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Editor's note

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<Tribe· Come and Go>

Pick Up North District Kids

Contributor : ACC Namibia



-School is finally about to start!-

Before school starts, children should be brought back to school one after another. Some children live close by and take about 1-2 hours by car, while some take 7-8 hours. And my task is to send the children back to school from the North District safely. This is my first trip to the North District. The day before the business trip, we had a pre-departure meeting. The most important issue for the 7-8 hour journey was how to go to the toilet.

On the day of departure, the morning temperature in the courtyard was four degrees. Along the road was the scenery of golden grassland on both sides, and the long road ahead never stops. Gradually a group of baboon shuttles emerge between the roads. Sheep, deer... and the warthog "Pumba" in the cartoon Lion King do too. In Africa, everyday is a sunny day. We departed from the courtyard at 8:30 in the morning and arrived at the hotel at 4:30 in the afternoon. We drove for a full eight hours. Fortunately, there was a gas station on the way, but the distance was relatively far.

The social worker's phone rang at 5:30 the next morning, and it was the parent who called to confirm the child. At 8 o'clock, a group of six of us hurried to meet the driver. Because of the pandemic, we must first disinfect every part of the car.

The children appeared one after another, and each babysitter took their temperature and confirmed the condition of the child at home with their parents.

While I was waiting, I asked the students: Do you remember how to say in Chinese? ; What is your name? What grade are you in? What do you have in your schoolbag? Some kids were very cute and told me many brands of cookies. But couldn't speak the Chinese for "biscuits". Some asked me about fruit juice: How do I pronounce this? Some brought snacks and candy for me.





From 8 o'clock to 12 o'clock, we had been to many places and finally "loaded" 25 children on to two buses and watched them arrive back.

On the third day, we went out to the station at 9 o'clock. This time, there were already more than 20 children waiting for us at the station, and we had to wait five hours for the train to arrive. The four of us started disinfecting, taking their temperature, giving out masks, and checking their physical condition.

The children met classmates they hadn't seen for a long time and had a great time at the station.

Yesterday were the third and fourth grade students. Today is the second and third graders. Their capability of speaking Chinese isn't as good as yesterday's students, and the cloth masks we made have their names on them, so the questions we asked students yesterday cannot be asked today.

For five hours I started asking our students one by one. I asked; What is your name? And they would reply giggling and smirking "Look at me"



At this moment, the Chinese teacher and the English teacher start to cry happy tears... Looking at a child's name "Yifang" (Children at our school each have their own nicknames) , I looked at him and said "Yifang", holding his hand. I kept repeating this game for three minutes, and he finally knew that his nickname was called Yifang! When I was playing with Yifang, the student next to me turned his head and looked at me, and I started to play the roll call game again, "Rutan-right! Ruwu-right! Rufa-right! "The children went from sitting and answering "right!" to excitedly standing and jumping and answering "right!" The parents next to them were so happy to watch!

After that, I walked to another group of younger children, because the waiting time was long. There was a six-year-old child named "Yiguang" who fell asleep on his mother's lap. His mother had to rush back to the tribe, so as soon as he was in his deep sleep, he was changed to sleep on the lap of the nanny.

Not long after, I heard a cry. He had woken up and found that his mother had left. He cried for a long time, about 1-2 hours, and clamored for the ride home. Finally, the babysitter took out some change from the bag and he stopped crying with the money in his bare hands. I think the nanny really is amazing!

Finally the driver arrived at two o'clock in the afternoon. The children lined up and got on the car. In the car, the children shared food with each other. Perhaps Africa is really poor, but Africans are not stingy. Even if a schoolbag only has a bag of biscuits, they still will be Willing to share with everyone.

Seeing the children return to campus, I began to look forward to my Chinese class!

Grasp the moment, reading is very happy

Contributor : ACC Namibia

#Children's own story book



Not long after school started, at the end of July, the President of the country again announced that classes below the ninth grade (junior high school) will be suspended for one month from August 4th. However, most schools across the country still insist on continuing to open school, and some schools cannot provide safe epidemic prevention due to poor conditions. With the consent of the parents and guardians, the children continue to attend classes in the school, reducing the burden on many poor families. Children who cannot go to school can only run around at home or on the street every day, and the extended

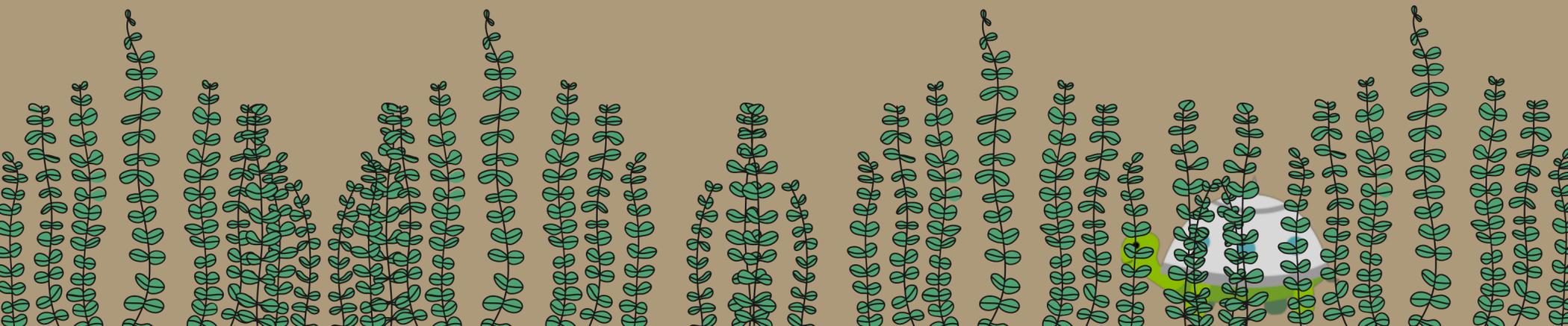
problems are even more unpredictable. In fact, no matter how you do it, there will be both good and bad. From national leaders to families and individuals, it is always full of challenges and helplessness. This pandemic is testing human nature and wisdom.

Nothing can be planned and only one step can be taken. It is a step, and mutual understanding and consideration are needed at this time.

And it is really a blessing for children to be able to read in a safe and happy environment.

From February to March this year, due to the outbreak of the pandemic, more than 160 countries around the world announced the suspension of classes. About 1.5 billion students were unable to go to school, including Namibia, which also began to close on March 16. At the present time, many countries are still in the state of suspension of classes. Even if the pandemic breaks out and has a lockdown again after the resumption of classes, the beginning of school has become a difficult question. Does school start? When is the schooling started? How to start the schooling? How to prevent the pandemic from being successful at school? How to deal with the infection situation?

The preparations before the start of school let everyone to refresh their brains and collect information from all parties. In addition to referring to the local Ministry of Education's pandemic prevention guidelines, under the brainstorming of the team, many pandemic prevention policies and procedures were listed as the content of staff training before the school started. From traffic arrangements, temperature measurement, disinfection, wearing masks, etc., we try our best to be drip-proof. As soon as the children return to the dormitory, they take a bath and change clothes, and all backpack clothes are washed, disinfected, and sun-dried. Everyone uses a fixed number of tableware and cleans the tableware by themselves. After the two-week observation period, taking everyone's temperature twice a day to see if there is any health conditions, and then the school will officially start in July.



Wisdom is the basic condition of goodwill

Contributor : ACC Taiwan

This summer, the thunder is loud and the rain drops very little.

In the afternoon, it was cloudy outside, the air was stuffy, the rain never started, and the heart felt clenched.

WanMu, who is preparing to take the nursing license exam on August 1, sat at my seat and concentrated on studying. WanXiang, who had already graduated, went to the school to find summer students during the free time. WanPa and WanEn went to the hospital for an internship.

At noon, Wanxiang and Wanmu had lunch together at home. I asked the children: What do you think about the ACC documentary broadcast on PTV last week?

The children were reluctant to let go of the harm to ACC by the content of the messages posted on PTV's Facebook, and wonder why anyone would understand it this way? Because they came to ACC from a difficult environment for survival nearly 20 years ago, it is a rare happiness for children to have free meals and be able to attend school. They can even study abroad for university in china and once they graduate they can return home.

But, after all, people who make documentaries and watch movies do not come from that environmental background, because we live in a free and democratic Taiwan that has no living difficulties, has been colonized, authoritarian, and is now free and democratic. Therefore, the angle of understanding is completely lost of the link to the reality of Malawi.



The ACC (Amitofo Care Centre) , which has been working hard to give children a home for nearly

two decades, really needs to revise and reflect, because in the process of groping for the best for children, the founder who had grown up in Taiwan's poverty era, is pure and kind and only wholeheartedly hopes that the child will have a future and use his own experience. The best way to give children, ignoring cultural differences, as more and more capitalists enter Africa, the improvement of the African economy and the change of consciousness, we really need to adjust our thinking.

Those who write comments are not necessarily malicious, but lack the flexible understanding of time and space. In 2003, in Malawi, where disease and poverty was rampant, the health of one or two hundred children was extremely important to reduce medical expenditures. Therefore, I thought of letting children practice martial arts to strengthen their health, and the children volunteered to participate. Although it was hard, I did not expect that because of the children's yearning for martial arts, they developed interest and results. They were often invited to perform in some activities in the local area.

It was difficult to raise funds. In this case, the intention is to organize a tour to raise funds.

Five years ago, when the children graduated from high school, ACC "wholeheartedly" cultivated talents for the undeveloped country of Malawi. Therefore, I hope that the children will study abroad and reserve talents for the future of their country. Kaohsiung ACC ushered in three nursing students and one student. With the four girls who speak Mandarin, I became the mother who accompanied them to study and transition.

Over the past four years, I watched my children go from being shy to confident and preparing to return home from China. During this period, I was temporarily staying in Taiwan because of the pandemic. I joked and told the children: Some people say that you are hostages of ACC. The children were even more shocked...

But when I was seventeen years old, I also grew up because of my poor family and received support from Christian institutions in Western countries. Every night we read the Bible, pray for three meals, and go to church on holidays...

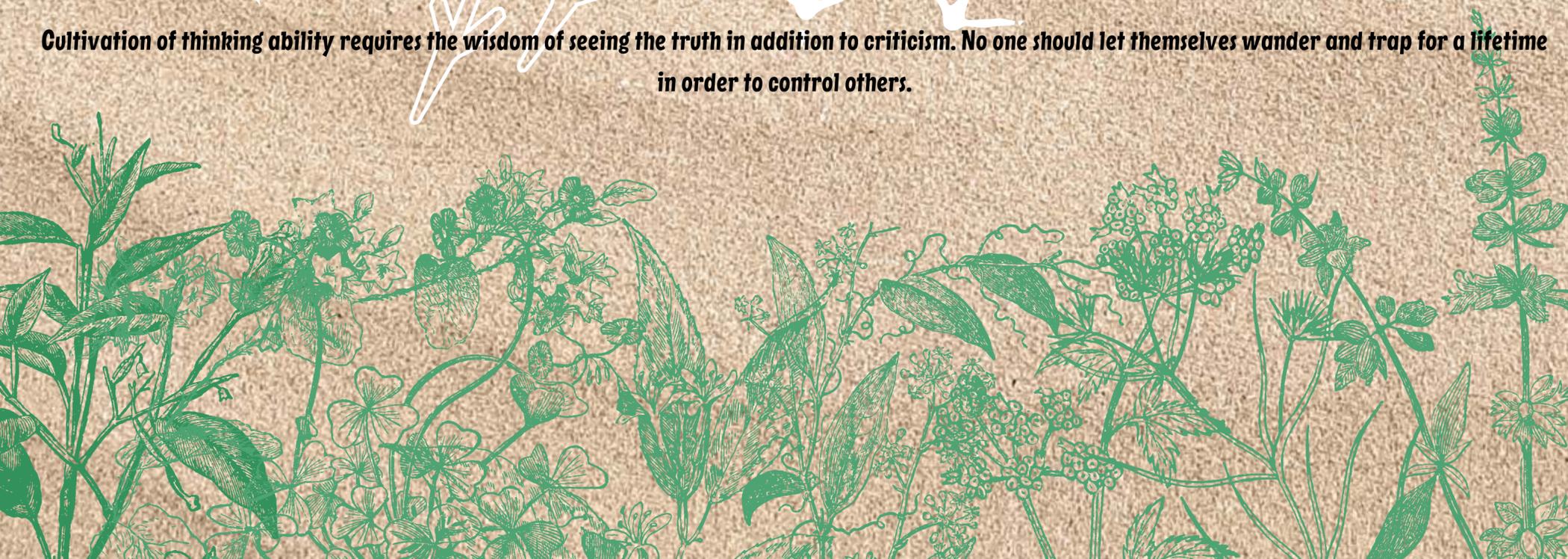
In the era of multiculturalism, the information is more diverse. While questioning, we retain a good understanding. When moving time and space, the unit and organization must reflect on and learn from the insufficiency. We also humbly accept and listen.

Cultivation of thinking ability requires the wisdom of seeing the truth in addition to criticism. No one should let themselves wander and trap for a lifetime in order to control others.

Editor's note:

The PTV theme night aired a documentary-[Propagating the Fa to Africa] on July 24, introducing ACC and Master Huili. Perhaps it is a short video lens, which is difficult to fully lay out the ups and downs of decades; or it may be a time and space environment that is not easy to cross, which triggers many understandings that deviate from the original intention (message) ...

All the criticisms and doubts are just like an initiation, reminding ACC that after going through the hardships of foreign land pioneers, at the beginning of the foundation, when faced with many balances such as race/culture, it is re-adjusted in the aspiration. This stride across religious beliefs, intercontinental distances, and historical trajectories!





"Happy · Sailing"

**Towards a new
journey of life**

Contributor : Pushein Edu. Foundation

On the afternoon of July 25, 2020, the "ACC Family Day" was held on the second floor of the Association. It was co-chaired by Ms. Sherry Chen, CEO of the African Executive Committee and Secretary-General Vincent Lin. In particular, Director Ms. Su Hanxiao, (the initiator of providing living expenses for international students in Taiwan), Ms. Yin Xiangzhen, the current principal of ACC Quantong School in Malawi, and Director Li Wenzhong of ACC Taipei ACC invited to come.

Sherry said that when she first went to Africa alone, she had to rely on her own process to encourage her children: You can overcome difficulties and put on academic uniforms. You are all heroes in my mind. Vincent also encourages everyone to use his influence to help more people. And Ms. Su's saying moved us all: watching the children grow up and mature all the way, they have all graduated from college now! I wish the children to give full play to their strengths and have a bright future! Principal Yin encourages the children to return home after graduation and help their country.

Six of Malawi's second group of children who came to Taiwan to study at university in 2015 graduated successfully this year, and six of them were postponed. It is not easy for foreign students to come to Taiwan to study at university and graduate successfully, but the children of ACC did it hard!

Today is a large gathering of international students from all over Taiwan. A total of 18 international students came, including this year's university graduates, and some freshmen who came to Taiwan last year. The "ACC Family Day" party has the meaning of handing over. In addition to gratitude, children are endlessly grateful! The graduates talked about everything they learned in Taiwan, and the current students also warmly wish their brothers and sisters: Happy graduation!

One session and one meeting, next time you meet again, some of you may have already flown back to Malawi to serve you, please say goodbye to each other here! Blessing everyone: keep growing every day, do as you wish!

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