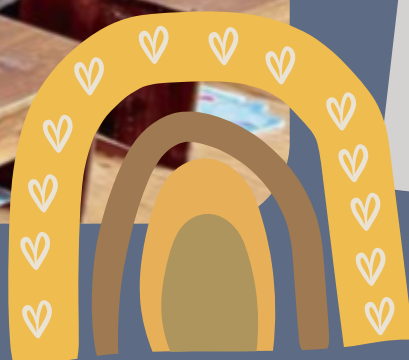




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### Editor's note

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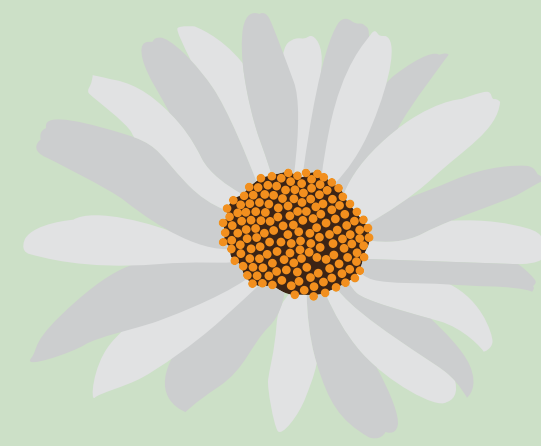
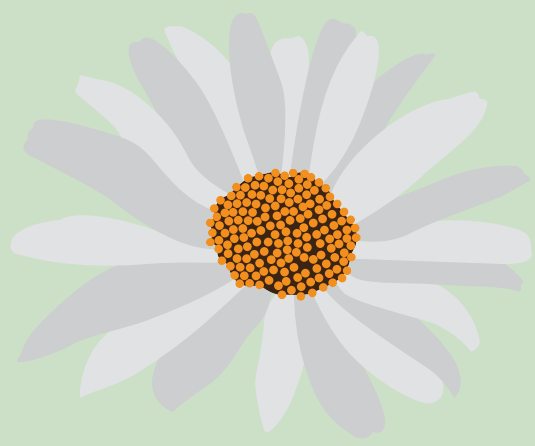
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“A letter from the monk”  
Next year when the spring flowers bloom, you and I will meet again.  
—2021 Annual Water & Land Relief Activity postponement—

Dear ACC sponsor parents:

As the pandemic continues to spread, we are in Africa. I wish you all health, safety, and peace of mind.

With the blink of an eye half of 2021 has gone by. Since the COVID-19 outbreak last year, the world has undergone unprecedented changes. The directors and staff of ACC in the six African countries and seven campuses, together along with the Social Welfare Department have remained safe with the children.

In spite of the recent sudden changes, the campuses have learned to adapt, take care of these uncertain times, and have formed a close relationship with local government agencies and Chinese members. Despite daily hardships, the shelter children have had to grow up in the face of changes, learn to take responsibility, take care of their younger brothers and sisters, and protect their homes.

This year, in addition to the life and education of ACC children, crops were planted in Bodhi Park. Although as slow as it was, the planting did not stop. A few years ago, when the first batch of olives were ripe, it was made into 100% cold-pressed virgin olive oil, golden in color and rich in taste. This gift from mother nature was deeply moving. We sincerely hope that everyone gets the chance to enjoy this wonderful olive oil, as protecting everyone's health is of utmost importance, especially in light of the recent events regarding food safety issues.

Bodhi Park is in the third decade of the spread of Buddhism in Africa, turning swords into plows so that ACC can be self-sustainable in the future and care for the next generation of Africans. I brought the children together who were already grown and were willing to participate in land reclamation, planting, irrigation, and construction.

Every year, I report to you on the progress and current situation of ACC in Africa through the Water and Land Relief Activity. This year, the ACC water and land activity conference was originally scheduled to be held in October at the Hilton Hotel in Banqiao (板橋), but after taking into account the health and safety of the public amidst the outbreak of the new Covid-19 variant, the conference will be postponed to dates February 23rd to March 2nd, 2022. So, once the postponement message is sent to everyone via text, we'll continue to keep you updated on the latest situation.

Next year, after the Lantern Festival, winter will quickly pass and spring will be here. At the beginning of the new year, everyone will gather together again to pray for the protection of Buddhas, the stability of the world, the lives lost in the pandemic, and to honor our past ancestors for their kindness.

I would like to thank every medical worker on the front line of the pandemic. When the pandemic began to spread, they stayed at their medical sites day and night to contribute to the health of the nation as a whole, and sacrificed precious time with their families. Although the Dharma meeting could not be held, we continued to pray for their safety and health in morning and evening prayers.

As we are all waiting for the pandemic to pass, I hope you will cherish every moment you have to spend time with your family, listen, understand, accompany, and care for each other. In these days of uncertainty, we will continue to cultivate and grow together, keep our palms held up, and when the spring flowers bloom next year, I believe that everyone will be blessed with wisdom, happiness, and longevity.

With our warmest wishes, we want to send blessings of peace and health to your families. We will see you next year!

Sincerely, Huili

。 The Story of the School Boy 。  
The Story of Ahfeng  
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 .

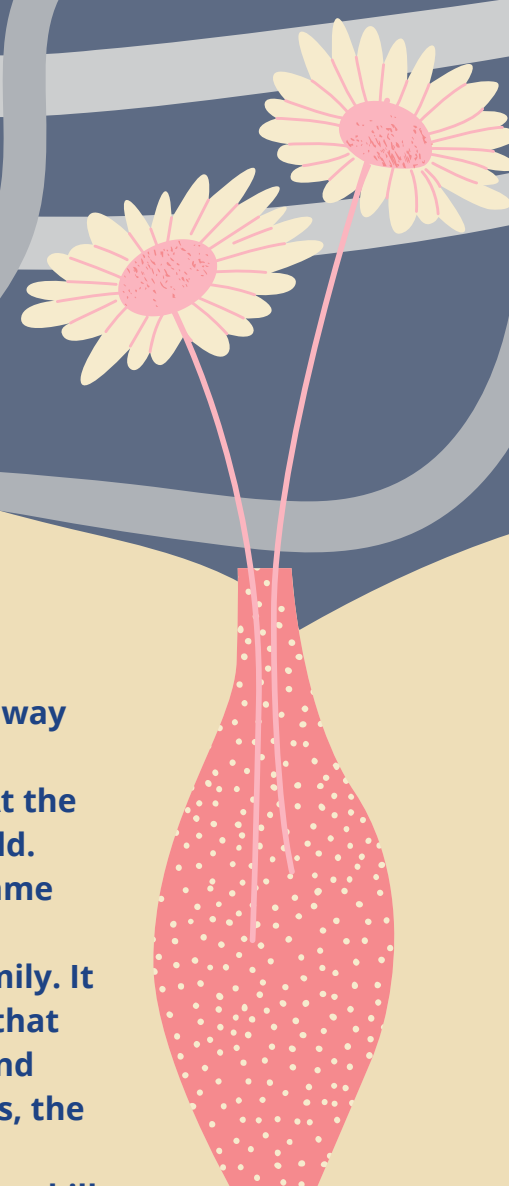
When I had the opportunity to join the Amitabha Care Center in Blantyre (Malawi ACC), most of the family opposed this idea. At the time, it was generally believed that the Chinese were cannibals. Living with a Chinese was perceived similarly to losing a child. After joining ACC in 2007, it was difficult 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.







## ◦ shelter highlights ◦ Helping each other in the midst of chaos

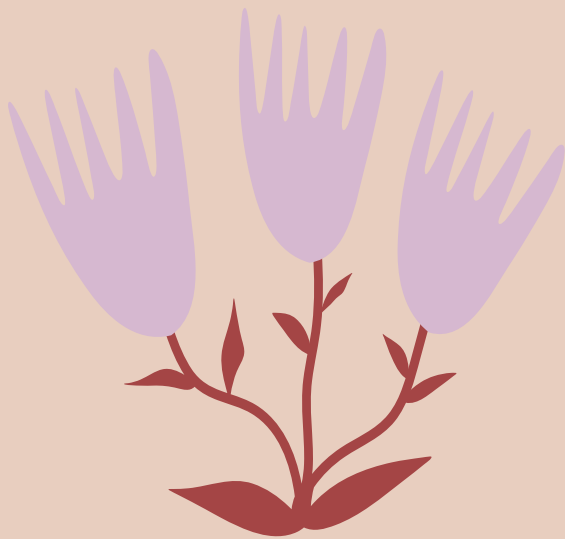
There are cherry blossom trees on both sides of Mi Tuo Avenue. They stand facing the cold wind, blooming with pink flowers, along with a blue sky and white clouds. It truly is a refreshing and wonderful sight to see. Riots ravaged through Shiguo's cities and towns. Luckily, the Chief of District where the shelter is located was an army commander. He sent troops to guard the children and Chinese people in the district, and the shelter became like a haven in the midst of chaos.

Shiguo and its the unrest of the city has been constantly appearing on the news, and we have received constant messages of concern and care. Thank you so much for your concern, and you can rest knowing that the children and volunteers are all healthy and safe.

During the unrest, the teachers were unable to return to school immediately to teach, due to transportation issues. Teacher Yucheng from the conservation group immediately reached out to several older children who had excellent grades and asked whether they would take on the responsibility of teaching their younger brothers and sisters. Without even a word, the older children courageously took on the teaching responsibilities for two days.

In class, the "little teachers" held down the fort, making a world of difference to their sleepy younger brothers and sisters in the audience. The little teachers were all dry-mouthed, their legs shaking from standing too long. This experience allowed the older children to understand the difficulty and sacrifice that goes on behind the scenes, and also allows them to realize the blessing of being students.

The misbehaving younger brothers and sisters reminded the older children of how naughty they were when they were children. The classroom was both a teaching and learning experience for everyone. This two-day substitute job gave the older children a chance to reflect on themselves and was undoubtedly a rare and precious lesson.



## ◦ Africa highlights ◦ Sweet Humans

Contributor: ACC Malawi

When Brother Yang Futie left for Africa, he collected a batch of stationery from Taiwan and brought it all the way to Africa, thousands of miles away. He not only left a lot of stationery for the children in Africa but he also left his love. The stationery materials are not only used by the shelter children but are also sent from ACC to local schools in need.

Lilongwe ACC staff visited Kasungu District under the leadership of the Chief of Bweya, and donated stationery to Chankharamu LEA school. Students in grades 1-8 each received a stationery set containing: ball-point pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, rulers, markers, and pencil cases. A total of 347 students benefited from the gifts. Teachers said that many students have dropped out of school after the fifth grade, some of them to get married and others to work or farm to support their families.

In addition to the stationery, Lilongwe ACC also donated Rooibos tea as gifts to the local teachers, chiefs, and social welfare officers of Kasungu District, who all expressed their gratitude.

