

January 11, 2008

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and I send you all the best wishes for the New Year. To give you a brief update: Overall, here in Seattle things are good. Khenpo Rinpoche's health is quite similar to how I described it in my letter to you of August 30, 2007. His daily activity level varies. Some days, he likes to stay quiet and alone; other days, he enjoys having Dharma texts read to him and he interacts more with his students in the household. He regularly goes out for car rides and walks, and he gives interviews of approximately five to twenty minutes in length to either individuals or small groups of up to four people at a time.

These interviews have been going very well. The students have really enjoyed meeting Rinpoche in this way, and Rinpoche himself also seems to be enjoying these intimate meetings.

Now, Rinpoche has extended the opportunity to all of you to come to see him in this way. If you would like to come to see Rinpoche, it would be good if you stay in Seattle for three to five days, just to insure that there will definitely be time for Rinpoche to see you. And although it is unlikely, it is nevertheless possible that Rinpoche will cancel his interviews on any particular day. Therefore, it is important that you come here without any expectation of what Rinpoche may do or not.

Interview dates (for those who have not already scheduled an interview in January) will begin February 1, and will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to come, please write to me at ktgr@attglobal.net and let me know the date you prefer (you should specify two or three alternative choices of dates). Then I will write you back to let you know which of your choices of dates works best, and ask you to write me within three days to confirm that you are actually coming then.

I hope to see you here in Seattle soon!

Sarva Mangalam,
Ari Goldfield