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Editor's note
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Be grateful when facing any challenges

—Venerable Master Huili’s Talk at the Board meeting in Namibia ACC International Aid Program Team, December 2020,

No matter the situation, you should be grateful. Don't dance with troubles and negative things. The human life does not last as forever and continuous, we live and get reborn. The same concept of life is shown easily in a time-lapse, a flower blooms and fades away in time. Seventy years seem to be a long time and as each link continues, but there is a continuous process of reincarnation. In your present point of life we are currently in, all people, things, and consciousness around us can change in one life after the other. All beings of karma are rotated in a small frame, so when facing any person and realm, you must be grateful.

The original intention of ACC children to start practicing martial arts was to strengthen the weaker and disease affected prone bodies of the Malawi children. The children also have the general idea of practicing martial arts for the sake of physical fitness. (Monks also practice martial arts when they are young, so their bodies are strong and sensitive to their surroundings). In the beginning, the process of finding a martial arts coach in Taiwan had its twists and turns. However, the martial arts environment in China was relatively uniform in routine training resulting in three people including Coach Xiaobei at the beginning of ACC. Facing the South African female journalist Nicole Schafer's microfilmmaking "Buddha in Africa", our 16 years of hard work for the children's physical and mental growth had been criticized because of one or two misleading frame scenes. In the face of adversity, growth can be stimulated, remain calm.

Interlocked with international standards, ACC provides educational opportunities and platforms, hoping that African children can keep up with the changing of times. The world has been progressing and changing at a rapid speed. If Africa does not keep up, Africa will fall behind and remain a disadvantaged continent. If the children in ACC are willing to study abroad, we would also be willing to support them through a sponsorship. If they are willing to take a doctorate degree after university, we are optimistic about their success. Some of the first group of children in Malawi who were willing to venture on new roads have now graduated from universities in Taiwan with the strong assistance of ACC and sponsors and have returned to serve the people of Malawi. Their visions and experiences have become broader and we are very pleased that we can add a new positive change into Africa.

Now is the future, here is Taiwan and we must cultivate on good affinity, educate and give African children what they need in life, make up for the shortcomings of the world and repair the shortcomings. What you pay for, is what you get. Life creates the future.

Thank you everyone for continuing to be here in Africa.
The feeling of relief when the doubter finally understands the misconception properly feels touching and delightful, whether it is a deliberate questioning or unintentional misunderstanding. Selling children? Cultural and language aggression? Religious brainwashing? Child abuse on a meatless diet? These assumptions are often repeatedly mentioned by the congress. After all the questions, the newly appointed Minister of Education led the heads of various departments to visit the campus in person. Fortunately, they were willing to reach out, come to understand, not afraid to raise such issues face-to-face, and were happy to openly communicate with us.

【Culture and Language Invasion】
Several officials looked at each other unexpectedly when they saw the children performing the local Oshiwambo songs and dances. After the performance, two officials rushed to talk to the children and asked questions in 3 different local languages and they found that most of the children were able to answer in their own native language. Very few children were shy at first and did not dare to look directly at them. Finally, the officials changed their tone from a stern-like questioning mode to a natural and relaxed conversation, showing an unarmed smile.

【Religious Brainwashing】
After entering the classroom, the Minister of Education found a piece of lyrics (Fishing for Jesus) posted on the wall and ordered a song with the children with a wave of his hand. The innocent kindergartener's sang and raised the Minister's eyebrows showed satisfaction. He clapped his hands and said "Beeeeautiful! Beeeautiful!"

【Meatless Diet to Child Abuse】
When the children rolled vigorously demonstrating martial arts, their bare-chested muscles showed strength, beauty, and the officials looked dumbfounded exclaiming repeatedly. The children were very uplifting, especially during the performance, I was crying while taking pictures being describably moved. The children's performance made the campus proud, and the teachers and coaches' dedication shone through.
Although the vulnerable children shelter campus’s senior management and administrative staff responded well and comprehensively, the shelter campus' equipment and shelter infrastructure have gradually softened the doubts of the officials and the children have given off the largest impact!

The Taiwan Overseas Chinese Affairs Committee and 26 industry-and-cooperating schools for overseas students, the Federation of Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Asia and NGO organizations jointly organized the “Industry-University Cooperation for Overseas Chinese Students Achievement Expo”, which not only showed the students' customer-tending, Combing hairstyles and other learning achievements, there are also Indonesian traditional dances, with a strong Southeast Asian style. The Amitofo Care Center (ACC) is honored to be invited to participate in this event. Special thanks to the Taiwan Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission for providing this platform so that ACC can be seen by more people.

There was a lot of people at Taipei Main Station that day, and ACC's bazaar booths were also well attended to. In the stage area, A-Hao, an international student from Malawi studying in Taiwan who is currently studying at Hsinchu Chung-Hwa University, brought a "Last Train", and Apu Adi, a student at the National Sports University (Taiwan), presented the "Kung Fu Boxing", which won a lot of awards.

The children of ACC would like to thank the Taiwan Overseas Chinese Affairs Committee for their great help, providing many Mandarin textbooks, so that the school children can learn Mandarin step by step, and they can also open up different aspects of life by “turning over the pages of the book!”
In response to the New Taipei City Government’s “New Taipei City Good Day Love Platform” activity, we hope that non-governmental organizations will invest resources to promote the overall plan for the special development of sports in New Taipei City. We also hope that in the future, the children from Africa who have been sponsored will come to Taiwan and communicate to Taiwanese students, this round of communication led to the donation of sports equipment.

On December 16, a donation ceremony for sports equipment resources donated by association’s to New Taipei City was held at the Houder Gymnasium. Director Zhang Mingwen, Section Chief Xia Zhiqiang, and Section Chief Chen Xinhan attended the donation on behalf of the New Taipei City Education Bureau. Principal Xiao Pan Zhizhong also showed us the training results of these little gymnasts.

The Hou German Gymnastics Gymnasium is mainly used by college students and athletes from other counties and cities from; Hou German Elementary School, Xiu German Elementary School, Mingzhi Junior High School, Sanzhong High School, and Sanmin High School and the use rate of the gym equipment is extremely high.

Seeing these young kids in the gymnastics team was particularly emotional, and the representative of this association, Shi Feiyi, could not help but think of the children in the African ACC campus. Seeing every flexible and soft body, every action that makes people exclaim, behind it is a lot of hard practice. As the saying goes, "10 minutes on stage is equivalent to 10 years off stage". Whether it is the German gymnastics team or the children of the ACC campus, they deserve our great applause and encouragement!

In 2020, in order to give back to the Taiwanese society, we will do our best to purchase training equipment for Gongliao Junior High School in New Taipei City and Hou Germany. We will work together with the Taiwan New Taipei City Education Bureau to continue to promote sports and build outstanding athletes.
Nhlangano District (eSwatini ACC) is located in the southernmost border area of eSwatini. Being remote and desolate, there is a sense of isolation from the world.

On December 4th, Ambassador Liang Hongsheng from the Embassy the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the Kingdom of eSwatini worked tirelessly and led his staff to inspect the vulnerable children shelter campus. Caring for the teachers and volunteers in the shelter campus, and inspecting the campus Covid-19 prevention measures to ensure everyone’s mental health and safety. The campus director led tour and presentation let the ambassador know the importance of education and physical and mental health, in the end the campus director implemented the concept of fostering people for a century.

Thanks to the Taiwan embassy for its continuous support and care to the vulnerable children shelter center. Whether it is rice donation or the provision of Coronavirus pandemic prevention resources, with the strong support of the embassy, the volunteers in the shelter campus can hold on to their posts during the outbreak of the pandemic.

The children are about to return home during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Master Yu reminds the children to:

1. Pay attention to hygiene at home, wash your hands often, and not to go outside to play with too many people, and try to just play at home.
2. Help your family with housework together, be obedient, and don’t procrastinate. As well as promise your guardians that you wouldn’t do “that wrong something” again.
3. Cause and effect happens in real life, when the cause is well done a result will appear immediately or well done. We are here in the campus a safe environment, apart from effective pandemic prevention, a big cause to our safety is that we are vegetarian allowing us to keep healthy diet.

I hope that the children will pay attention to their diet, eat less meat and sweets when they return home.

Go home and come back safely and healthily.

On the day of returning home, the children lined up to get on the bus with gifts prepared by the vulnerable children shelter campus. Although they reluctantly said goodbye, the excitement of looking forward to returning home could not be hidden.
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2019年底猶如潘朵拉盒子被轟然打開，整個世界歷經了2020一整年的疫情風暴，相繼產生一連串的骨牌效應，世局紛擾，疾病蔓延，經濟衰極、政治動盪、社會隱患，乃至大自然環境與人心意識，都處於瞬息萬變的關鍵轉捩點。

在全球翻覆變動的驚慌中，我們經歷身心憂鬱的考驗；在時空人事無常變化裡，我們走過春去秋來的循環；在面對老病死離的悲慟時，我們心心沉黙，無語……

今，有幸來到2021年，阿彌陀佛關懷中心（ACC）鼓勵眾善心念與行持，特舉辦這場「台灣萬緣水陸大法會」，引領大眾經由身語意同歩修持，為自他所有生命消災祈福；法會收益用於非洲院童之教育與生活，深達冥陽兩利之宏願。

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