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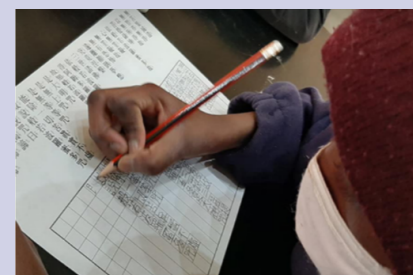
In 1992, Venerable Huili embarked on a journey to Africa. He established the first "Amitofo Care Center" (ACC) in Malawi during 2004, dedicated to caring for African vulnerable children and where more than 85% of world's HIV-positive children live. Today, many years later, the founder continues with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

2021 Chinese Speaking Hegemony Tournament The meeting ended successfully

The registration for the "2021 Chinese Speaking Hegemony Tournament" organized by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission of the Republic of China began in mid-April. This competition is designed to encourage school students from all continents around the world to strengthen their Chinese listening and speaking skills. In the Lesotho ACC campus, 12 senior campus children formed four teams to participate in the competition of the "Advanced Group for Overseas School Students".

The competition, registration, and scoring, must be completed online and because if this, the situation has been a challenge for the Lesotho campus with limited equipment and lack of network resources. Moreover, because it is the first time we have participated in a Chinese language competition of this sort, the Chinese teacher-Mr. Luo and the participating students all relied on a passion for speaking Chinese and the foundation of the learnt Chinese built from many years of work and experience to participate in the competition. The competition ended on May 31st. Congratulations to the 12 contestants, who invested a lot of extracurricular time and energy to overcome various shortcomings to complete the competition. They have all achieved excellent results, and they have also demonstrated the fearless spirit of self-improvement and self-challenge. We hope that they will be able to move forward regardless of success or failure in their future life. We are committed to participating, not for the ranking or rewards. This has been a precious and rare experience that allows children to broaden their horizons in Chinese language learning!

Under the guidance and leadership of Teacher Luo, the first to third places in the campus are: Tianjue, Dipu, and Tianli. And the winners of the participation award are: Love Team: Tianjue (a boy name: Tianjue), Dipu (a girl name: Dipu), Tianbang; White Dragon Stars Team: Tianguan, Dimei, Dikuan; Black Bears Team: Tianli, Tiannuo, and Dipin; Little Angels Team: Tianyi, Tianzhi, Tiande.



City Closure Series Activities Contributor: ACC Namibia

Talking and Painting Tang Poems

During the lockdown period, the flexible classes will not be interrupted.

Teacher Long's talking and painting Tang poems to introduce "Spring Morning":
Spring morning arrives unnoticed in my slumber, Till I hear birds twittering everywhere. It springs to mind a storm raged through overnight, Off it blew how many flowers I wonder?
Introduce the meaning of the poem, and let the children draw their own imagination.

(2) Work on the slope

ACC is a big family. The children are also responsible for maintaining the environment together. The Buddhist hall, the studio, the multi-purpose hall and the office are cleaned, the trees, flowers, and vegetable gardens are watered and irrigated, and the campus is kept orderly under the leadership of the babysitter. They also assisted the little sister to apply chicken manure in the vegetable garden to understand the hardship and difficulty of "day needs, hundreds of hands to prepare."

(3) Copy Heart Sutra

Before copying the scriptures, Master Jianyu led the children to recite the Heart Sutra religiously. The lower grades copied the phonetic version; the upper grades copied the Chinese characters plus the phonetic version.
Copying the scriptures not only allows the children to practice handwriting, but also calms their hearts and calms their emotions. They are also protected by Buddha and develop wisdom by writing Buddhist scriptures.

(3) Meditation and disciples rules

During the lockdown of the pandemic, the children were a little scared and worried. In order to stabilize everyone's mood, they arranged for the children to meditate, and then taught the disciples rules.

The behaviours from the outside to the inside during walking, staying, sitting and lying, as well as the coping of advances and retreats from oneself to the interpersonal relationship and various etiquettes, hope that the disciples rules can be further deepened and practiced in life.



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