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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.

"African Impressions" Drawing Competition in the courtyard voting activities

Contributor: ACC Namibia

The fun and healing drawing competition is out. There are to be votes casted by all the adults and the children of the shelter center/ campus. There are voting rules and ballot boxes, so that the children can experience the similar ways of democratic voting. Everyone struggles to choose one painting to promote~ "Wow! I really want to vote for more than one painting!" The competition has created a fierce yet fun atmosphere! After the opening of the wonderful martial arts performance that afternoon, an awards ceremony was held. The winning school children received the exquisite certificates and small gifts. They were very happy!

Then there was the release of singing and dancing arranged by Teacher Xiao Hua and the performance of martial arts "Kung Fu Kid" guided by coach Awen, which drew a perfect ending for a pleasant weekend afternoon!

A painting competition of African culture allowed the children to show what the whole of Africa and the shelter campus looked like in their eyes. So everyone couldn't help but admire how talented the children were. To the children who did not win prizes, your paintings are equally wonderful. I also applaud for you, as long as you work hard, you will definitely have a chance to win a prize next time!



AFeng's Story

Contributor: ACC Malawi

My name is Afeng, born in Sumba on July 27, 1996. There are eight children in our family, and I rank fourth. My father passed away when I was 7 and after his death, my mother had trouble raising all eight siblings, my mother couldn't handle it .

When I had the opportunity to join the Amitabha Care Center in Blantyre (Malawi ACC), most of the family opposed this idea. At the time, it was generally believed that the Chinese were cannibals. Living with a Chinese was perceived similarly to losing a child.

After joining ACC in 2007, it was difficult at first, but as time went by, I got used to the rules, discipline and style, and life became easier.

My family became accustomed to not seeing me for a long time, and my first vacation visit surprised almost everyone in the family. It was a happy moment. My mother and the neighbors who were worried at first could only experience the significant changes that occurred during my absence. I came home for the first time with a gift from ACC, and finally people started to understand and appreciate ACC's work. Life at ACC is the only thing I can remember when I was growing up. Although there were ups and downs, the experience has shaped the way I am today.

I took my graduation exam in 2020. Although I did not do very well, my ability to communicate with Chinese ensures that I have a skill from which I can make some money, to take care of myself and my family. With fierce competition in the job market, learning Chinese and understanding Chinese culture is a blessing to gain a higher advantage. In addition to helping at home, I have also become a role model for my peers in the village. I am also doing my best to help other children realize the importance of hard work whenever possible, and am always eager to learn new things.

When I have the opportunity, I will express myself by working hard to do my job.

Currently, I work for a Chinese steel manufacturing company in Lilongwei. Although I was hired as a translator, I also perform other administrative work, which has given me the opportunity to learn new things and gain practical work experience, this has been made possible through the Chinese I have learnt in ACC. My hope and dream is to continue to learn Chinese, to continue to university, and eventually to be able to professionally translate in the international market.

I am very grateful to Master Huili, Malawi Amitabha Care Center, and all the ACC sponsors around the world, who have given disadvantaged and impoverished children more chances of survival.



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