

### **Suwaphat Autha (Pen)**

Pen was born in 1963; she will turn 60 this year. She has 3 brothers and 2 sisters, and she is the first child. Pisanulok province is her hometown. She completed grade 4 and moved to work in Nakhon Pathom province. She was divorced with a grown son and a grown daughter.

Around 2006, while Luang Mae was collecting alms food on Palace alley where Pen has been residing. She and her daughter offered alms food to Luang Mae. Luang Mae told Pen “Both mother and daughter if you are in need, come to see me at the monastery” Not for long, Pen came to assist the monastery’s work. Her main duties are cleaning Luang Mae’s residence, posting letters and parcels, grocery shopping, doing errands, etc. Luang Mae provided Pen’s daughter, Jeerawan Kraitana, with a scholarship until she graduated a B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering from Mahidol University. Jeerawan has been working for Michelin Co., Ltd. in Chon Buri province. Although her daughter got a good job, Pen is still assisting the monastery’s work.

Pen was temporarily ordained once on December 5th, 2019 and stayed as a novice for 9 days.