



In 1992, Venerable Huili embarked on a journey to Africa. He established the first "Amitofo Care Center" (ACC) in Malawi during 2004, dedicated to caring for African vulnerable children and where more than 85% of world's HIV-positive children live. Today, many years later, the founder continues with his compassionate practice of Buddhism in Africa traveling to all corners of Africa, and helping countless precious young lives. Nowadays, he is known as the "African monk" or "Monk dad" in the eyes of thousands of children.

Welcome to the coming year with joy and gratitude!

At the end of the year ACC gathers and gets ready to meet 2021"

The severe pandemic of 2020 extends longer than hoped making people feel alarmed. In the New Year, sudden changes in the climate have caused the temperature to drop sharply and Taiwan has cold winters with wind and rain, when getting serious snow may show up.

In the cold winter, disadvantaged people work harder and in the frost, the human heart needs the warmth of one another. At the end of the year, we still want to encourage each other and welcome the New Year with joy and excitement! Therefore, Kaohsiung ACC plans to hold a year-end gathering and small talk event on January 19th, inviting many ACC sponsors and volunteers to the charity cafe downstairs in the Qixian Office located in the restaurant. So everyone can gather and talk in a relaxed and warm manner. Refreshments and vegetables are provided to provide a rich nourishment for both the body and mind. The guests at the meeting include: old sponsors that have supported the community, The Volunteer Mother Group of Zhongshan Elementary School, the mutual love and care association that cooperates with ACC in the school auxiliary business, Ruiyi Culture and Education Foundation-Wang Director Qi, the social and university members who came to the public welfare cafe because of the geographical relationship, Mr. Yang Dezhong, the vice president of Wantai Logistics Company of ACC, the principal of Guyan Elementary School Weng Zhixiang and the dean of academic affairs also brought along two students from the auxiliary class as well as the cultural and creative worker Ms. Luo Juying including many friends who came to ACC with diverse interests.

The event started at 10:10 in the morning with the Kaohsiung ACC director Zhang Meihong. We thank you for the safe and healthy gathering during the pandemic. The resources donated will be used in education and for good causes. This is the function of the ACC platform we then introduced ACC's work partners and their duties, so that sponsors and volunteer friends know the actual work content of ACC. We also used the opportunity of this gathering to invite friends to share their experience.

Everyone seems to have felt it, during the emotional reflection, almost all was mentioned, being a volunteer, spending your life and time in the right place, allowing yourself to broaden your horizons, is the greatest help and improvement to yourself. Ms. Wang Qi from Ruiyi Foundation also shared the reason why Ruiyi Optoelectronics established a cultural and educational fund. It is because of the chairman's corporate philosophy-life is not only about working to make money. The establishment of a foundation leads employees to participate in social welfare and achieves another meaning in life.

Principal Weng mentioned, "ACC's help to children from disadvantaged families is like a trickle, but its impact on the children is long-term." This statement just answers many people's doubts about ACC-children in Taiwan. In fact, ACC is just one big platform for gathering kind people. ACC accepts donations to help African children. At the same time, it also uses resources for school education in Taiwan, forming a big positive cycle between Africa and Taiwan, acceptance and feedback. Regarding the ingenious mystery of the universe, it is difficult for us to know what will happen to these children in a few years. Two Malawi elder children who are still in Kaohsiung with their tertiary studies, Wanpa and Wanen, also shared their feelings and experiences. They came to Taiwan for five years and felt everyone's love and care and help. When encountering difficulties in learning, their peers would explain them carefully. The two children sang Malawi ballads improvisationally on the spot, expressing their gratitude in a brisk and bright tune! A simple gathering, a few sincere talks soft and kind energy circulates alternately in the space and all of a sudden, "all good people will meet together."

Thank you for the opportunity of life in this period, thank you for this capable human body, thank you for every bit of kindness and "may all lives be free from hunger, thirst, sickness and suffering". In a difficult world, we can still enjoy abundance and be willing to give. Salute to the suffering people in the world! Greetings to all givers! May the hearts of the people be peaceful.

