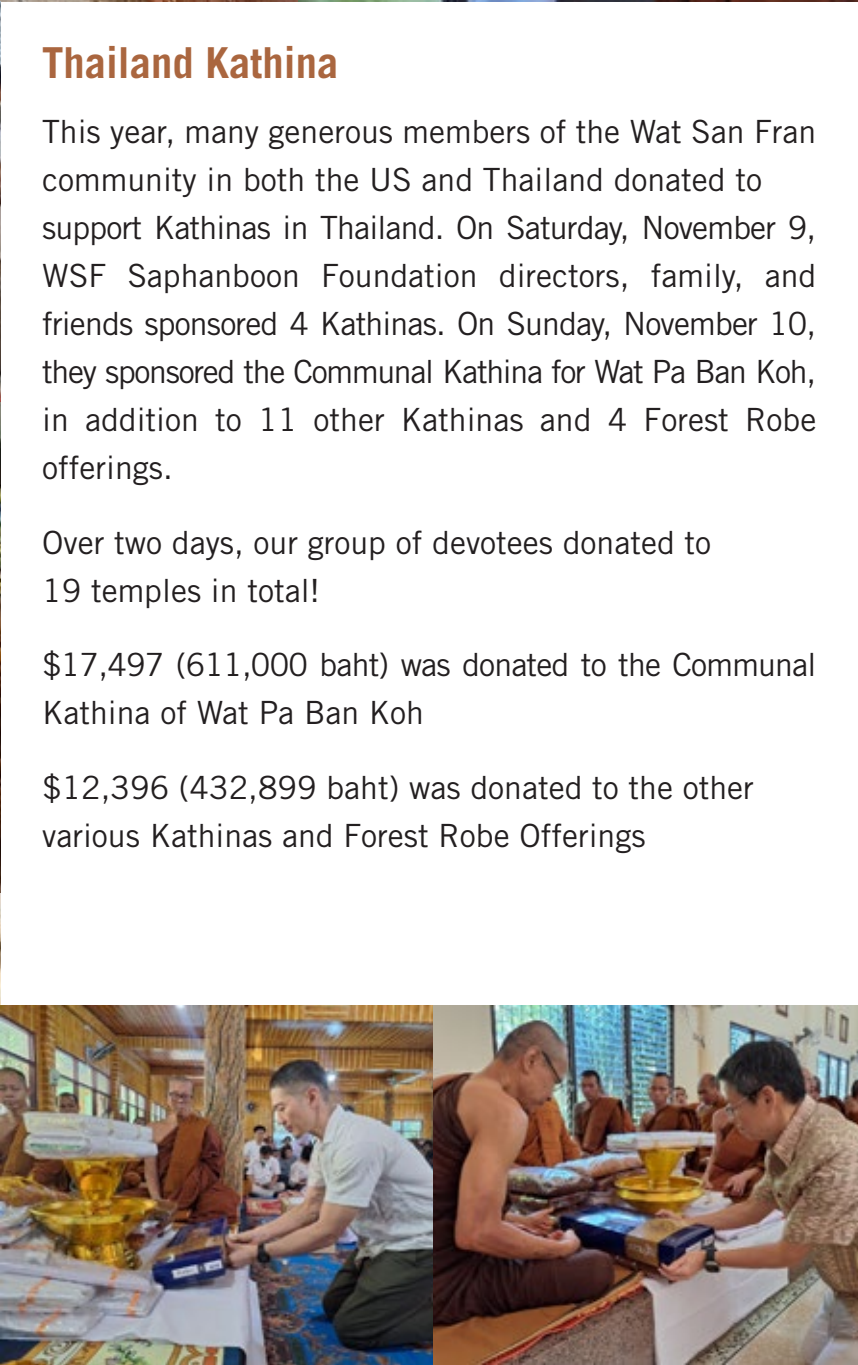
It was refreshing to see so many of you come out to support the event. Some sponsors made beautifully elaborate and intricate "money trees" to offer. Some members woke up early and came to help set up, while others stayed until the end to help clean up. The delicious food and good company were refreshing and contributed to the positive vibe going around.

Another highlight was the new addition of "Soi Dao," or the Lucky Star draw game benefitting the WSF school. The prizes were provided by generous donors and the game was a hit with the community, with many people asking for it to return next year.

Anumodana with everyone involved.







## Thailand Kathina

This year, many generous members of the Wat San Fran community in both the US and Thailand donated to support Kathinas in Thailand. On Saturday, November 9, WSF Saphanboon Foundation directors, family, and friends sponsored 4 Kathinas. On Sunday, November 10, they sponsored the Communal Kathina for Wat Pa Ban Koh, in addition to 11 other Kathinas and 4 Forest Robe offerings.

Over two days, our group of devotees donated to 19 temples in total!

\$17,497 (611,000 baht) was donated to the Communal Kathina of Wat Pa Ban Koh

\$12,396 (432,899 baht) was donated to the other various Kathinas and Forest Robe Offerings



# Wat San Fran's Fundraisers

## Animation Project

For over five years now, we have been working on creating Buddhist media for our YouTube channel, "watsanfran." We have grown to over 33,000 subscribers and have over 6 million views.

We are proud to present content made from the teachings of Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño on our channel. His mission, that we now take on as our own, is to spread his teachings to as many people in the world as possible. One of our most popular series is "Animated Buddhist Stories." In these videos, we tell stories from Jatakas, the Dhammapada, and Buddhist history.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from Buddhists all over the world. Since our videos are in English, with subtitles in many languages, they have been used to teach Buddhism to children and students in various countries, such as Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Canada, and Nepal. We are inspired that our work has reached so many people.

You can be a part of this impactful dissemination of Buddhist teachings by joining numerous donors worldwide in sponsoring the costs of producing these videos.

A \$100 donation covers the approximate cost of 15 seconds of video.

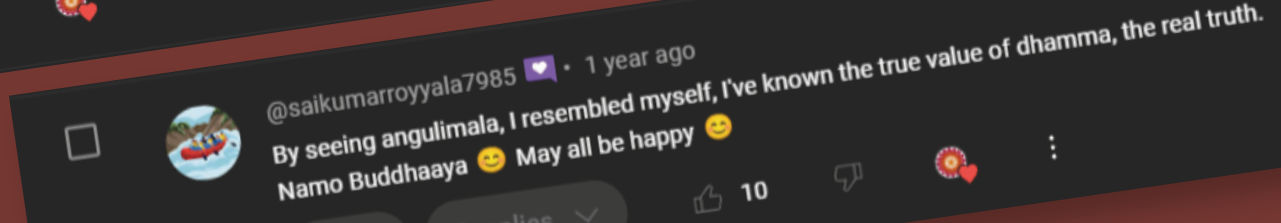
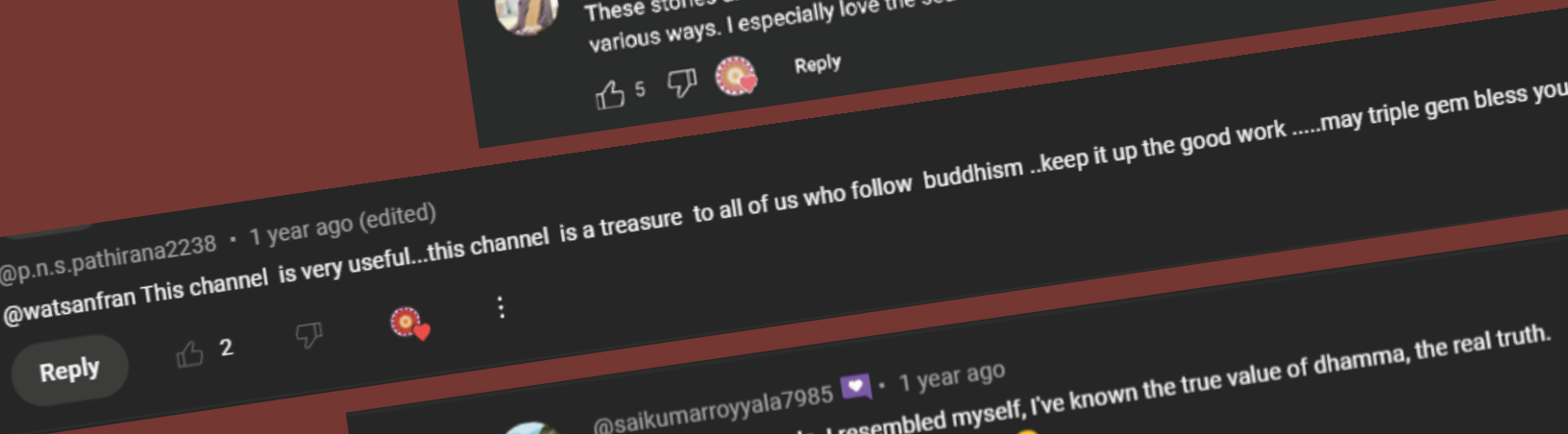
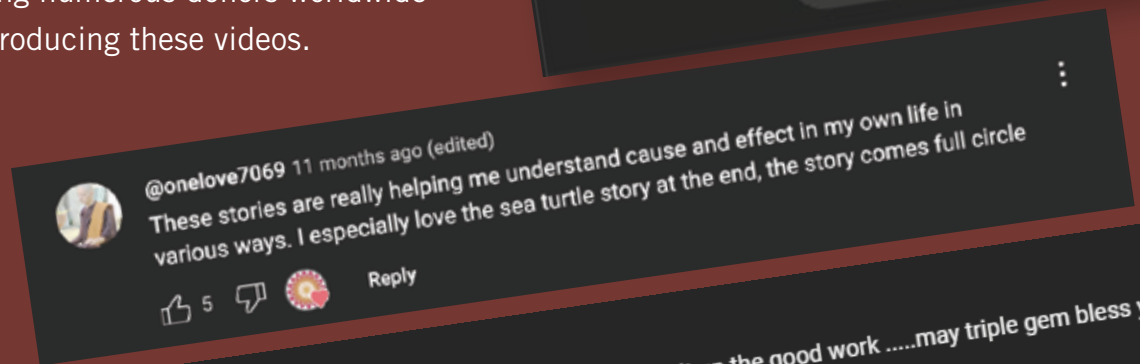
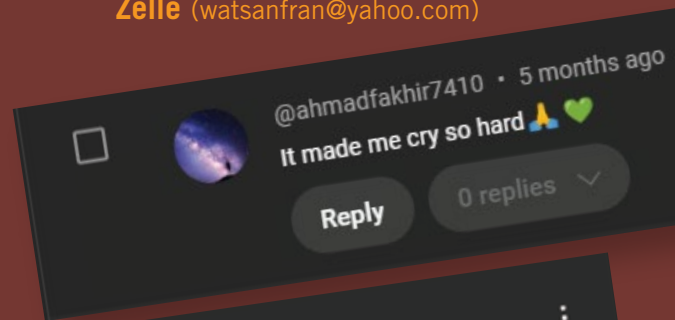


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Wat San Fran



Akaliko Women's Center

## Solar Panel Repair

Since 2009, the solar panels at Wat San Fran have been working hard to bring down the high cost of electricity. Over the years, these solar panels have saved us approximately \$280 per month, amounting to about \$3,360 per year. So, over the last fifteen years, they have saved us over \$50,000! However, nothing in this world is meant to last, and alas, these solar panels have seen better days. They have stopped working and are in need of repair. Repairs are expected to cost approximately \$9,000. We are still shopping around for more quotes and will update you when we learn more.

As for Akaliko, we installed solar panels at the end of 2015. These panels save us \$180 per month, amounting to \$2,160 per year. So over the last nine years, they have saved us almost \$20,000. We recently had them repaired at a cost of \$3,804.

## Emergency Supplies

Luang Por Thoon explained that as time progresses, we will be subject to more and more natural disasters. So far, we have seen that to be true. Recently, we have experienced more earthquakes, tornado and tsunami warnings, and massive wildfires than ever before.

The Buddha taught us to live with mindfulness and not to be heedless. We are always in danger of an earthquake living in San Francisco which sits on a fault line. In order to be prepared, the temple has purchased some emergency supplies during the holiday sales. We have purchased water purifying tablets, 5 gallon water containers, solar electrical generators, solar powered lanterns, emergency crank weather radios, and other tools. The total cost for these supplies was \$2,300.



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### New Resident Monk

Join us in welcoming to Wat San Fran overseas Dhammaduta monk Phra Thanagorn Pamutto (Phra No Nae). He was born in Udon Thani and ordained at Wat Chai Mongkol in Nakhon Phanom Province. As of this autumn, Phra No Nae has completed six vassas.

He will stay with us and help with religious duties and ceremonies. Please stop by to extend him a warm welcome at the temple.

### Volunteers

Our community is filled with people with various skills. It is always so inspiring to see the kindness of our volunteers. Whether you contribute by making food, cleaning, gardening, editing, voice recording, or other valuable skills, we anumodana with your generosity.

Do you have skills you would like to contribute to the temple? Skills with computers, animation, editing/proofreading, graphic design, cooking, carpentry, cleaning, and teaching English are all needed by the temple. Please contact the temple at [watsanfran@yahoo.com](mailto:watsanfran@yahoo.com), call 415-753-0857, or just stop by.





# Wat San Fran School



**SCHOOL UPDATE**

## SPRING '25 classes will begin on Jan 4 - May 18, 2025

Our Spring 2025 classes are full.  
We are not accepting any additional students.  
You can apply for the waiting list.  
[watsanfranschool@gmail.com](mailto:watsanfranschool@gmail.com)

We will have a Wat San Fran School Open House on March 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The open house is for people to come see the school, get their questions answered, and meet the teachers.



## Performance at Kathina Event

Our students are so talented and they put their talents on display at the Kathina. We and their parents are so proud of them.

# Save the Date

Jan 4	Wat San Fran School Spring Semester Begins
Feb 12	Magha Puja Day
Feb 16	Magha Puja Event
Mar 22	Wat San Fran School Open House
Apr 13	Songkran Festival

Eight Precept Observance

Jan 10–12, Feb 14–16, Mar 14–16, Apr 11–13

“Natural disasters will occur more frequently and severely. In the upcoming era they will be extremely severe and no one will be able govern them.”

*Natural Disasters*

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

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