

Ms. Pathumma Ployrum

Ms. Pathumma Ployrum, nick name Jieb, is the youngest member of the lay community. She was born in Prachinburi in 1984. The province is situated in the eastern side of the country and shares the border with Cambodia, so Jieb as a child growing up in that province, could understand the spoken Cambodian language.

As a child, she learned to chant to drive away ghosts, so she thought. She was jealous when she saw the boys in the village following the monks on their morning alms round. She went to Buddhist camp as a student and enjoyed it as there were many friends.

She came to the temple in 1998 when she was 12 years old to continue her higher education. Dr Chatsumarn Kabilsingh had just started the Home of Peace and Love intending to raise young girls and offer them a better education. Jieb was one of the early members of this project.

Jieb received full support from the temple and went on to high school and eventually completed a B.A. in Journalism at the local university in Nakhonpathom where the temple is situated.

Jieb has religious inclinations. She took temporary ordination to become samaneri for 9 days more than once. During the Covid pandemic, she stayed through the vassa. Her wish to become the temple girl is fulfilled as she is now a regular member who follows and assists the bhikkhunis when they go out for their alms round in the morning.

Jieb is assisting Ven. Dhammananda with IT, she does the filming of Ven. Dhammananda's teachings and put them on Youtube, she handles also various video clips of Ven. Dhammananda's talk both in Thai and English.

She works for Buddhasavika Foundation.

She is an animal lover, so she takes care of all the dogs in the temple, feeding them, caring for them, taking them to the vets, and also burying them when they pass away.

Ven. Dhammananda leads her sangha to perform proper sending off rituals for all the temple dogs and Jieb fulfils the task wholeheartedly. Personally, she feels that whatever duty she can do, she is serving Buddhism.

In 2023, Venerable Dhammananda urged her to learn how to drive, and now she is also taking care of the temple shopping with Muk.