My very dear, very precious, very kind wish-fulfilling Ones,

Also to all the organizers of the Light of the Path retreat. Thank you sooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo much for your really beautiful, amazing, joyful dedication, really beautifully done, all your service, well done!

Taking care of sentient beings from the heart - so this is the really most meaningful life. Cherishing sentient beings and serving them as well as serving the teachings of Buddha to educate sentient beings to practice and actualize the path, in order to free them from the oceans of samsaric sufferings, not only that, but to achieve the peerless happiness, the state of omniscient mind.

Numberless Bodhisattvas abandon cherishing the I and totally change that into cherishing others and serving numberless sentient beings, like the numberless hell beings, numberless hungry ghosts, numberless animals, numberless human beings, numberless suras, numberless asuras and numberless intermediate state beings.

Numberless Buddhas only cherish the sentient beings, including yourself and numberless Bodhisattvas only cherish the sentient beings, including yourself.

Numberless Bodhisattvas collected extensive merits and practiced the path to enlightenment for all sentient beings and for you, numberless Buddhas became enlightened for all sentient beings and also for you, such as Shakyamuni Buddha - who taught the 84,000 teachings for all sentient beings and for you, and Lama Atisha and Lama Tsongkhapa and so forth - who taught the essence of the Buddha Dharma - the lam rim - for all sentient beings and also for you.

Therefore what you are doing is most pleasing to all the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, by cherishing sentient beings and taking care of them and serving them..... wow.... wow .....wow. This is also fulfilling His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s holy wishes – who is actual Chenrezig. So you are serving His Holiness the Dalai Lama and of course me..... little mouse, you are fulfilling my wishes as well.

So here I would like to express two quotations:

The great enlightened being, Tibetan Lama Sakya Pandita said with his great experience:

The merit you collect by making charity of your limbs for a thousand eons, giving away your head, legs and so forth and even dedicating that merit to sentient beings, can all be collected in one second by the Guru path.

So therefore it is really, really, really amazing, so meaningful what you are doing.

Also Sakya Pandita mentioned in the text “Drop of Mahamudra”:

As fire burns wood and turns it into ashes in one second, like that if the glorified Guru is pleased in one second the negative karmas are burned.

Just as matches are used to light a candle and make the candle flame, also a tiny flame can burn a few stories of hay so quickly, or a whole mountain can be burned just from a tiny flame. In the same way so much heavy negative karma that has been collected from thousand, millions, billions and trillions past lives can be purified in one second – just by pleasing the Guru.
Wow ... wow...wow It’s the most powerful purification, so much heavy negative karmas that one has collected in past lives, gets purified, in one second by pleasing the Guru.

Thank you very much. I hope to see you again soon

With much love and prayers,

Lama Zopa

Colophon: Thank you offered and read out to all Light of Path volunteers; Scribe Ven Holly Ansett; Black Mountain, North Carolina, USA. May 2014