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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.

Warmth in the cold winter for our CBO
Contributor: Mozambique ACC

In the small town of Mutua, there is a church called Home of the Good Samaritan. There are currently more than 120 children ranging from 3 to 12 years old in the class of kindergarten and elementary school. And the students study outside, but they go back into the building for breakfast and lunch. Every time you visit, you have to walk a long way to get here. The original church site was destroyed by a hurricane last year so for a while, they rented other venues to continue their services. But because paying rent long-term is also a burden, they asked ACC if it could help them repair the church. Mr Huang and the public from Hong Kong helped to sponsor the repairs. The children have returned to the church and for rehabilitation, ACC will give out food aid like corn flours, sugars, etc. every month. The CBO has decided to put focused work on this project to get the church back on their feet.



What are the rice dumplings (zhong zi) known by everyone?
Contributor Eswatini

Of course, the rice dumplings refer to Eswatini's Zhong Zi on the Eve of the Dragon Boat Festival. We know that rice dumplings can be divided by those with meat and veggie content or sweet and salty in the market. On the eve of the Dragon Boat Festival, chef mom had already racked her brains preparing the food. Apart from making same last year's dishes, a bunch of cheeky children popped up beside her, comments popping up from left and right pushing suggestions around but chef mom always smiled and said: "The problem is not big, so there is no worry."

The Dragon Boat Festival is approaching, but seeing the kitchen doors and windows covered with mist scented by the fragrance of the zhongzi leaves, attracts countless curious children leaning in the window to get a peek. Chef mom and second chef sisters are busy from morning to night, with infinite joy mixing the grains of glutinous rice. We hope that friends bothered by the pandemic will be safe and healthy, and society will be free from the virus and resume daily life. This is the infinite warmth in the winter of Eswatini ACC. Waiting is often the most exciting part of the process.



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