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Dear Thai Vipassana yogis,

We were all informed earlier today of the passing of Ajarn Nirand in Bangkok. Gail and I note this news with sadness but more with deep appreciative awe as we recount the enormous contribution Ajarn Nirand made to the spread of Dhamma in Thailand.

Ajarn Nirand was intimately involved with the design and construction of nearly all the centers in Thailand today, and along with the great work of Ajarn Sutthi's translations he recorded all of Goenkaji's instructions and discourses. He and Ajarn Sutthi together were untiring in their efforts to serve Dhamma and their teacher Goenkaji's mission. Our debt of gratitude to them is profound for their constant efforts to serve the spread of Vipassana in this tradition throughout the length and breath of Thailand.

With the passage of Ajarn Nirand an opportunity is at hand to realize and repay this debt in real actionable steps:

May all Dhamma servers in Thailand, all ATs, Trust members and course servers alike be inspired now to ask themselves how they can act to repay this debt. May all seize this inspirational opportunity to unite in common cause and join together in a united Dhamma organization benefitting all students. Let's commit to realize the fruits of our practice in real terms and thereby really pay homage to Ajarn Nirand's Dhamma work.

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John & Gail*****