

阿彌陀佛關懷中心

AMITOFO  
CARE  
CENTRE



Compassion for Africa  
builds a  
brighter future

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## Introduction

### The first Buddhist orphanage in Africa

**A**mitofo Care Centre, ACC for short, is an international humanitarian NGO set up by a Buddhist group. The main principles and unique characteristics of ACC are based on local African culture, Chinese culture and Buddhist philosophy to foster thousands of vulnerable orphans in need.

The founder of ACC is Venerable Master Hui Li, also tagged as the 'African monk'. In 1992, he established the first Buddhist temple, Nan Hua Buddhist Temple, in South Africa. Afterward, he extended his arms to Malawi to set up the first orphanage, Amitofo Care Centre. Since then, ACC has spread its wings to Lesotho and Swaziland to adopt orphans, establish schools, nurture CBOs, open vocational training centers and revive local African culture.

# Origin

## Compassion between all human beings

One of Malawian women used her frail hands to wash poisoned seeds to eat. On seeing that, Master Hui Li shouted down the woman and said, ‘those are poisoned’. The woman sigh out, ‘I know those seeds are poisoned. But what if I don’t have them, I’d be hungry to death.’ Master Hui Li was shocked by her words and walked with this woman to village full of skin and bones aged people and orphans. This encounter brings Master Hui Li vows to establish orphanages all over Africa to take care of thousands upon thousands children suffering from hunger, poverty and disease.

Venerable Master Hui Li from Taiwan has practiced Buddhism in Africa for over 20 years. He witnessed the spread of AIDS leading to abandoned orphans on the streets and the rich black land enveloped in disease, poverty, unrest and death. Stricken



by this scenario, Master Hui Li vows to reincarnate as an African monk for five lifetimes over 300 years to practice charity and propagate Buddhism in 54 African countries.

In the true spirit of Buddhism, 'Compassion between all human beings', Master Hui Li takes great steps to bring love and care to the orphans by providing them with warm homes and education. This benevolent deed has gained a lot of support and praise by a number of African leaders and First Ladies. Furthermore, he has been awarded the 'Loving of Life' medal by the Chou Ta-Kuan Foundation of Taiwan. Some of whom refer to him as the Buddhist Albert Schweitzer in praise of his significance and contributions thus far.



# Objective

## Spreading Dharma in Africa and Extending the wisdom of Buddhist teachings

Practicing Buddhism carries out compassion and salvation in Africa

Educating orphans builds up hope construction

ACC expects itself to be a platform of practicing virtue invites all of you to give consideration and essential aid to Africa. The greatest love without boundary opens out our value of life. Achieve humanistic pure land, just you and me.



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**B**UDDHISM



**C**ONSTRUCTION



# EDUCATION



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## Feature

### Orphanage together with school roots education deeply

I want to send a dad and a mom to every orphan's heart. Let them feel they are precious.

— Master Hui Li said.

ACC takes a concept of human being as a root to form children villages which focus on family values. We live the different age children in a house, a family which there are 20 children live with 2 local nannies and 1 child-care teacher who are responsible for managing the house, taking care of them and always staying with them.

ACC kids always say, 'I have a dad, Master is my new father. Nanny is my new mom. I thank ACC very much.' Obviously, the foster system of ACC has made kids regain confidence and warmth of family. Furthermore, children could learn how to take responsibility and obligation through group livelihood.

ACC not only provides children with abundant food and comfortable environment to keep them in



good physical condition, but also stresses on their education. Consequently, ACC sets up Yuan Tong school in accordance with local African education system combines with Chinese and Buddhist teachings. We believe children will be able to carry on African culture, at the same time, absorb Chinese culture and wisdom of Buddhism. That will make children sound in body and mind.

ACC does look forward to growing these children up healthily and strong and be independent. Thus they would be the seedlings to make kindness cycles to come off suffering of poverty and disease in Africa. It's only a long-range program of education that can change mind and change the world. Surely, escape suffering and attain happiness will benefit ourselves and others.





## Present and Future

**Where African orphans are,  
ACC will be there.**

**A**t present the Headquarters of ACC, the Amitofo Charity Association, ACA in short, is located in South Africa. It overall plans operation and management for all ACCs in every African country.

Malawi ACC started adopting orphans in 2004. Lesotho ACC began taking care of children in 2010. Swaziland ACC opened in 2011 and lately in November 2015 ACC Namibia. There're over 8000 orphans including our children and CBO ones, benefit by our ACC's software and hardware. Every ACC comprises administration centers, houses, dormitories, Yung Tong secondary schools and primary schools, preschools, libraries, activity centers, religious centers, medical centers and vocational training centers, etc.



In addition to have a foothold on those 4 countries, ACC is looking forward to opening new centres in other countries of Africa. Mozambique ACC broke ground in 2012 ; meanwhile the second ACC in Malawi has begun the project in November 2014; along with South Africa ACC to be expected in 2016. At the same time, we also set up offices in Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan, Germany, Australia ,and the United States of America etc. to facilitate our support and donations program.

We use wisdom of Buddhism and mundane phenomena to develop ACC which integrates western culture with eastern culture. We will take this kind of mode and experience to copy ACC to 54 countries in Africa. Look forward to every child from ACC will inherit essential African culture and wisdom to become the new generation with gratitude and understanding cause and effect. Desert could change to oasis, hardship and suffering could gradually turn into pure land.

# Spenden

Ziel der Spenden ist:  
(Purpose of Donation, 捐款用途)

## 1. Ausbau der Betreuungszentren:

Expansion of Care Centres :

關懷中心硬體建設及擴充：

Sie entscheiden über die Höhe der Spende.

You decide how much you would like to donate.

您可以自行決定，以隨喜方式來捐助

Oder (or 或是) :

## 2. Patenschaften ( Godparenthood, 助養 ) :

- Für 180€/pro Jahr kann ein Kind rundum versorgt werden, wahlweise können

Sie auch für monatlich 15€ als Pate agieren (z.B. Bankeinzug).

- Godparenthood: One child 180€/per year; You can also choose to donate monthly

15€ through automatic debit transfer system.

- 助養：每位孤兒 180€／一年；您也可以選擇用自動扣款的方式每月繳交 15€



## Art der Spenden (Way of Donation) 捐款方式：

1. Bargeld ; Cash ;現金

2. Bankeinzug ; automatic debit transfer  
system ; 銀行自動扣款

3. Überweisung ; Remittance ;銀行匯款

- Sie erhalten von uns eine Spendenbescheinigung oder eine Spendenquittung.
- According to your donation, you will receive a donation receipt from us.
- 依據您的捐助，我們會給您奉上收據以示證明

**Bitte helfen Sie mit, jede Spende zählt !**

**Please help, every donation counts !**

**請您多支持，每份捐助都能起大效用！**

Bankverbindung(Bank Particulars , 銀行明細):

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