

WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

Thanks for Features

I really appreciated seeing the feature on parenting (June 2 *World Tribune*). The messages from parents were inspiring and also encouraging, because the parents shared both their joys and struggles—I can identify with both. From one parent’s description of low daimoku days on which her life-condition “bee-lines to the lower worlds” to another saying that parenting compels him to become a better person, to the mention of the happiness that comes from watching our “baby Buddhas” grow, reading these parents’ experiences was food for my soul. Also, as someone who is a big advocate of our organization encouraging and supporting 100 percent participatory fatherhood, I thought it significant, appropriate, contemporary, visionary and affirming that dads were a big part of this feature.

—LaVORA PERRY,
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I want to say thank you to Matilda Buck for the wonderful article in the June 9 *World Tribune* titled “Prayer: A Real Force for Change.”

I have just celebrated my 12th year of practice on June 4. However, for the last six months I have felt very “stuck” with the death of my best friend in November, followed by the death of another dear friend in February, and then my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in March. I have been going through serious doubt and have had a difficult time with deciding what my prayer should be. After reading this article I realize that I have had serious doubts believing that I am a Buddha (guess that will hold ya back, eh?). I am determined to pray with the belief that I am a Buddha (there, I said it and it felt pretty darn good!). My sincerest appreciation to Matilda for sharing her wisdom.

—KAREN CHRISTEN,
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