

KADAMPA BUDDHISM WORLDWIDE

2020

"Buddha's teaching
is the actual method to
solve human problems
and accomplish the real
meaning of human life."

Venerable Geshe
Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche



International Teaching Program
of Festivals & Dharma Celebrations





VENERABLE GESHE KELSANG GYATSO RINPOCHE

"How to solve human problems is, in reality, very simple. But because we ignore the advice that comes from enlightened beings, our problems are endless, and never finish."



An Authentic Spiritual Teacher & Author for Modern Times

The Founder of the New Kadampa Tradition, and the source and inspiration of all its teachings, practices and activities is Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, affectionately known as "Venerable Geshe-la". Through his extraordinary vision in establishing Buddhist centers and Temples, creating teaching, meditation and Teacher training programs and writing 23 authoritative books on all aspects of Buddhist practice, he dedicated his life to presenting the wisdom and compassion of Buddha's teachings in practical ways that everyone can use in their daily lives to solve their problems and enjoy greater peace and happiness.

Everything within this brochure is a manifestation of the compassionate heart of this remarkable holy being, who has touched the hearts of countless people throughout the world, inspiring them to begin and complete the inner journey that leads to the ultimate inner peace and lasting happiness of complete enlightenment.



2026 WORLDWIDE FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

"The international program of teachings is the doorway through which people of the modern world can enter the great treasury of compassion and wisdom that is Kadampa Buddhism."

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche



Besides the three International Festivals, each year the NKT offers a comprehensive program of National Festivals and national and regional Dharma Celebrations.

This brochure details the teaching program for 2026.

**Buddha Amitayus Empowerment
and Teachings on Eight Verses
of Training The Mind**
with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

May 22-27



Through this empowerment we will receive the special blessings of Amitayus, the Buddha of long life, wisdom and merit.

Then, based on *Eight Verses of Training the Mind*, Gen-la Khyenrab will explain how we can transform all the problems and difficulties of our daily life into opportunities for developing authentic love and compassion, and for finding true and lasting happiness.

"If everyone were to practice cherishing others, many of the major problems of the world would be solved in a few years."

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche
The New Eight Steps to Happiness



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NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FESTIVAL 2026

The Supreme Path to Enlightenment

JULY 24 -
AUGUST 8

Teachings on the Stages of the Path, Lamrim & Highest Yoga Tantra Empowerments and Commentary

WEEK 1 Teachings on Kadam Lamrim - The Stages of the Path to Enlightenment with the Deputy Spiritual Director

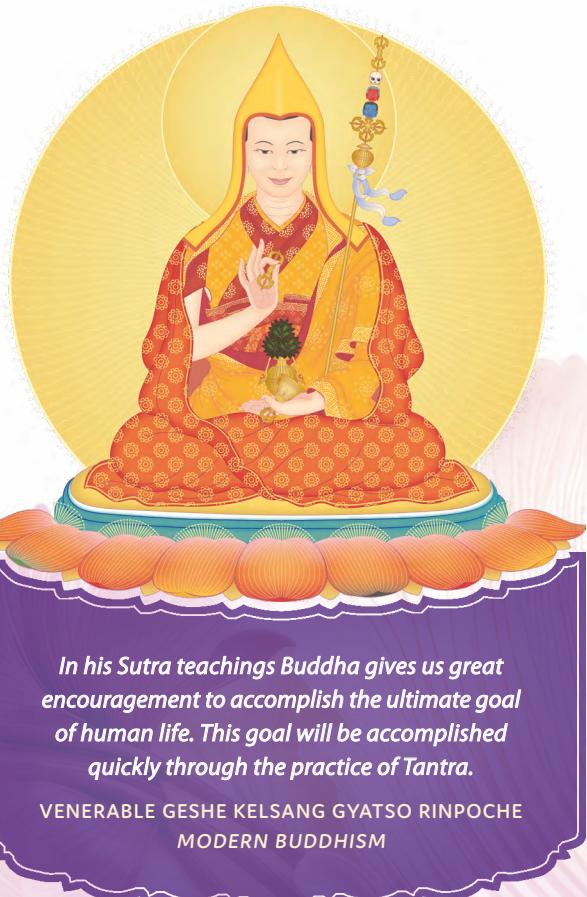
The Lamrim instructions form the main body of Buddha's teachings. By integrating these instructions into our daily life, we can learn how to control our mind and always keep a good motivation in our heart. This will make all our daily actions pure and meaningful and, as we experience increasingly more peaceful states of mind, we will discover the supreme happiness of enlightenment. This week will also be a perfect preparation for receiving Highest Yoga Tantra empowerments.



WEEK 2 Heruka Body Mandala & Vajrayogini Empowerments with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

Highest Yoga Tantra is a special method for attaining enlightenment in this one short life. The very essence of Highest Yoga Tantra can be found in the practices of Heruka and Vajrayogini.

Gen-la Kelsang Jampa will grant the Heruka and Vajrayogini empowerments that bestow upon us the special blessings of these Buddhas. He will then give clear and practical teachings on how to enter and make progress on this blissful, quick path to enlightenment – the ultimate goal of our human life.



In his Sutra teachings Buddha gives us great encouragement to accomplish the ultimate goal of human life. This goal will be accomplished quickly through the practice of Tantra.

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Je Tsongkhapa Empowerment

Teachings on Faith in Guru Tsongkhapa and the
Blessed Practice of the *Migtsema* Request Prayer
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong



OCTOBER 9-15

During the Fall Festival 2026, Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong will grant the empowerment of the Wisdom Buddha Je Tsongkhapa. She will also explain how to develop and improve our faith

in our Spiritual Guide seen as one with Je Tsongkhapa, and on the practice of *Migtsema*, the special mantra and prayer of praise and request to Je Tsongkhapa.

This prayer is very blessed because it was originally spoken by Buddha Manjushri, and comes from Manjushri's *Emanation Scripture*, which he transmitted directly to Je Tsongkhapa.

Many of Je Tsongkhapa's followers attained very high realizations through the practice of *Migtsema* combined with the Guru yoga of Je Tsongkhapa. The *Migtsema* practice is the best method for increasing our faith in Je Tsongkhapa and his teachings, and if we practice Je Tsongkhapa's teachings sincerely with faith, we can attain enlightenment quickly and easily.



at KMC Spain
kadampafestivals.org/fall



"Everybody welcome to this Festival. It is very nice to meet you. We are gathered together here - this is wonderful... This is a wonderful opportunity for me and for you. This is our spiritual holiday, meaningful holiday. This holiday gives us great meaning in our life, I promise. So please enjoy."

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche
Fall Festival 2013, Portugal

MANJUSHRI KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER

Manjushri KMC is the Mother Center of the NKT. It is Venerable Geshe-la's spiritual home where he lived for many years and began his work making modern Kadampa Buddhism flourish in this world.

Manjushri KMC is home to the first Kadampa Temple for World Peace, and International Spring and Summer Festivals are held here each year.

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER SPAIN

KMC Spain was born from the compassionate heart of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, who envisioned a Kadampa Buddhist Temple near Malaga. On May 5, 2006, Venerable Geshe-la visited to officially open and bless the center.

Located just outside Malaga at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, the site is now home to the sixth Kadampa Temple for World Peace and was opened by Gen-la Dekyong in a special ceremony in 2022. The center has become a regular spiritual destination for Kadampa Buddhists and the general public alike.



PUBLIC TALKS

This year, Gen-la Dekyong gave three major public talks in the US and the UK. The talks were hugely popular and each event drew around a thousand attendees.

Through these talks, hundreds of newcomers had the opportunity to hear Buddha's wisdom for the first time. With remarkable skill, Gen-la presented profound Dharma in a way that deeply resonated with people's personal experience – an uncommon and special quality of Kadampa Dharma.

We thank Gen-la for her beautiful example and kindness in giving teachings throughout the world.



1. Thousand Oaks, California 2. New York City 3. London

More talks are planned with Gen-la Dekyong & other Teachers in cities worldwide



YEAR AT A GLANCE

January	Event
2 - 7	Australian National Festival
9 - 14	New Zealand National Festival
February	Event
6 - 8	Irish Dharma Celebration
27 - 1 Mar	Northwest US Dharma Celebration
March	Event
6 - 8	Mid-Atlantic US Dharma Celebration
13 - 15	Chilean Dharma Celebration
13 - 15	Southern US Dharma Celebration
13 - 16	Nordic National Festival
20 - 22	Florida Dharma Celebration
20 - 22	Midwest Dharma Celebration
27 - 29	Scottish Dharma Celebration
27 - 30	Southeast Asian Dharma Celebration
April	Event
1 - 5	Spanish National Festival
2 - 5	Argentinian Dharma Celebration

2 - 6	Swiss, Italian & Austrian National Festival	September	Event
3 - 6	Australian Dharma Celebration	4 - 7	Northeast US Dharma Celebration
3 - 6	German Dharma Celebration	4 - 7	Southwest US Dharma Celebration
3 - 8	French National Festival	4 - 7	Swiss Dharma Celebration
17 - 20	East Asian Dharma Celebration	4 - 7	UK Dharma Celebration
17 - 21	Brazilian Dharma Celebration	11 - 13	Southern Germany Dharma Celebration
23 - 26	New Zealand Dharma Celebration	18 - 20	Colombian Dharma Celebration
24 - 26	Mexican National Festival	25 - 27	Peruvian Dharma Celebration
24 - 27	South African National Festival	October	Event
24 - 29	US National Festival	★ 9 - 15	International Fall Festival, Spain
30 - 3 May	Portuguese National Festival	May	Event
1 - 5	Canadian National Festival	June	Event
★ 22 - 27	International Spring Festival, UK	19 - 24	Northern Spanish Dharma Celebration
19 - 24	Northern Spanish Dharma Celebration	July	Event
★ 24 - Aug 8	International Summer Festival, UK	13 - 15	Portuguese Dharma Celebration

20 - 23	Nordic Dharma Celebration
20 - 24	German National Festival
27 - 30	French Dharma Celebration
December	Event
4 - 6	California Dharma Celebration
4 - 8	Spanish Dharma Celebration
11 - 13	Welsh Dharma Celebration
11 - 14	Asian National Festival
January 2027	Event
1 - 6	Australian National Festival
8 - 11	New Zealand National Festival

National Festivals and Dharma Celebrations take place in centers throughout the world. The following pages celebrate just a few of the Kadampa centers worldwide.



UNITED KINGDOM



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- The opening of a new Temple at Tara IKRC
- Vajrasattva KMC opened their new building
- A Public Talk of almost 1,000 attendees was held in Central London with Gen-la Dekyong



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Large Public Talks were held in KMC Mexico and Monterrey this Summer
- Mexico City celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of their center
- 300 people attended a weekend of teachings at Cuernavaca

KMC DEUACHEN, PORTUGAL



THARPALAND KMC, GERMANY



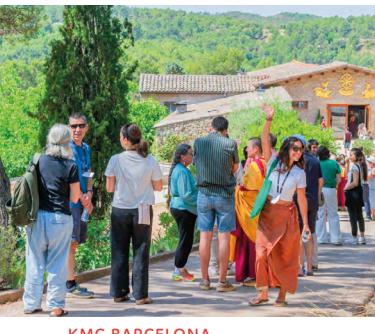
KMC SPAIN, MALAGA



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- In Amsterdam their first urban Temple opened
- 600 people attended the Spanish National Festival 2025
- In 2025 Tharpa Sweden published their 7th book in Swedish
- KMC Girona, Spain, saw the opening ceremony of their new urban Temple
- In Germany, KMC Cologne officially opened their new center, before the first Western Germany DC

EUROPE



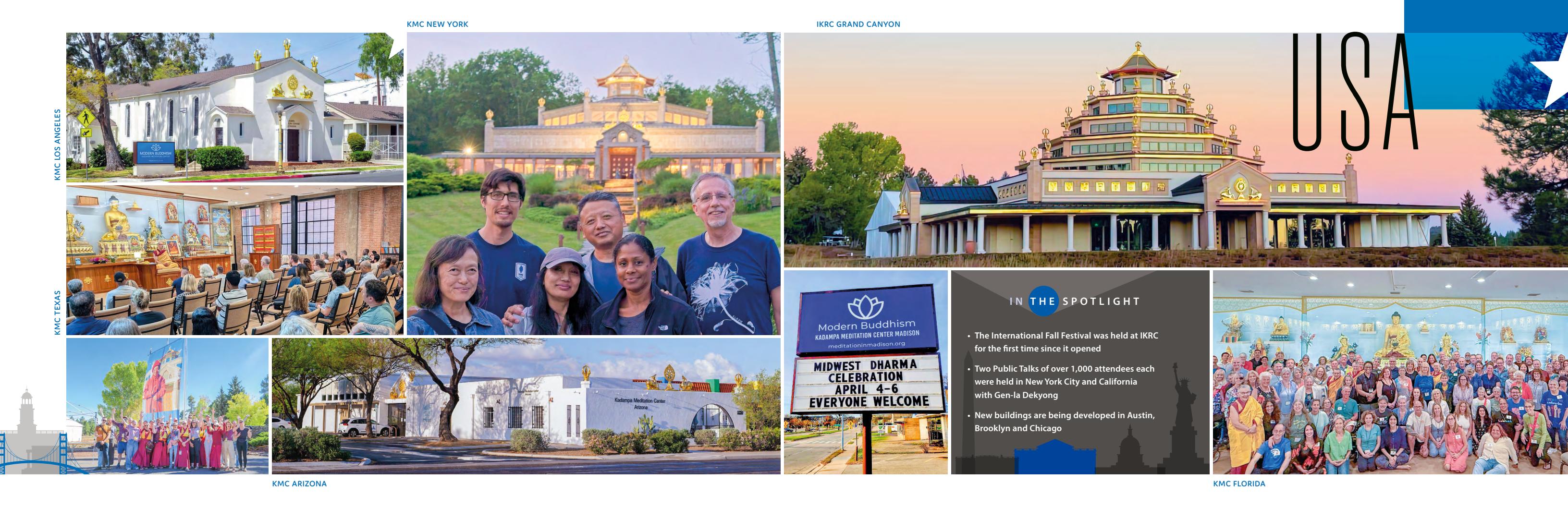
KMC BARCELONA



KMC PARIS



KMC NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM



KMC LOS ANGELES

KMC NEW YORK

IKRC GRAND CANYON

KMC TEXAS

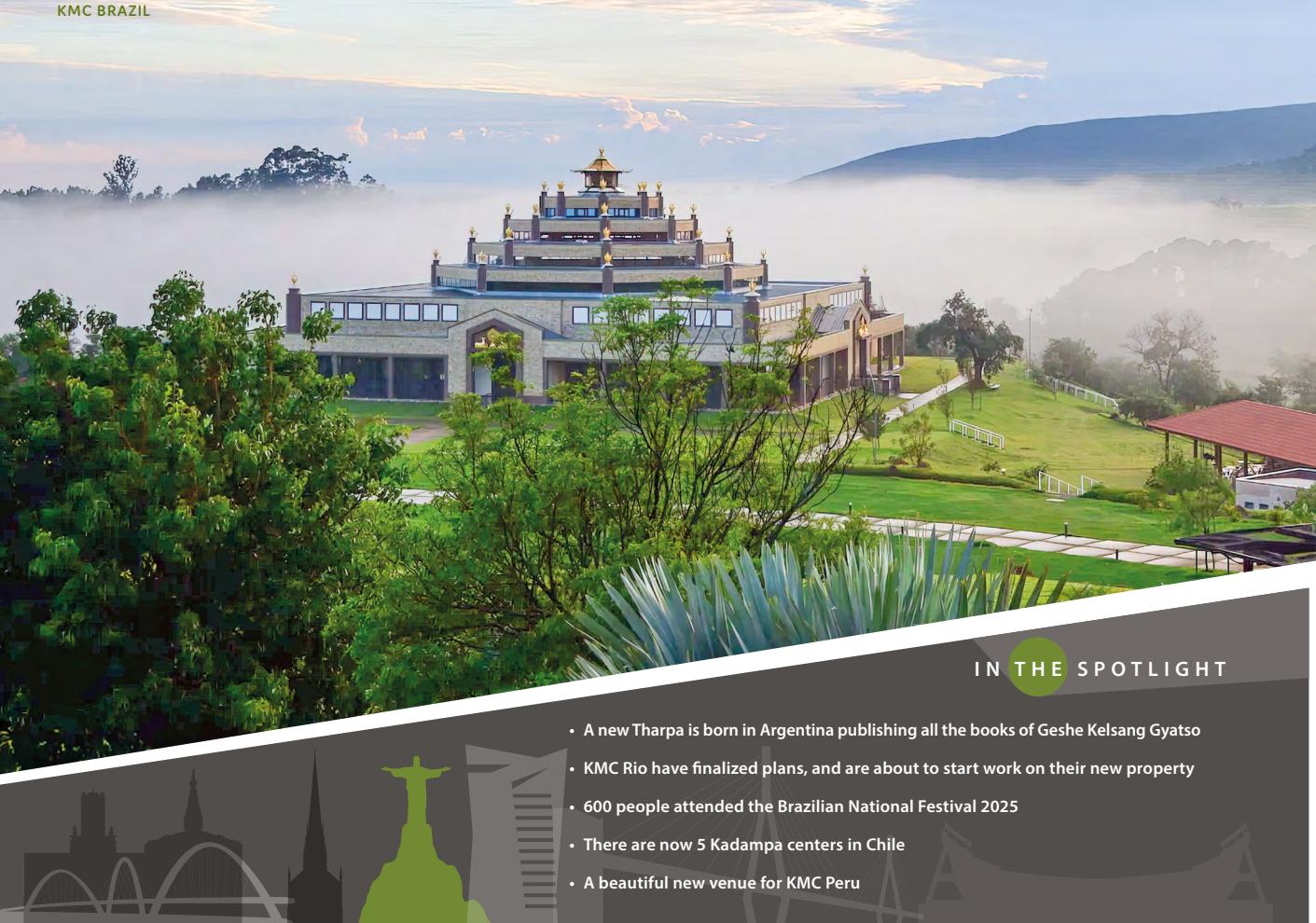
KMC ARIZONA

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- The International Fall Festival was held at IKRC for the first time since it opened
- Two Public Talks of over 1,000 attendees each were held in New York City and California with Gen-la Dekyong
- New buildings are being developed in Austin, Brooklyn and Chicago

KMC FLORIDA

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA



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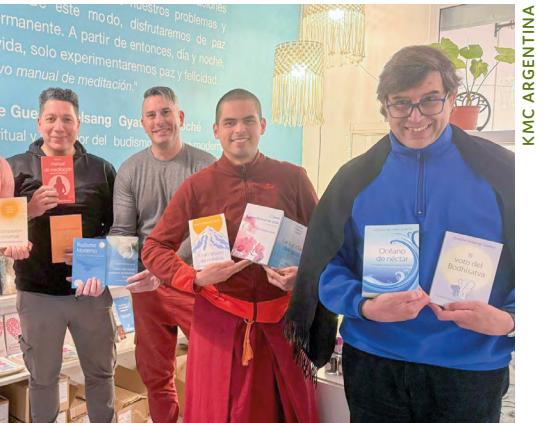
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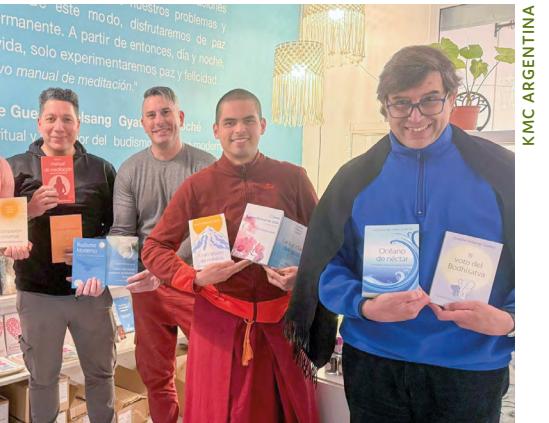
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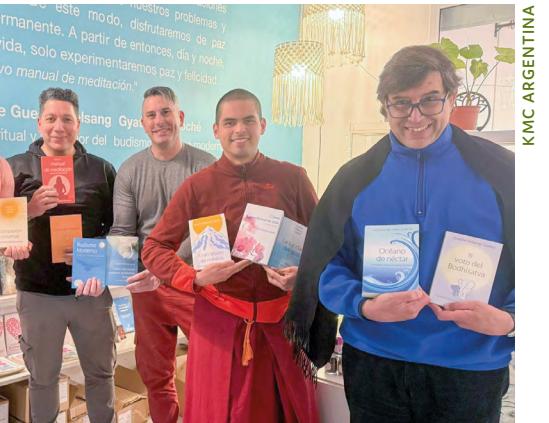
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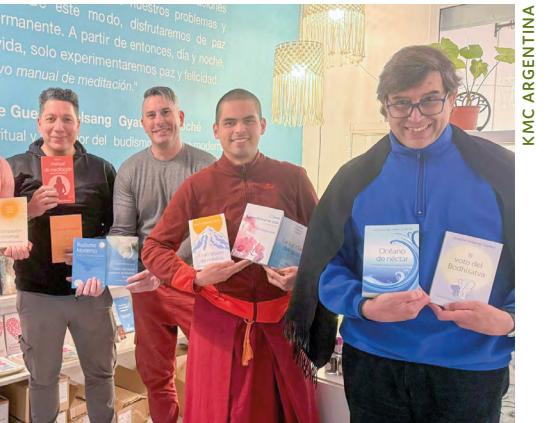
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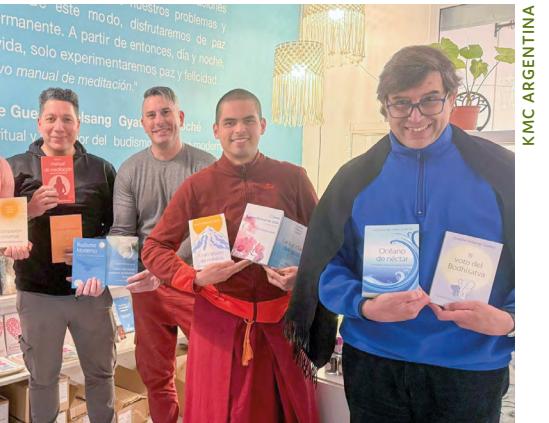
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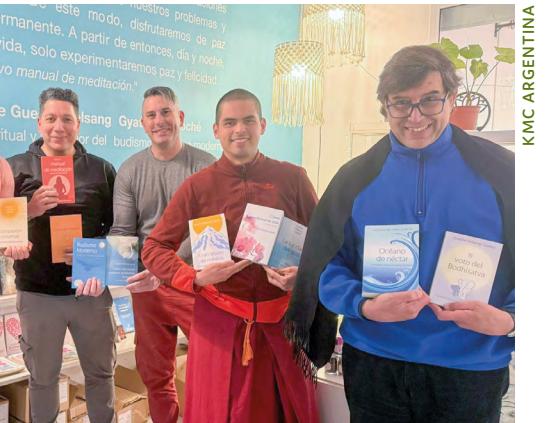
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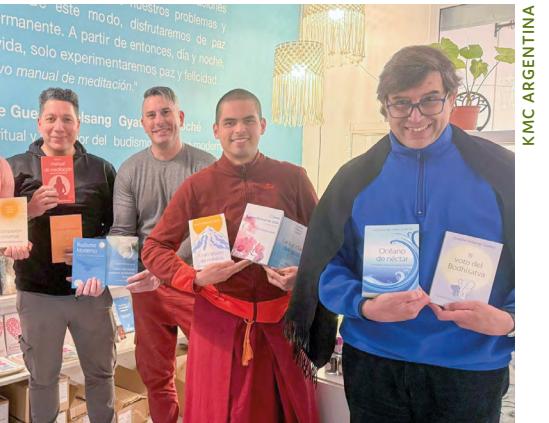
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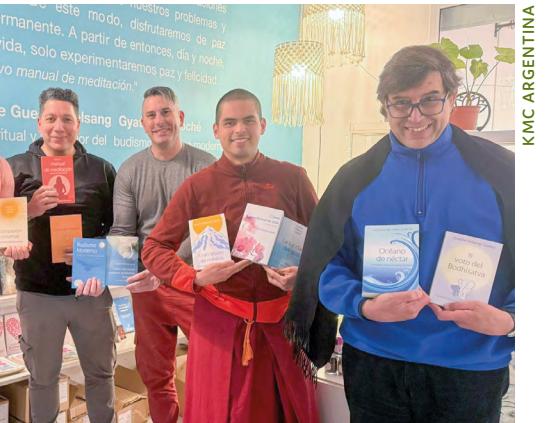
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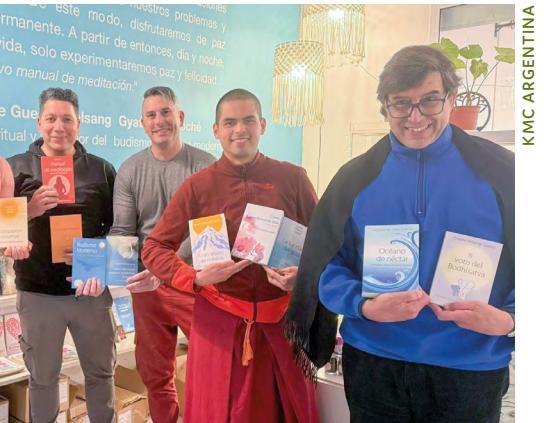
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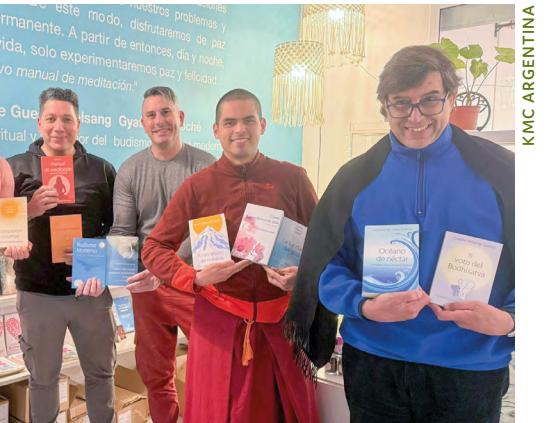
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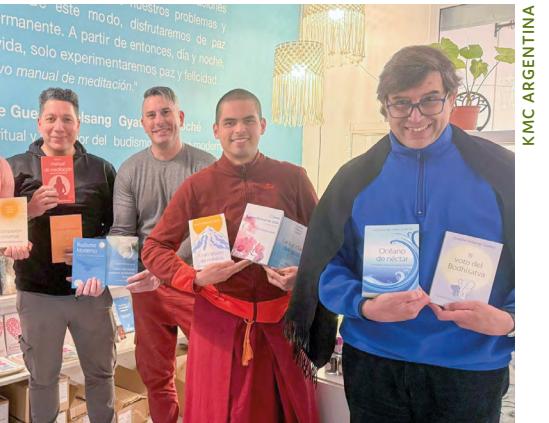
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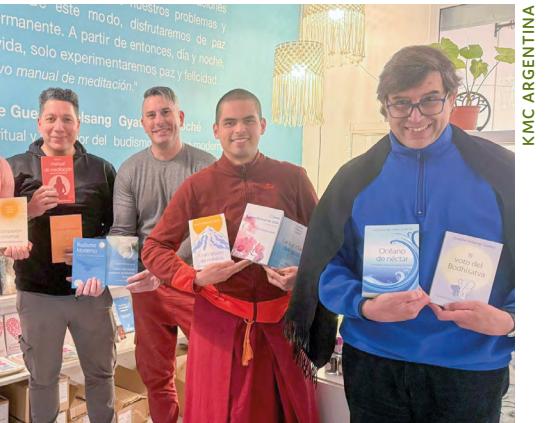
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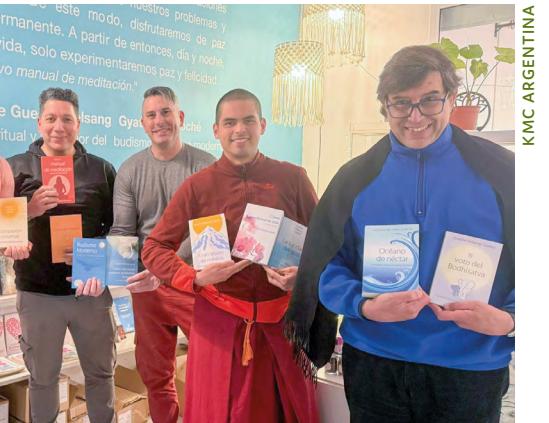
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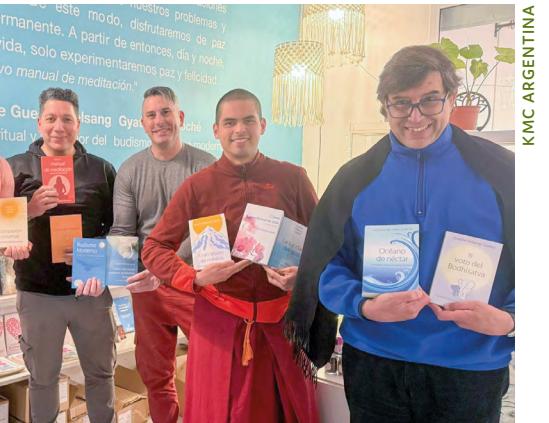
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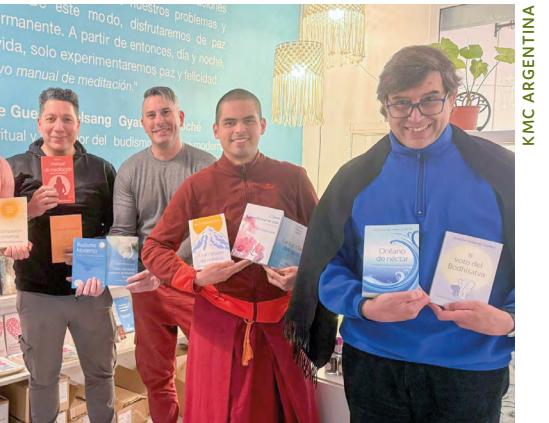
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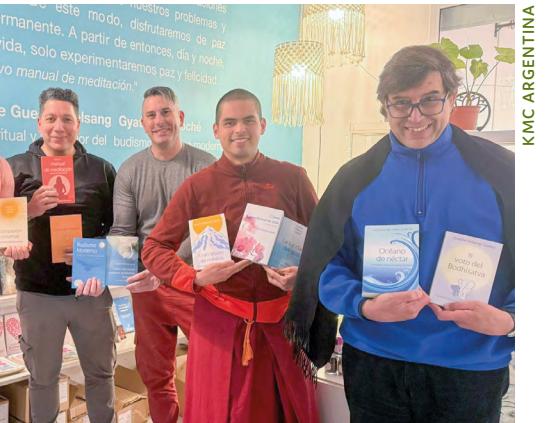
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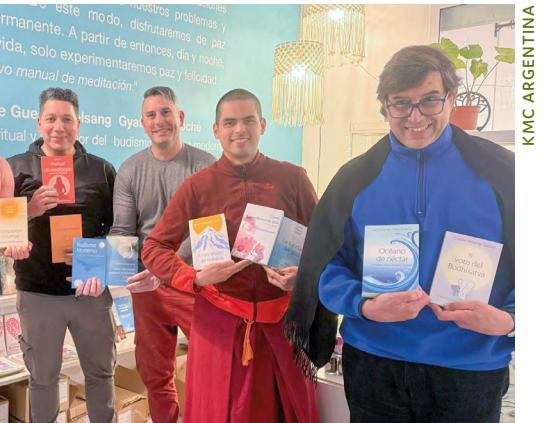
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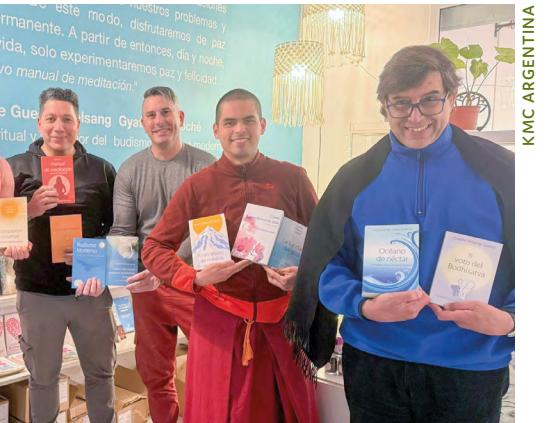
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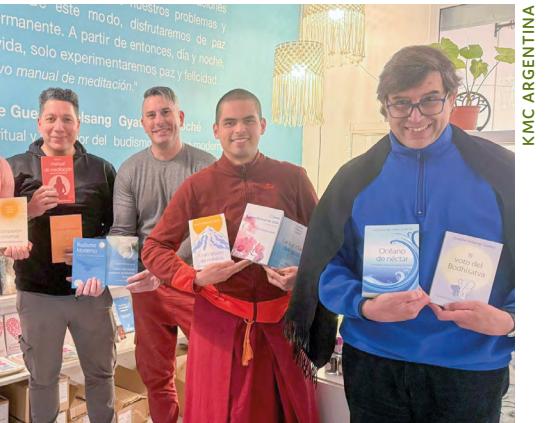
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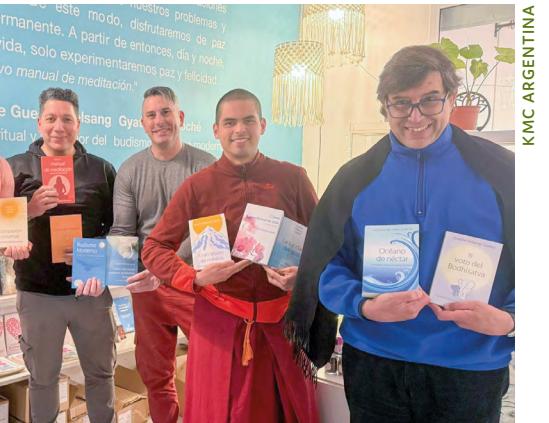
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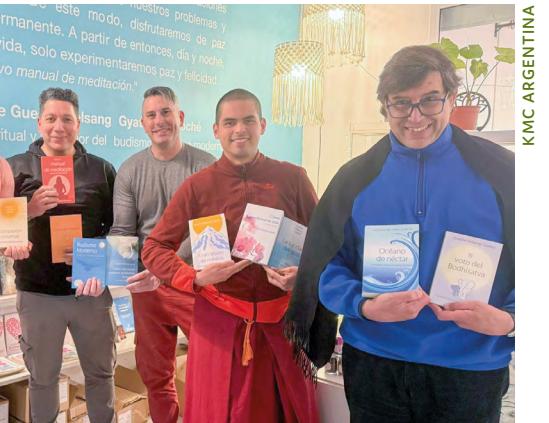
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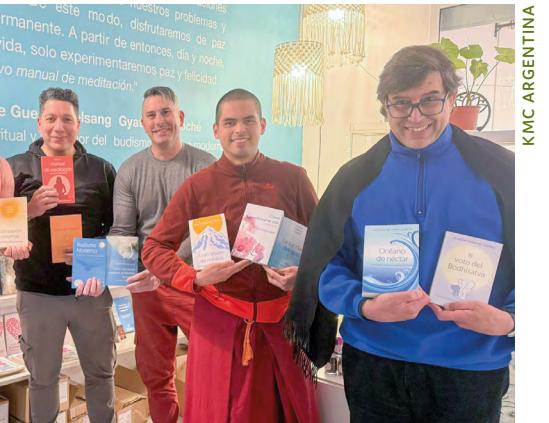
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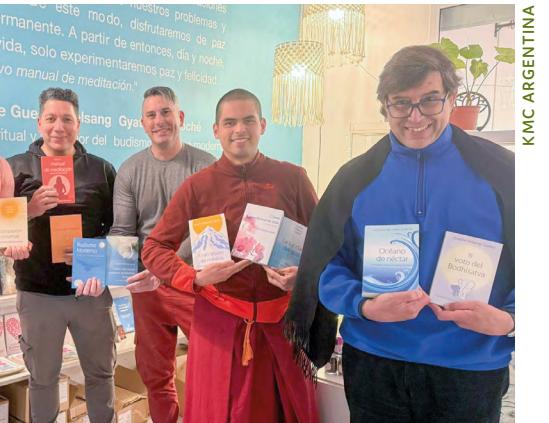
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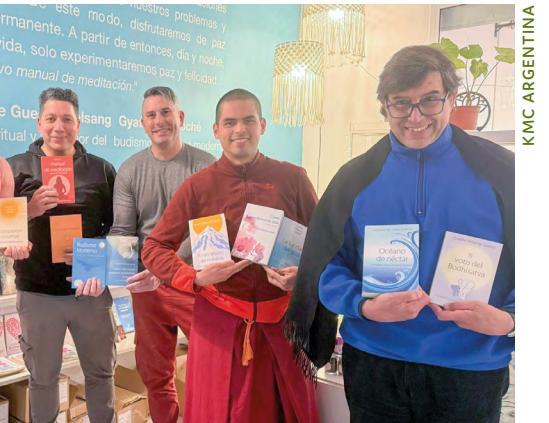
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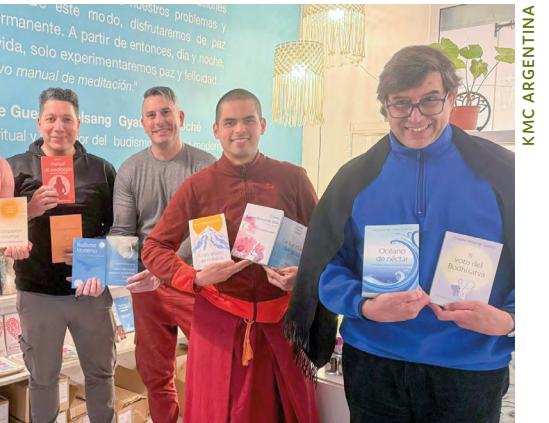
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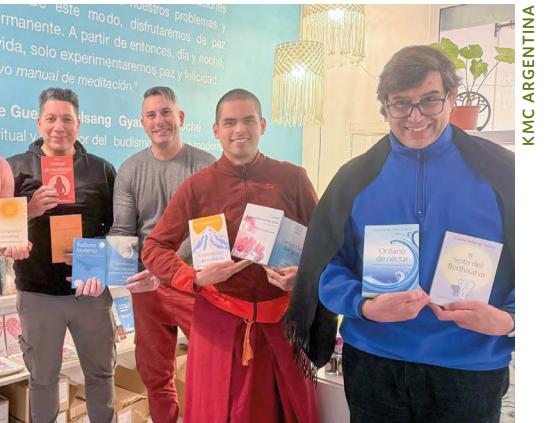
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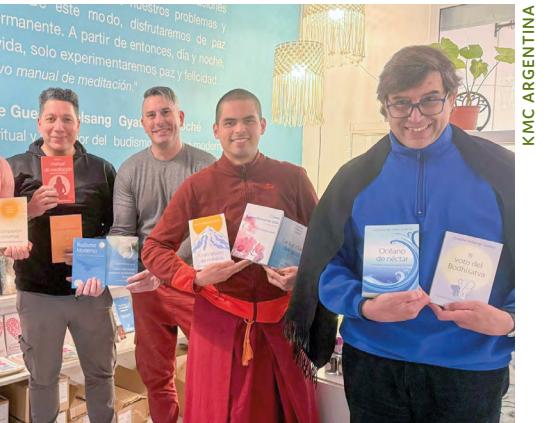
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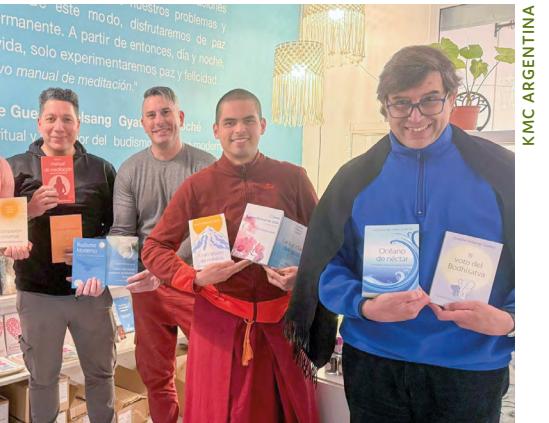
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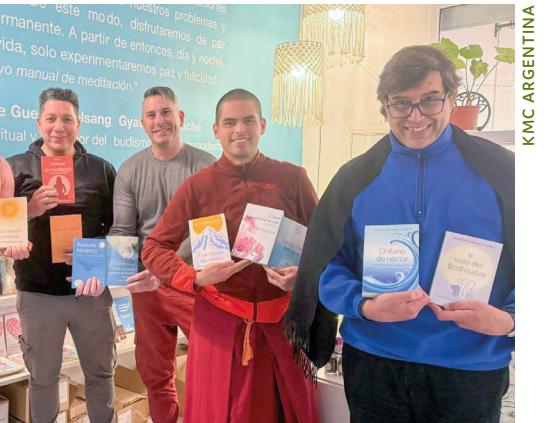
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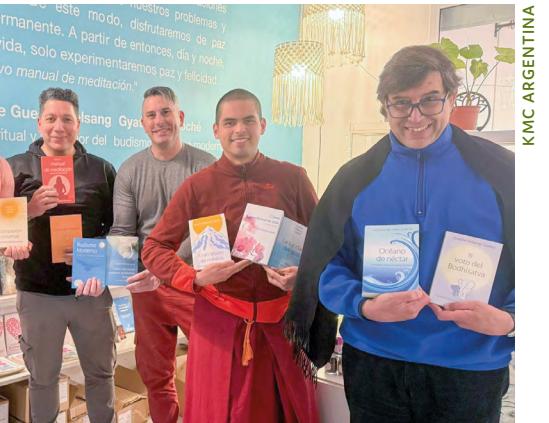
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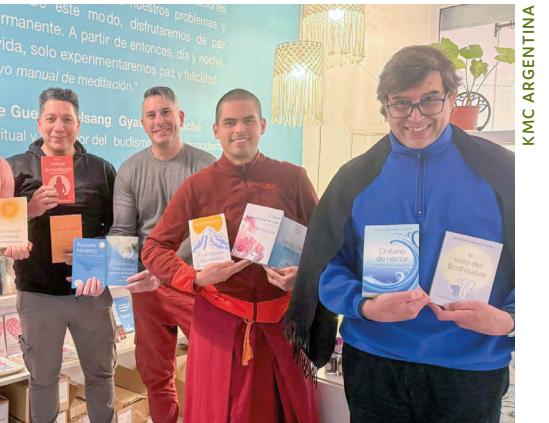
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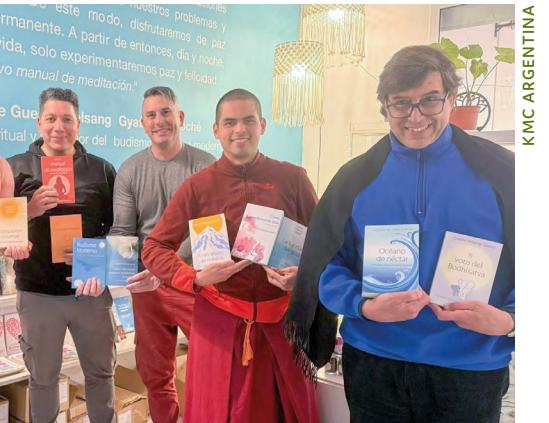
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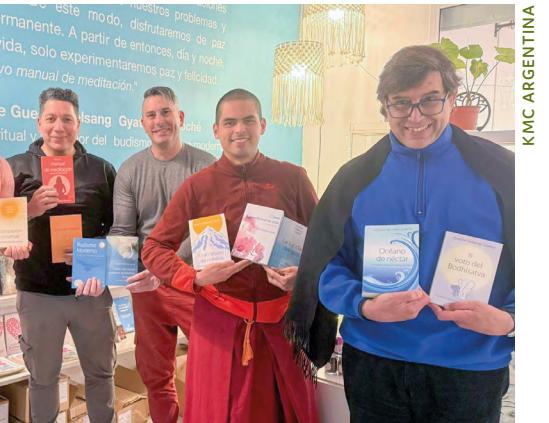
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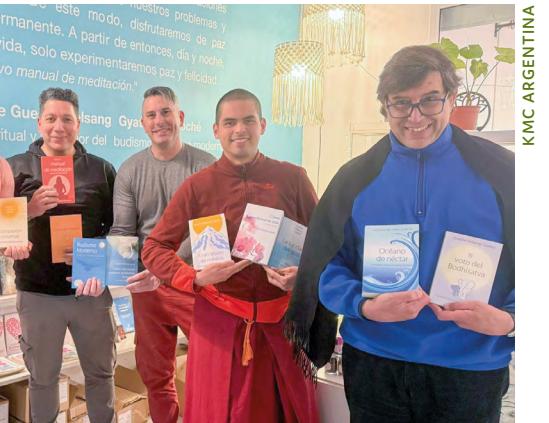
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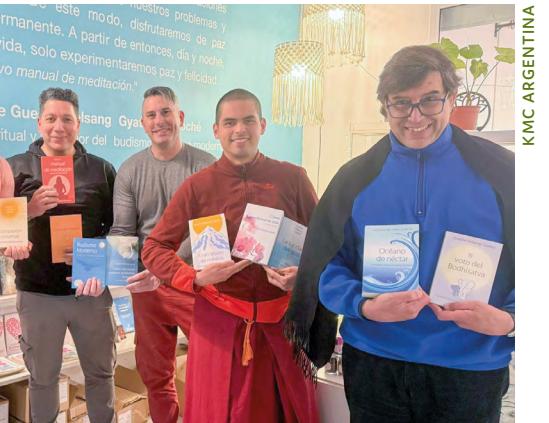
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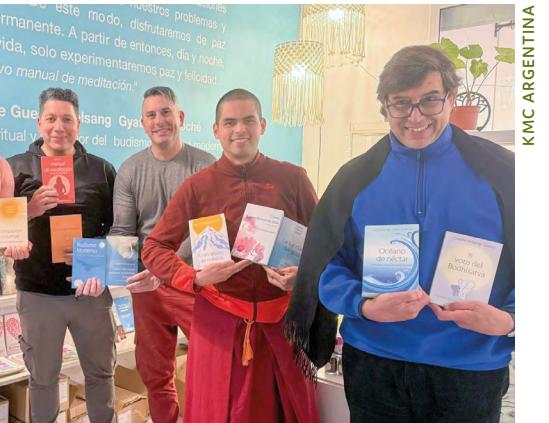
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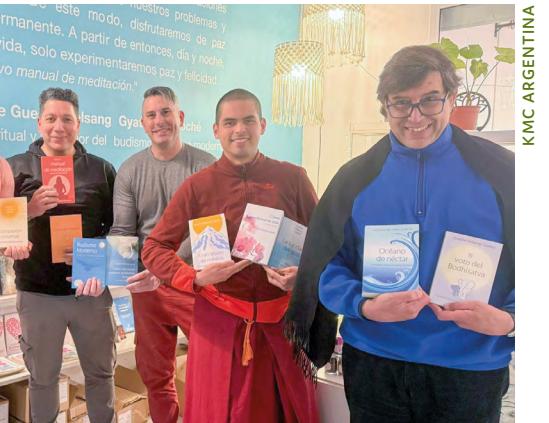
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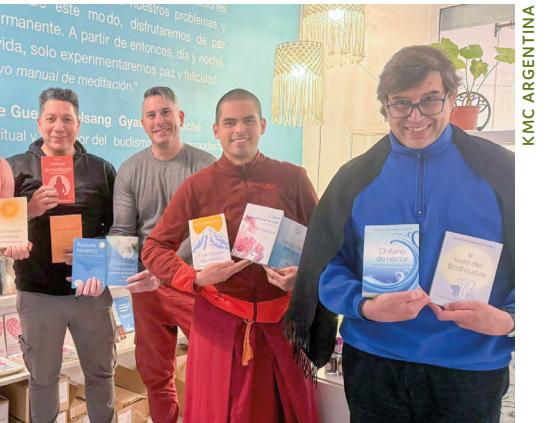
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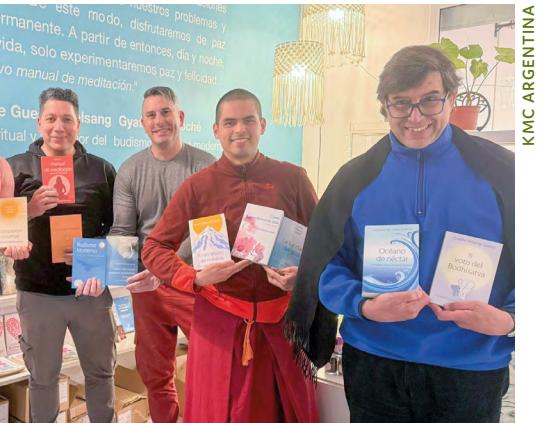
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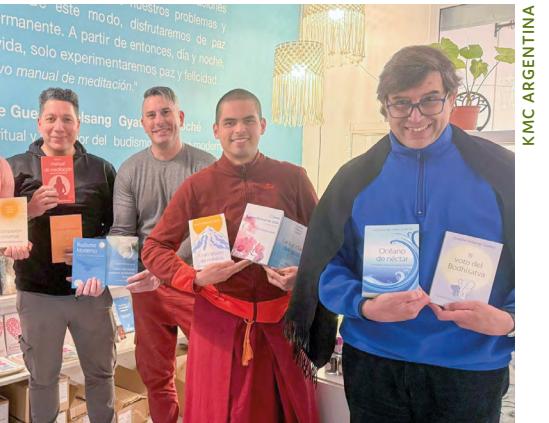
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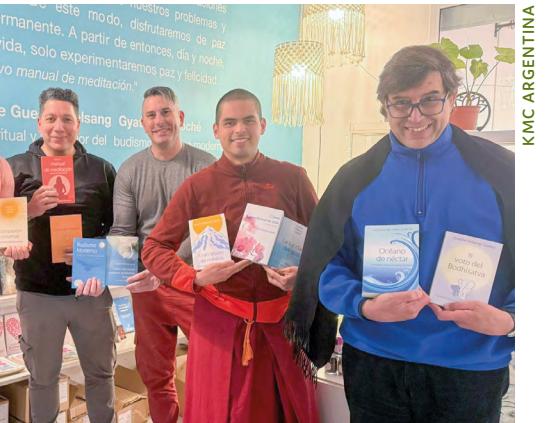
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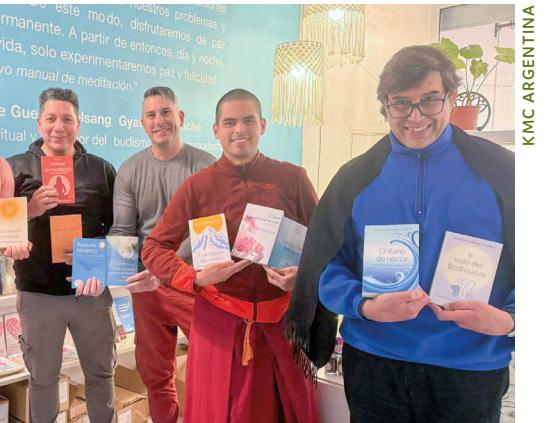
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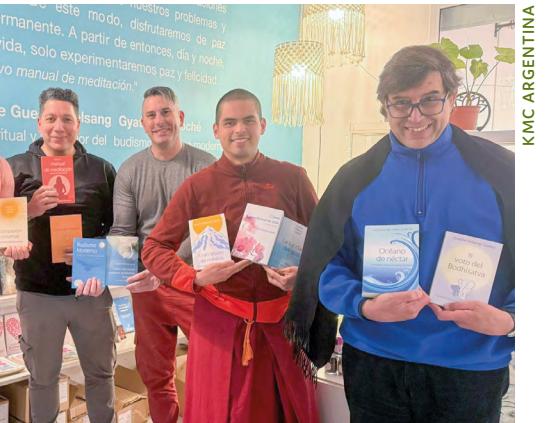
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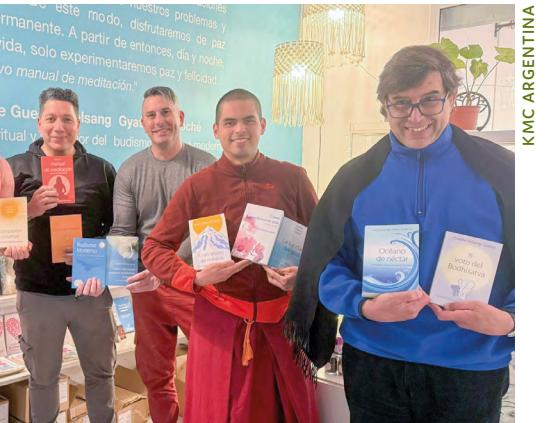
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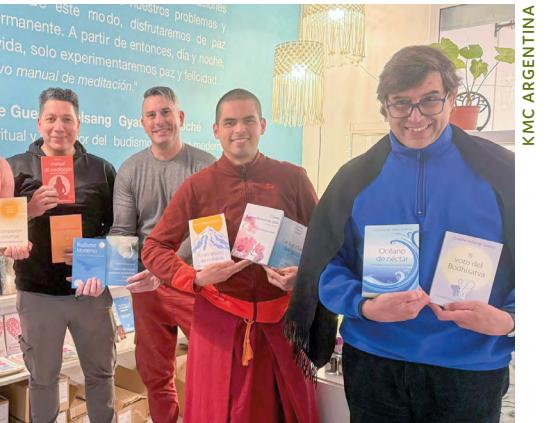
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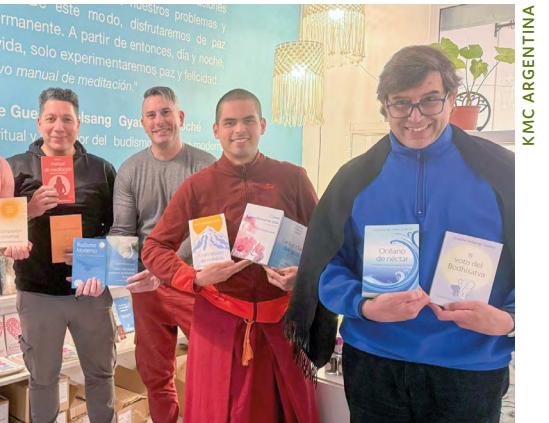
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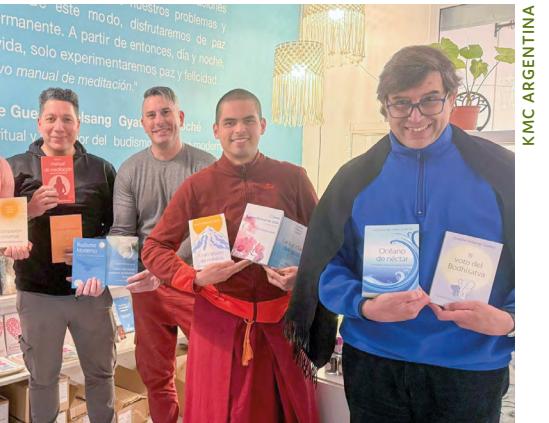
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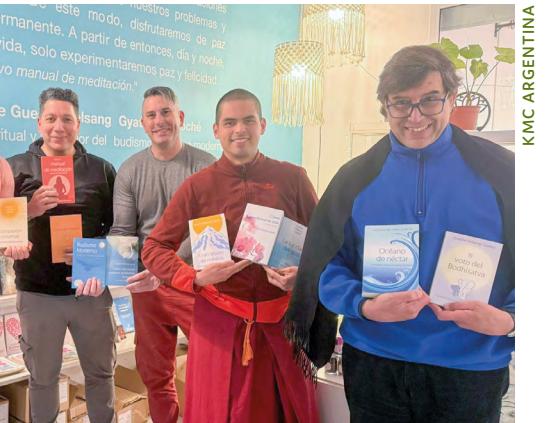
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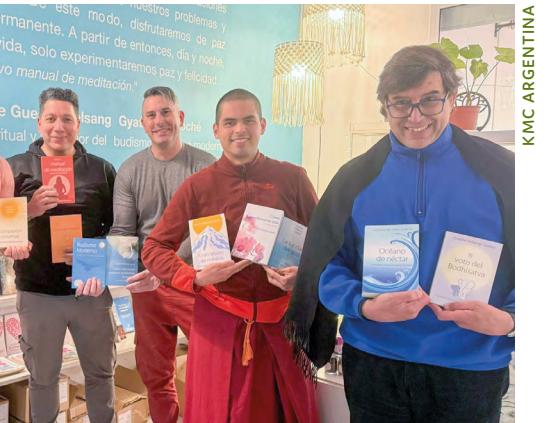
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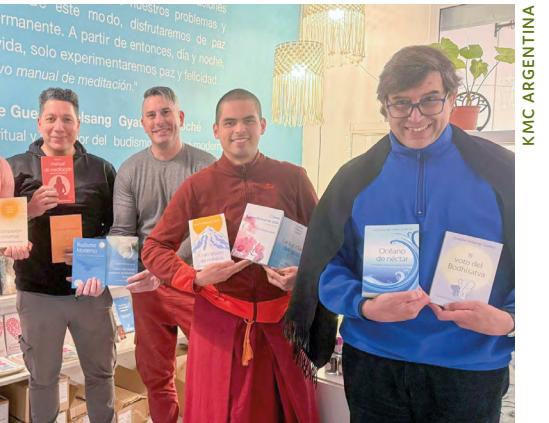
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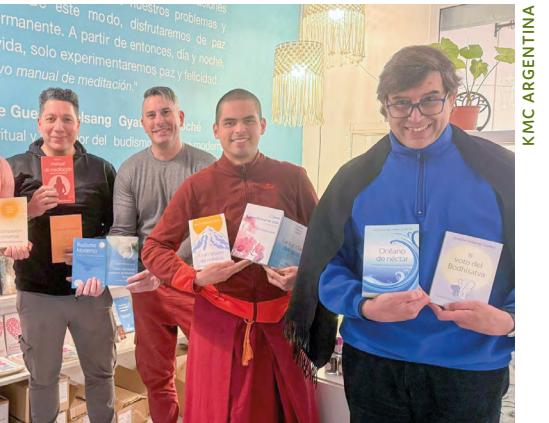
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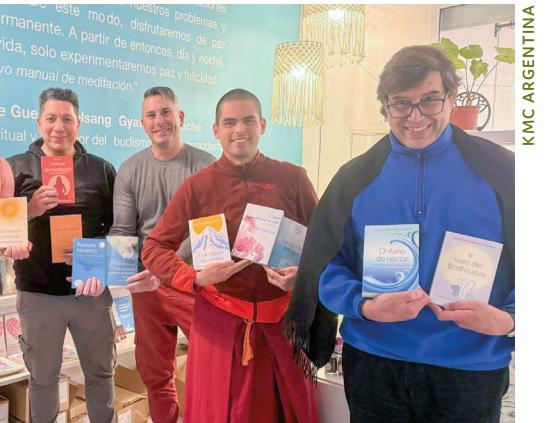
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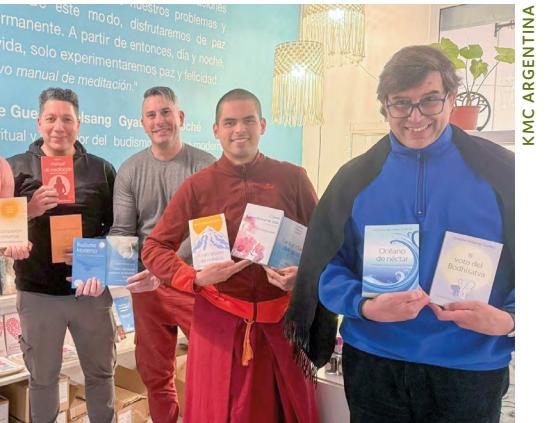
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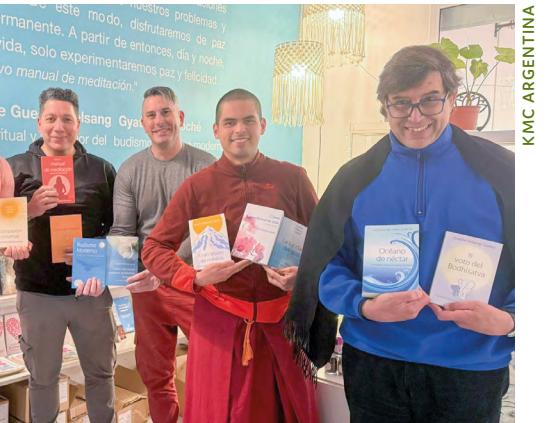
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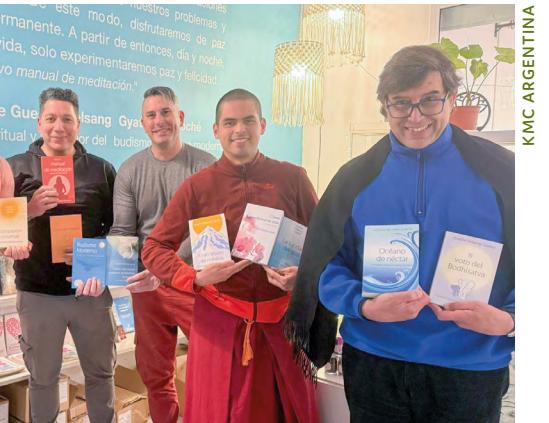
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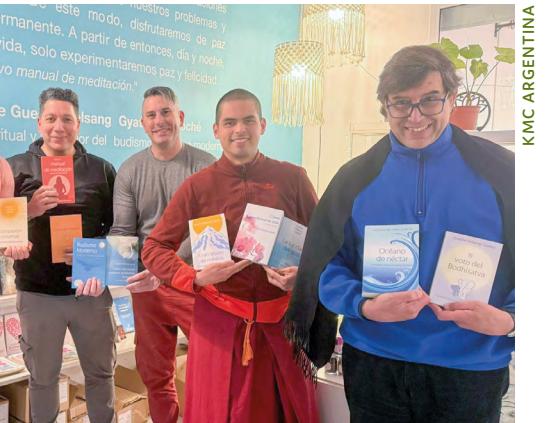
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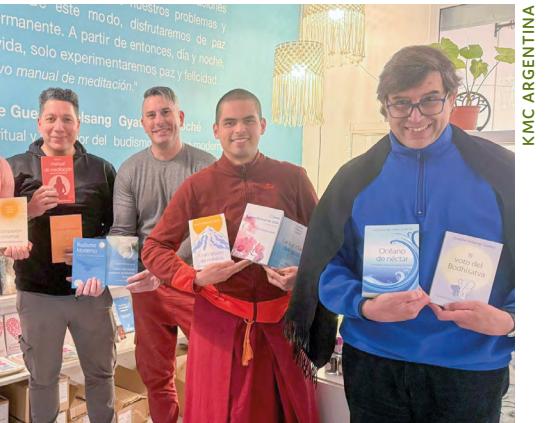
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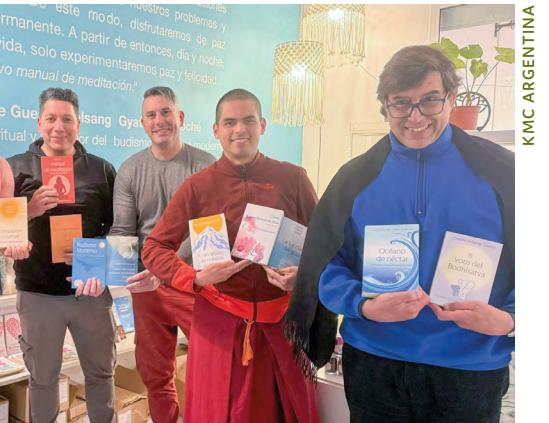
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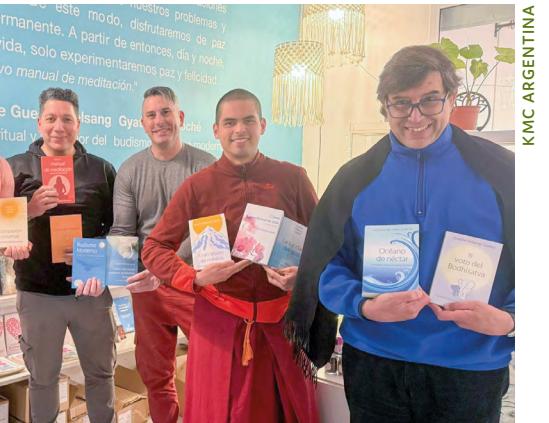
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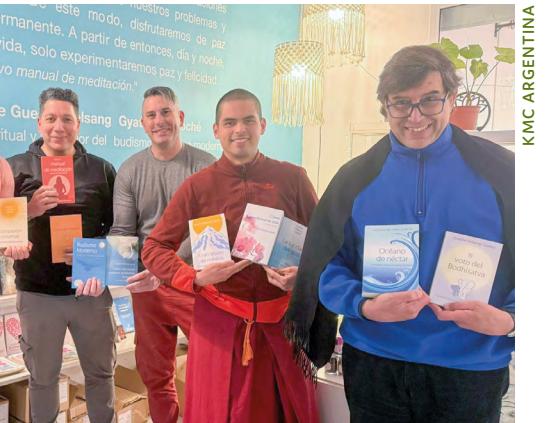
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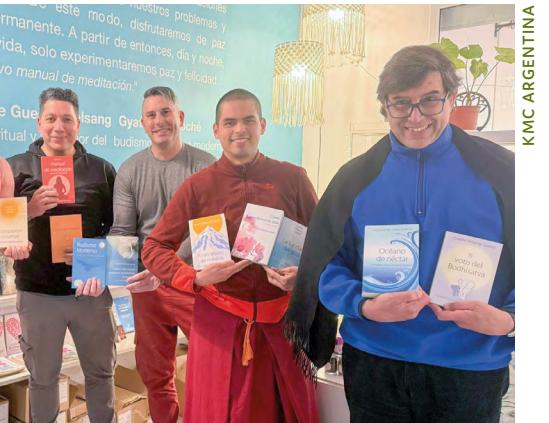
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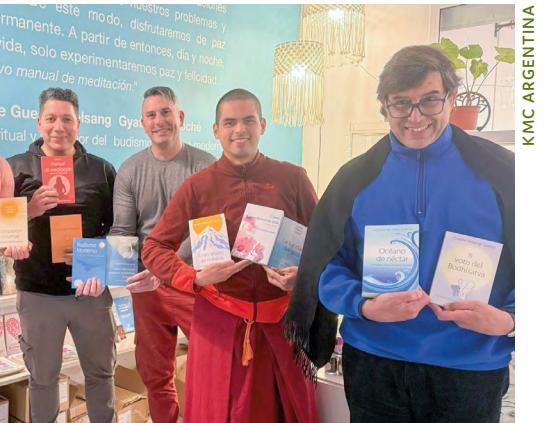
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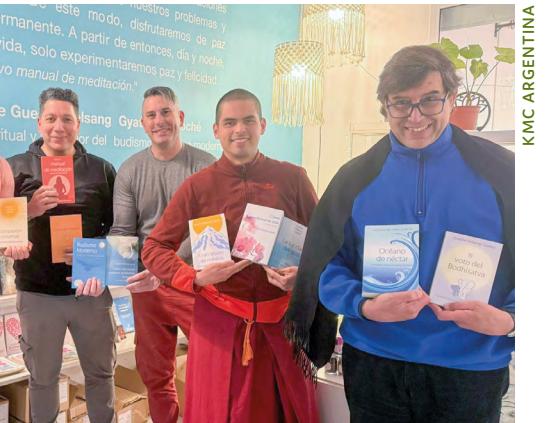
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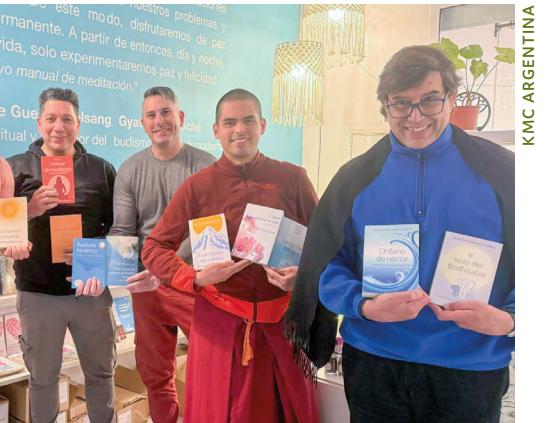
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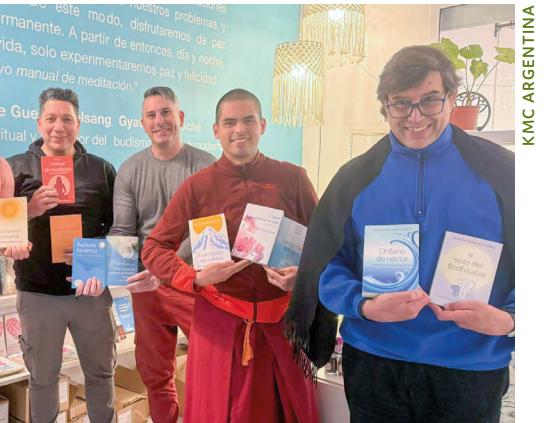
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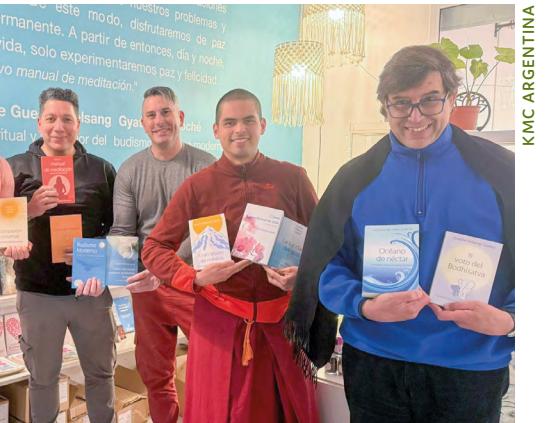
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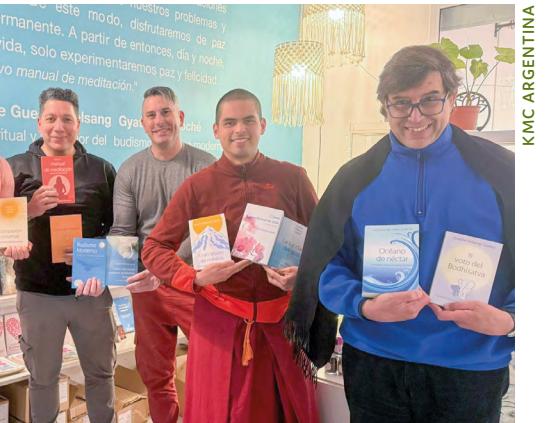
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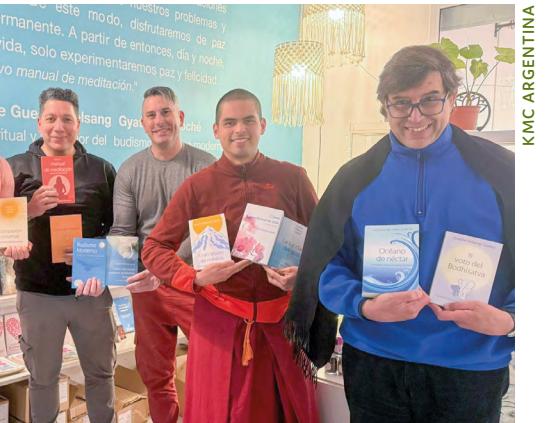
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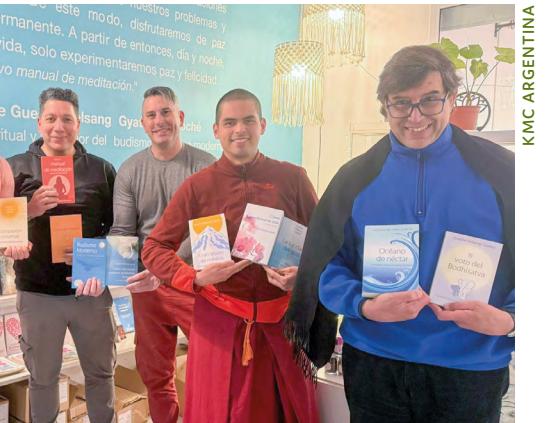
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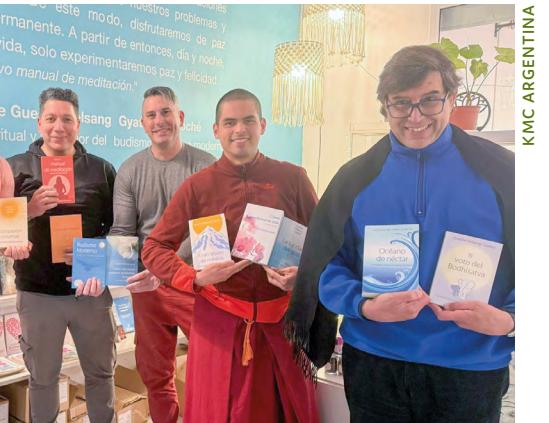
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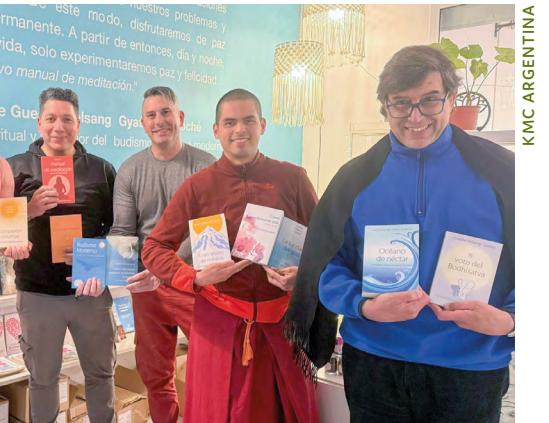
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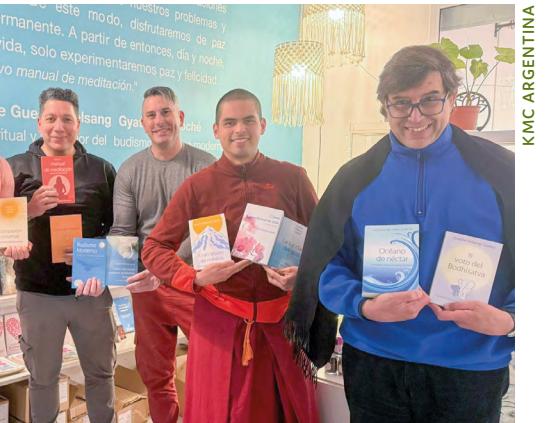
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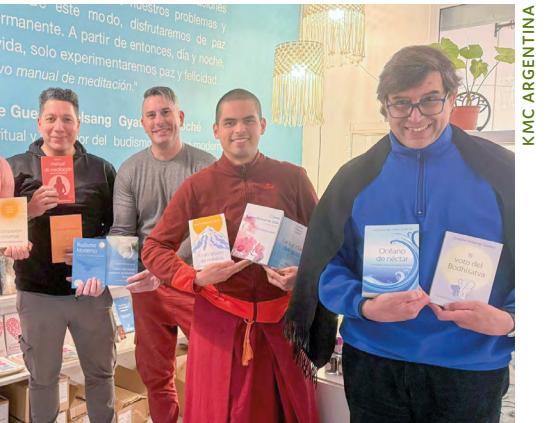
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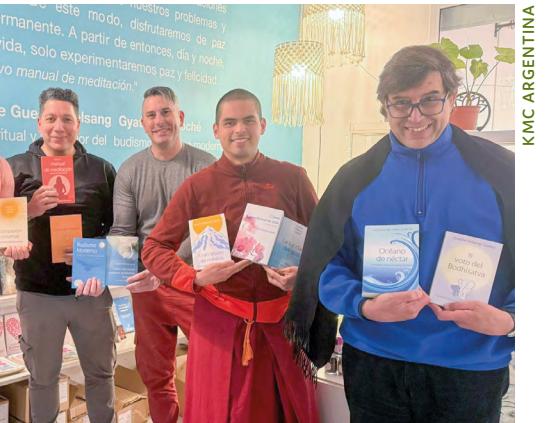
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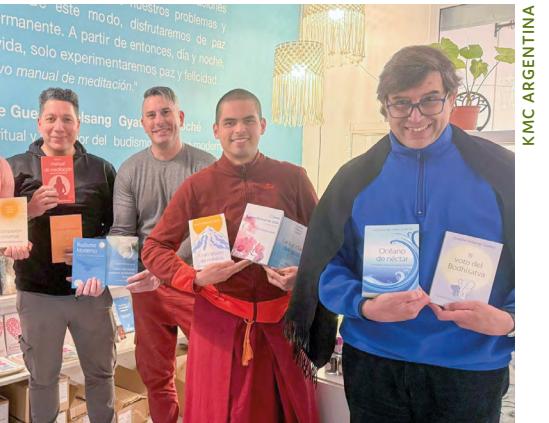
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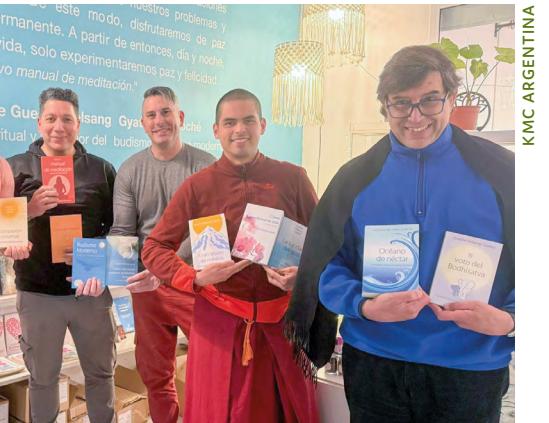
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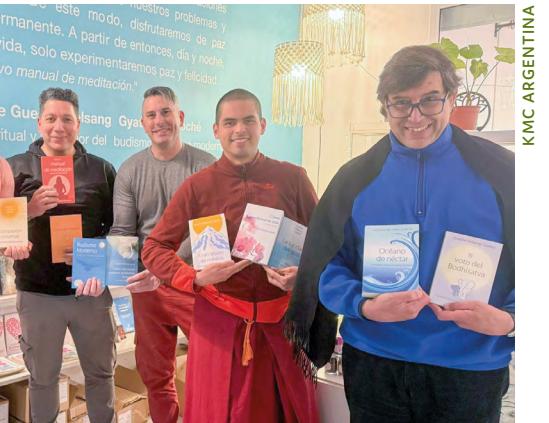
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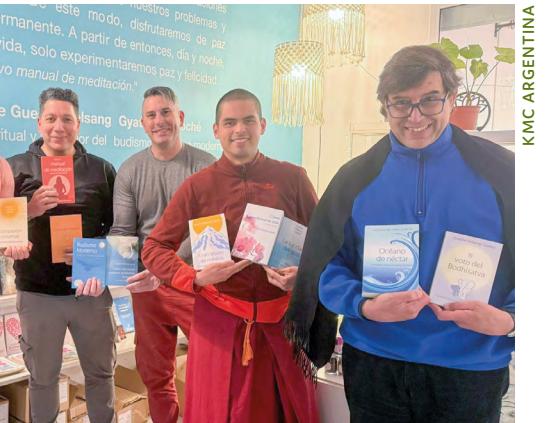
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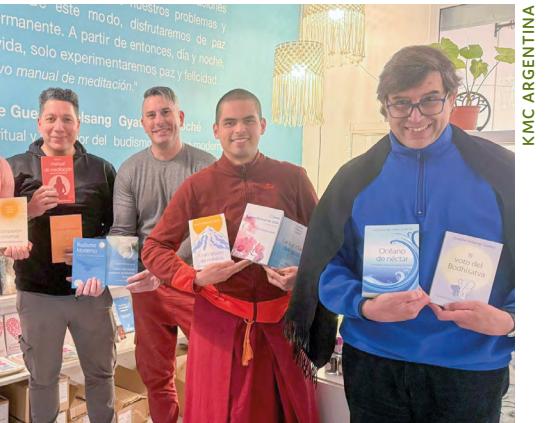
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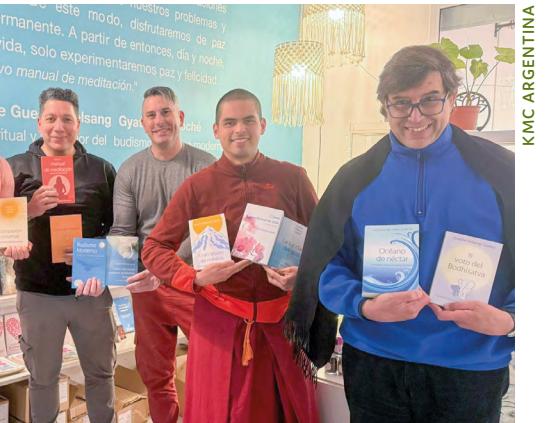
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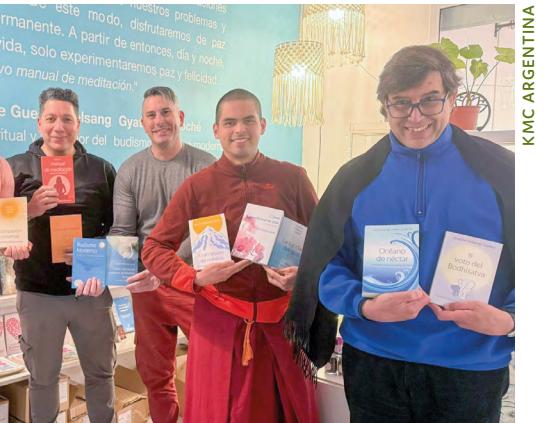
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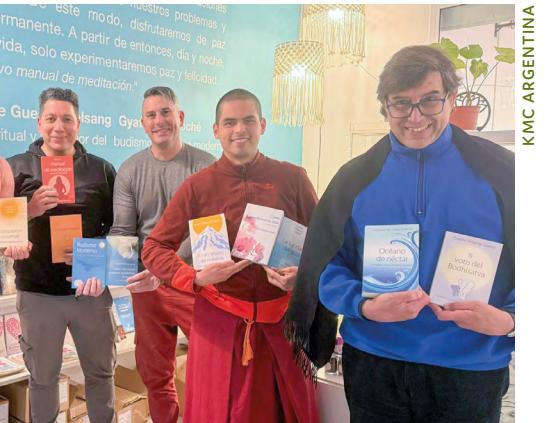
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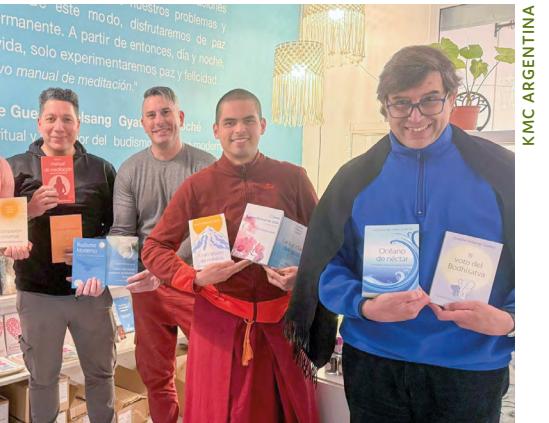
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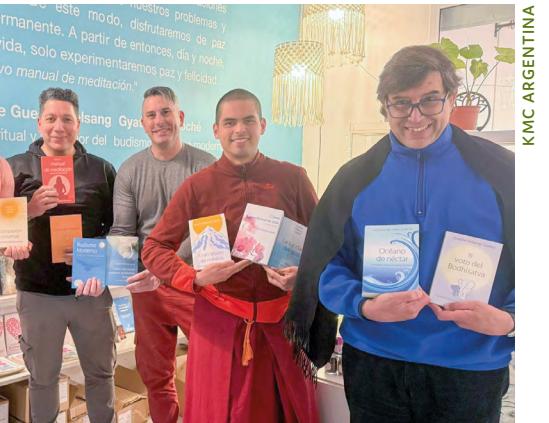
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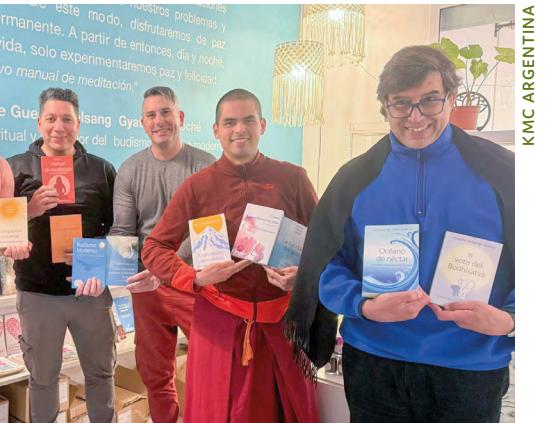
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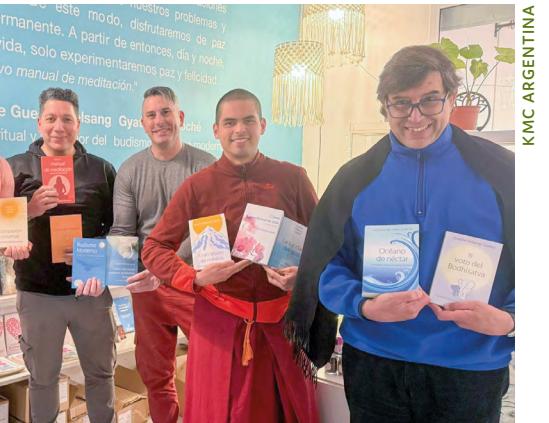
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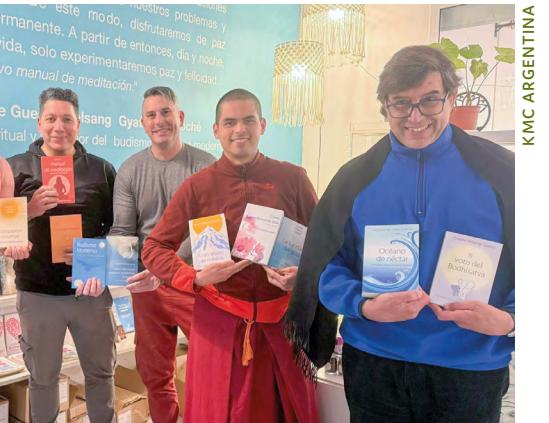
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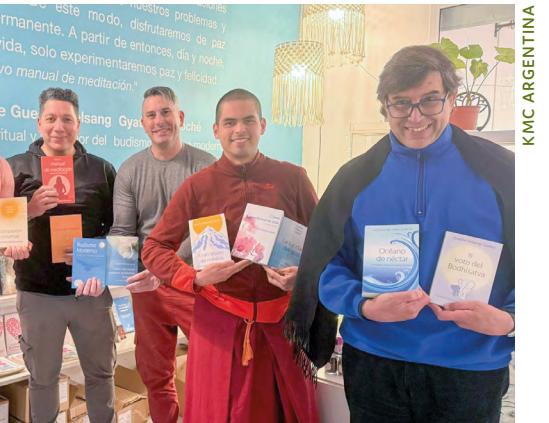
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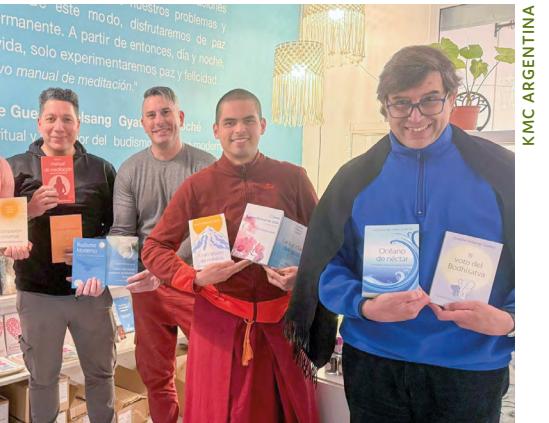
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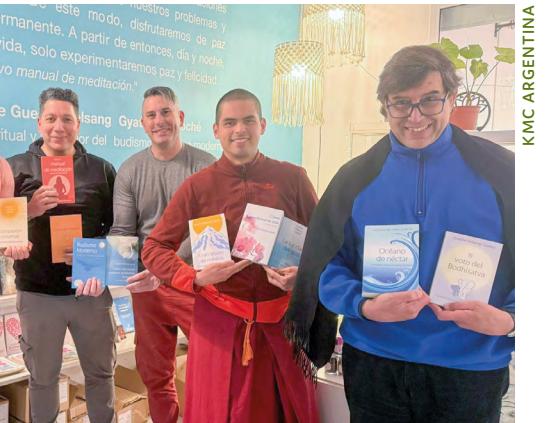
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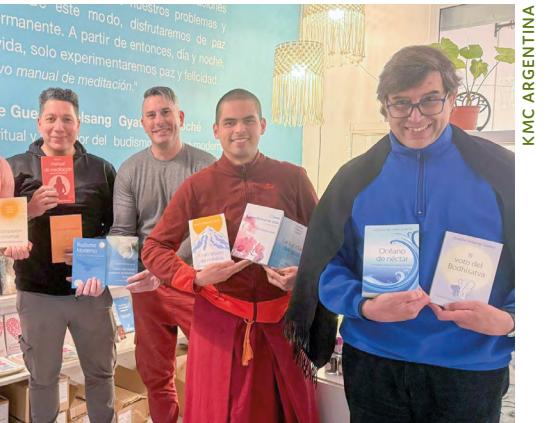
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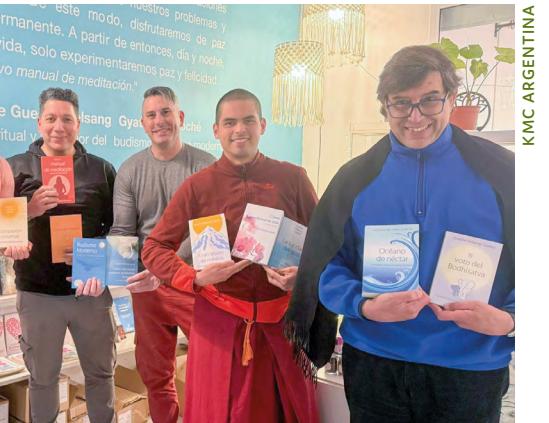
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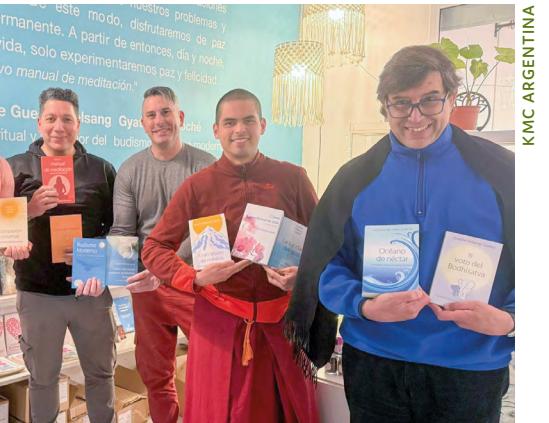
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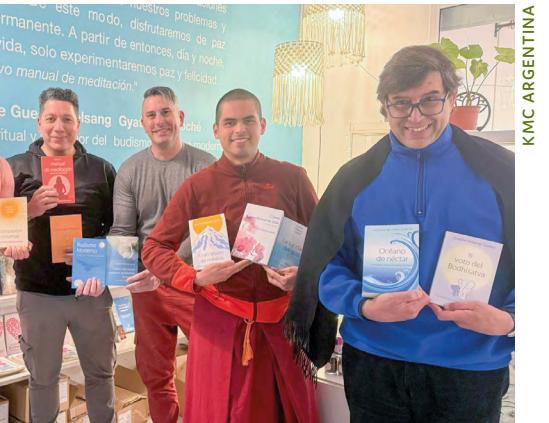
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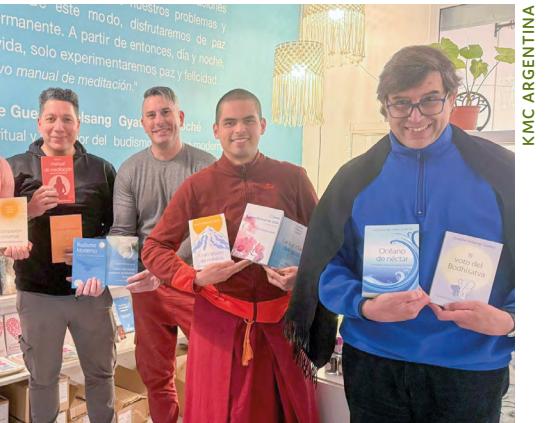
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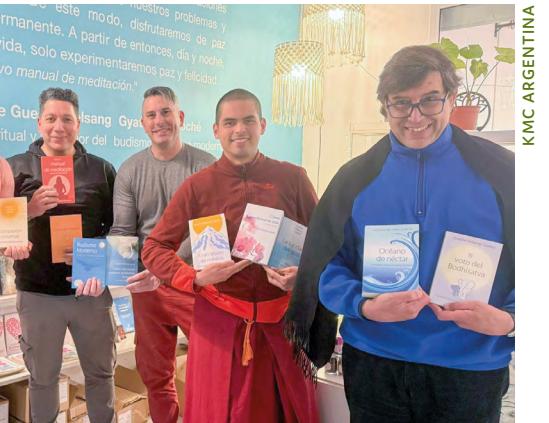
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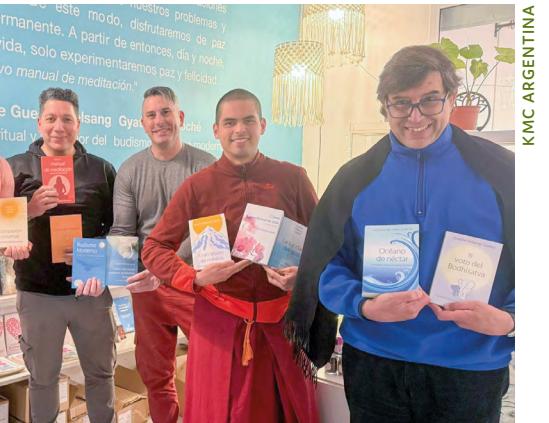
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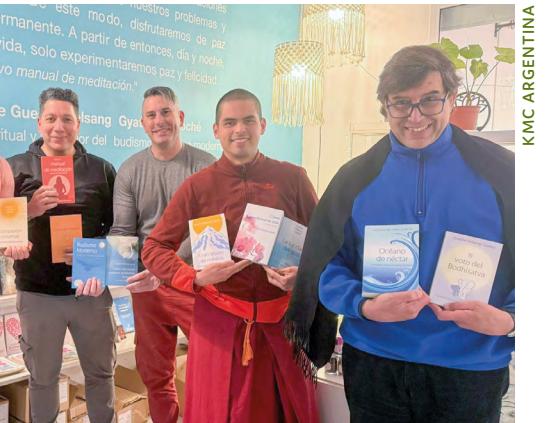
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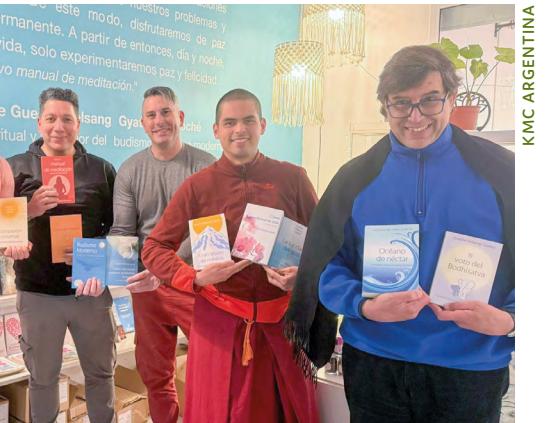
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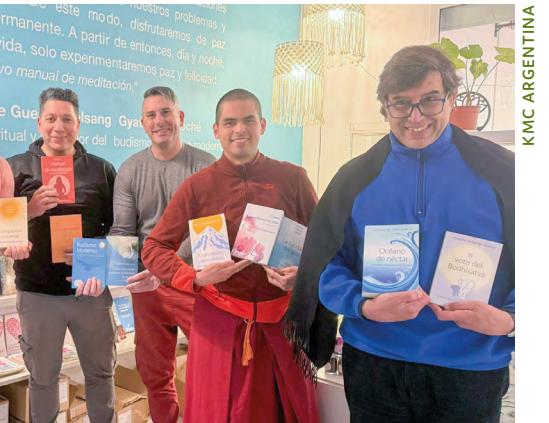
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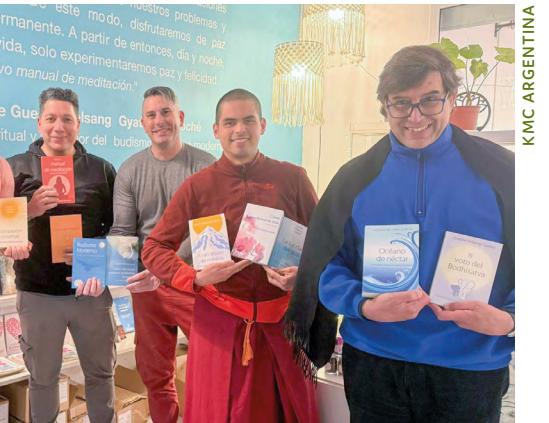
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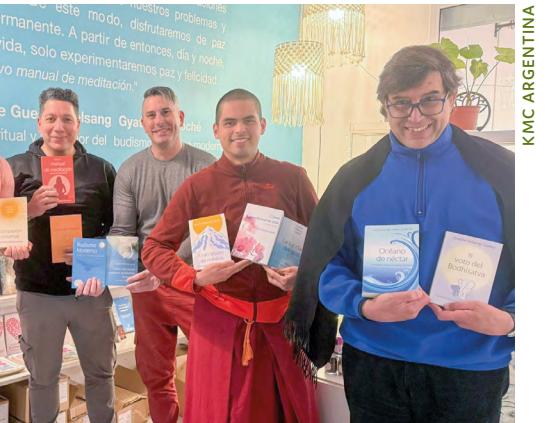
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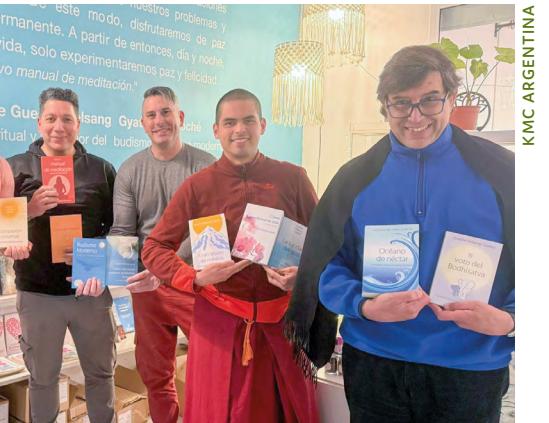
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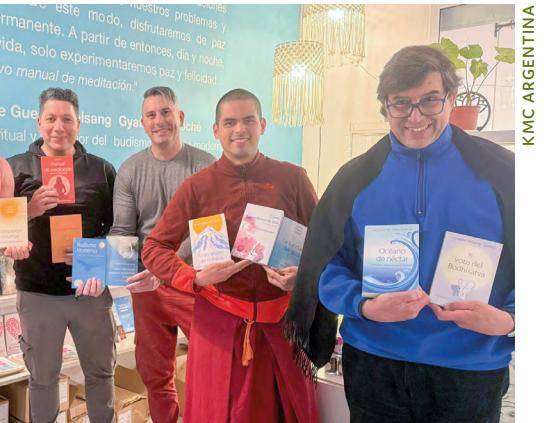
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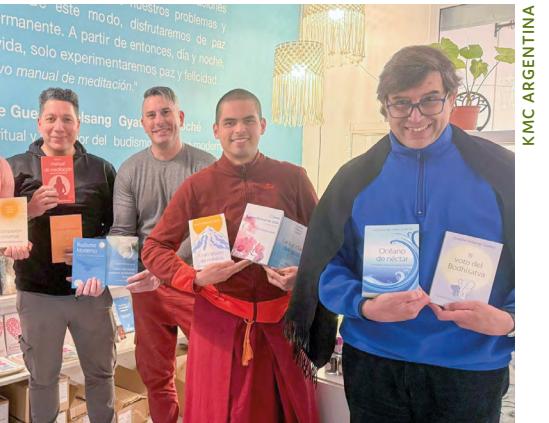
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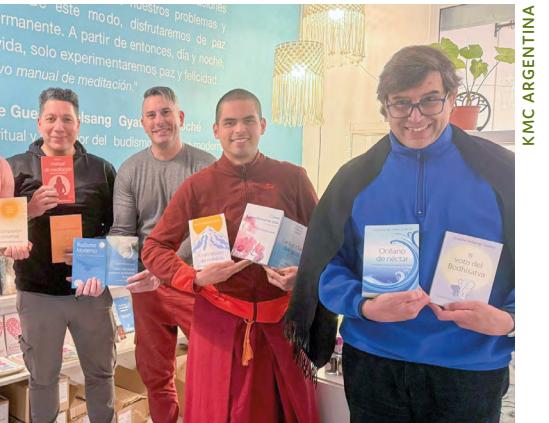
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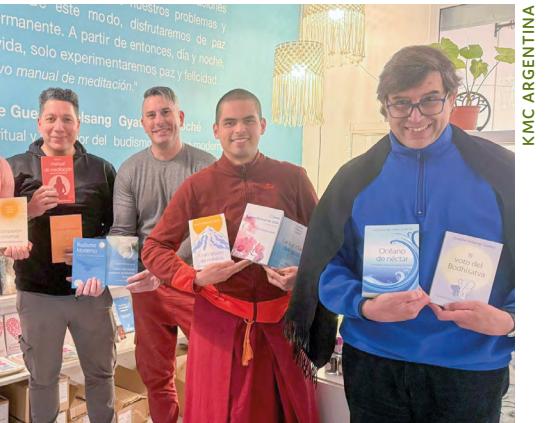
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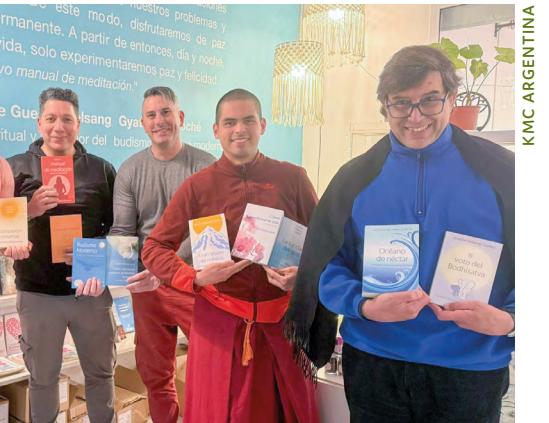
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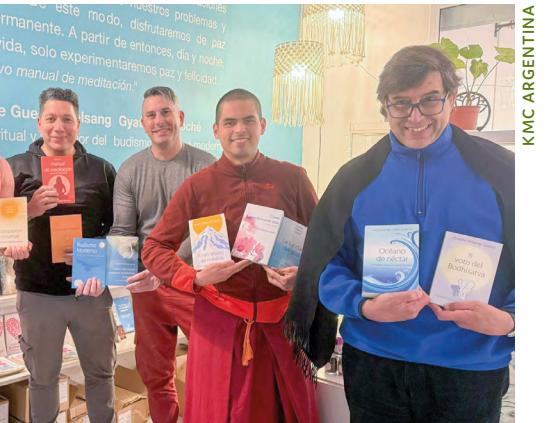
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CANADA



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Kadam Dharma reached remote areas of Canada for the first time: Newfoundland on the Atlantic coast, and the northernmost branch in the world was started in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
- The Canadian National Festival was held for the first time ever in Vancouver



AUSTRALASIA

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- KMC Perth celebrated their 30th anniversary, which is also the 30th anniversary of Kadam Dharma in Australia
- KMC Australia celebrated their 20th anniversary
- KMC Melbourne have found a new venue and will be moving there in February

SOUTH AFRICA



SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FESTIVAL, DURBAN



↓ TUSHITA KMC, CAPETOWN

↓ VAJRAPANI KBC, JOHANNESBURG



↑ ASIAN FESTIVAL

↓ KMC SINGAPORE

KMC HONG KONG



ASIA

- Tharpa South Africa website was launched
- Attendance at the South African Festivals and Celebrations continues to grow year by year

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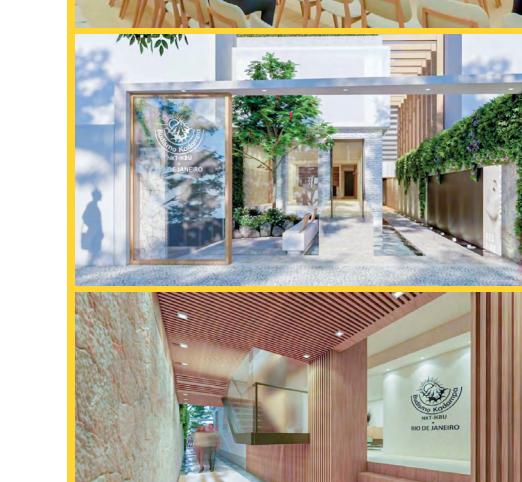
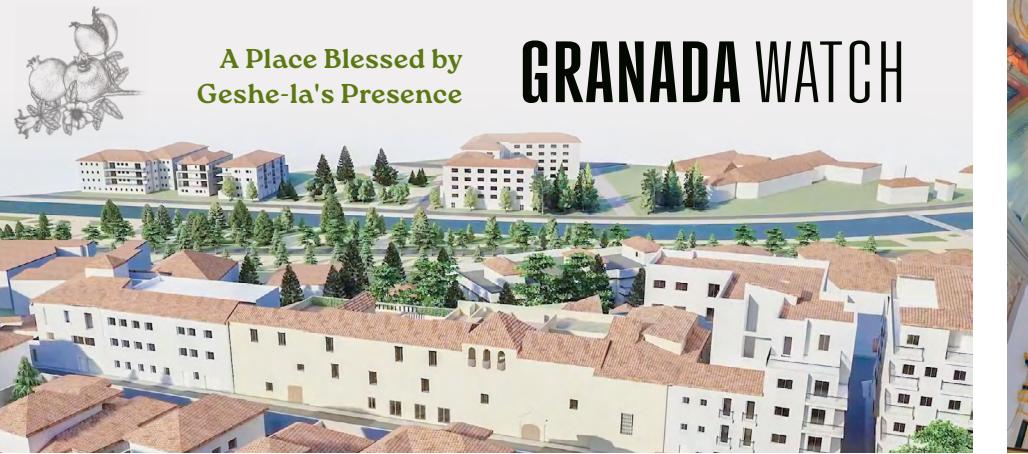
- Tharpa Asia has translated and published *Joyful Path of Good Fortune* in Chinese
- Vajrapani KBC in Penang, Malaysia, bought their property

The International Temples Project (ITP) is an international fund dedicated to public benefit. It was founded by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche with the aim to introduce the Buddhist faith and practice of the NKT publicly, and to exemplify Buddhist practice through public service – showing how individuals and society benefit through the practice of Buddhism in modern daily life.



Constantly adapting to meet the needs of modern society, the International Temples Project presently achieves its aim through creating traditional and non-traditional World Peace Temples, Kadampa Meditation Centers, International Retreat Centers and through the activities of World Peace Cafes and Tharpa Publications. Find out more at kadampa.org/kadampa-temples

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A new home for KMC Rio.
In the second largest city in Brazil, a new center is developing. After 15 years of Kadampa Dharma in Rio de Janeiro, plans for the center have been completed and work will start soon...



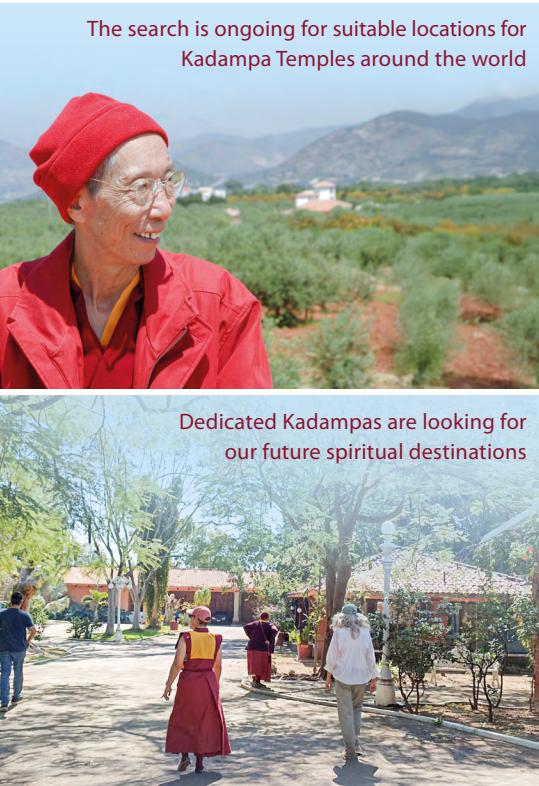
- KMC Austin is developing its new space and is currently renovating
- KMC Argentina is on the verge of acquiring their first purchased home
- The search is on for KMC Chicago to make a purchase of their first property
- A new location for KMC Brooklyn is coming soon



THE SEVENTH KADAMPA TEMPLE FOR WORLD PEACE IS COMING!



Kadampa Temple Developments Continue...



There have been many recent online developments that are helping Kadam Dharma reach more people and support practitioners in keeping their minds connected to Dharma in daily life. These include *The Modern Buddhism Podcast*, where practitioners share their personal experiences of applying Dharma; *Living Clarity*, a collection of teaching extracts available in five languages for listening on the go; and the beautiful new *Meditation App*, which offers guided meditations suitable for everyone.



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