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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.

## ACC Travel for Love-Home in Madagascar Photography Exhibition Kaohsiung Library Opens

The three-week "ACC Traveling for Love, Home in Madagascar" photography exhibition was held on November 10, 2020 at the Kaohsiung Library.

For those of us who grew up in Taiwan, Madagascar is a remote island country with many beautiful imaginations. In 2018, Zheng Shuying, the former director of ESwatini ACC, went to Madagascar to setup a care centre and school campus. As a result, the gap is closer between Madagascar and Taiwan.

Madagascar, located in the southwest of the Indian Ocean, off southeast Africa, is 16 times the size of Taiwan and has the population of nearly 27 million. There are no large predators on the island, so it is a paradise for wild animals.

In 1960, it separated from French colonial rule and established the country independently. The ethnic group of Austronesian and Bantu accounted for about half. The demographic some communities showed that Austronesian or Bantu, or Arab, Indian and European descent were dominant. The people of Madagascar are kind-hearted and value family. Because of poverty, many children cannot go to school. ACC provides a safe environment so that children who are out of school can return to school to receive education and have the opportunity to be independent and create their own lives.

Ven. Zhaji (Yuan Junde) works have participated in the 2017 New York Photographic Society-News Documentary Photography Exhibition and the Yilan and Keelung Art Exhibition once worked in ACC Madagascar before transitioning into becoming a monk. The pristine environment, kind people on the island and Taiwan's agricultural society, as well as the beautiful smiles and bright eyes of the children, touched his life deeply, so he recorded the children's learning process through the lens. His life has changed, and he arranged to visit the bazaar and tribes to record videos of life that are simple, sincere, and pure, connected to the land and love. "Love" is the only way out for life and the only way out for world peace. Every living organism on earth is a community, and only love can connect with each other.

When you enter the loving environment of Madagascar, you can see where people give and open their hearts to those of in need. Fly into the southern hemisphere and check out Madagascar, it is the love in our hearts that hold the connection between Africa and the rest of the world. Finally, see the growth of children in ACC and the hope of education for the most vulnerable.

The exhibition will be held on November 12. Welcome and feel the love of traveling "Home in Madagascar".



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