

A statement by Lama Christie's personal attendant and caretakers, Ven. Chandra and Ven. Akasha shedding light on the events of Monday April 22nd 2012.

“After the events of the week of Feb 12th, Lama Christie and Ein were asked to leave the 3-year retreat valley at Diamond Mountain. When they had entered 3-year retreat they had taken a vow to stay within the Tsam boundaries at any cost. Lama Christie also had a responsibility to the 37 retreatants who had gone into 3-year retreat with her as their Lama and to stay close to them and support their retreat.

Lama Christie and Ein decided to stay on nearby federal land on Tara mountain which was inside the retreat boundary but outside the Diamond Mountain property. They found a cave on Tara mountain at around 7000 feet where they continued their retreat with great success and joy.

Almost 10 days ago Lama Christie fell sick and could not leave the cave for several days. Ein stayed by her side to take care of her, because he did not want to leave her alone. In a few days she began to recover but Ein began to exhibit similar symptoms. In the delirium of their sickness they lost track of the passage of days. Their stock of water ran low and they were too weak to go down from 6000-7000 feet to retrieve water. Unfortunately they were unaware of the lethal consequences of dehydration.

On the morning of Sun Apr 22, she awoke before dawn to find Ein unconscious and unsure if he was breathing. She called

for help but after a series of problems with the rescue effort, it took 6-7 hours for rescuers to airlift them out. By that time it was too late to help Ein. The medics said a few more hours and it would have been too late to save Lama Christie as well.

Lama Christie is trying to process the incredibly unexpected loss of her beloved husband whom she loved so much. She requests your love and asks for privacy as she bids farewell to his bodily form. But she wants you to know that she is among dear friends and family who are taking care of her right now in her time of grief. She is grateful for your heartfelt love and concern.”