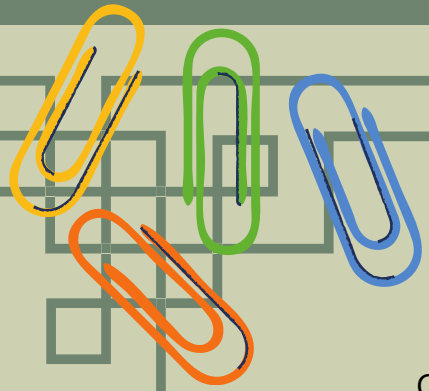


In 1992, Venerable Huili embarked on a journey to Africa. He established the first "Amitofo Care Center" (ACC) in Malawi during 2004, dedicated to caring for African vulnerable children and where more than 85% of world's HIV-positive children live. Today, many years later, the founder continues with 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.



## A Lesson's Story

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From a class in the village of Manjaland in Fallon, Ake was born on January 2000, living with a single mother. At the age of five, he was adopted by the Blantyre Amitofo Care Center and received care, support and education at Yuan Tong Private Primary School.

During his stay in ACC, Ake began to suffer from chronic headaches, which caused suffering. In order to seek help, ACC took him to Sumba Psychiatric Hospital to find a psychiatrist for further treatment. He left ACC in 2017 due to mental problems and when he returned to the village, ACC continued to support his education at the Baison Pelusi Foundation. Ake took the Malawi National Examination in January 2021, later graduating from high school. He worked as a volunteer at Lilongwe Amitofo Care Center for one month from March 10, and then became an employee. He assists in providing morning and evening services as well as helping to complete other general duties on campus and sometimes in supervising the night study of the learners.

ACC praised his hardworking spirit and Ake is currently observed to be mentally sound and stable. He mentioned that obtaining a driver's license and learning other skills have been helpful to ACC and his personal life.



## Happy Family Gathering Day

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The global pandemic situation has caused fewer children to meet with their families but currently, it is relatively stable. The Amitofo shelter has arranged a family gathering day, for children to eat and chat about their shelter and school life with their family members!

Family members, school teachers, the school nanny's followed this process minute by minute in the morning and the children, family members, and all participants laughed and chatted constantly!

First and foremost, the guests check-in. Then the school shares with family members a review of the children's school performance and living habits. After all the formalities, we watch the children's performances (traditional dance, singing, Kung Fu, etc.) in the Multipurpose hall and then the children meet their families to chat afterwards enjoying lunch. Then the endowment process is put into action and it is finally time to say our goodbyes although everyone was reluctant to. We are all looking forward to the next family gathering!

