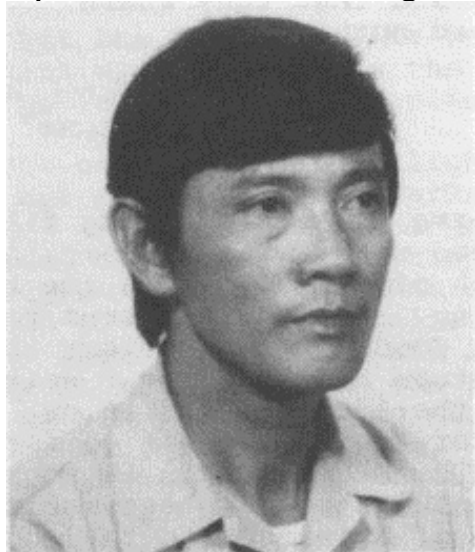


The Bodhi Stand

Upasaka Khanh Hung Giang



Khanh Hung Giang was born on January 2, 1938, in Saigon, Vietnam, one of ten siblings. He received eleven years of education and learned the French language. After school he joined the Vietnamese Air Force, where he studied military intelligence and worked in the security office. After his military duty was finished he learned mechanics and was also a long distance truck driver for the Vietnamese government supply division.

Khanh, his wife, and their two sons left Vietnam in the fall of 1980 by boat. The boat ride was difficult; water was severely rationed and his children were distraught. At this time Khanh had a vision of huge feet carrying their boat to safety. Sure enough, the boat had no mechanical difficulties nor did they encounter any pirates.

When the boat arrived in Malaysia, where the family spent the subsequent six months in camps, they found that food was insufficient and they had to sell some of their few personal belongings in order to buy enough food to survive.

The family arrived in the United States in April, 1981. They came directly to the Buddhist Council Training Program at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. The family fit in well here and early on expressed interest in Buddhist practice. After a few months Khanh and his wife secured positions on the staff of the Buddhist Council where they have been working ever since. Their sons attend Instilling Virtue School. Khanh can operate a ham radio and can do typing and accounting, as well as the other skills mentioned above. Khanh and his wife Mai have taken refuge with the Triple Jewel and attend ceremonies and lectures regularly while working hard to help new citizens at the Buddhist Council. They feel the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas is the Pure Land.

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