

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.



Sossusvlei Red Desert Bodhi Garden

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After the school children returned home to their extended family, it was time for the overseas volunteer teachers to relax. Due to the ongoing pandemic, no travel arrangements were made but The Red Desert Bodhi Garden became the safest place to hold a vacation allowing us to avoid the crowds. Living in an endless desert mountain scenery, you can pick seasonal vegetables at the vegetable garden to make three meals and experience the simple life. A short rest will help you settle your mind and body!

The Bodhi Garden is the initiator of the ACC. Venerable Master Huili's third-stage development plan in Africa for social enterprise. In the current six ACC countries, each has set up a farm with three purposes:

Firstly to cover a corporate social responsibility business to develop agricultural economy, to observe and experience leisure included with spiritual practice, etc. Based on the characteristics of African countries, having public welfare as the core, the future income will become one of the main sources of income supporting education for vulnerable children.

Secondly, eliminate poverty through job creation and offer internships for the locally disadvantaged people. ACC vulnerable children high schools and the then went onto further studies our university graduates can factor in as one of their career planning goals.

The third and final purpose is to produce healthy food, create a natural environment and give back to the general public with pesticide-free natural food by establishing a good farming environment aid to everyone's healthy diet. The currently developing farm is located in Cape Town, South Africa. It has already produced olive oil and South Africa's national treasured Rooibos tea. This year's plan is to successively plant olive trees, lemon trees and avocado trees as well as seasonal watermelon, pumpkin, cantaloupe!

The Red Desert Bodhi Garden in Namibia has not yet been developed. Recently, inspection of site was completed, collected well water and soil samples and further performed tests and analysis. After completing these tasks, the next day the team drove about 1,300 kilometers from the Red Desert back to Cape Town's Farm!

Life is short and human beings are small. In a limited time and space, they create unlimited opportunities and life value and living in Africa often breaks through many limitations of the past.

