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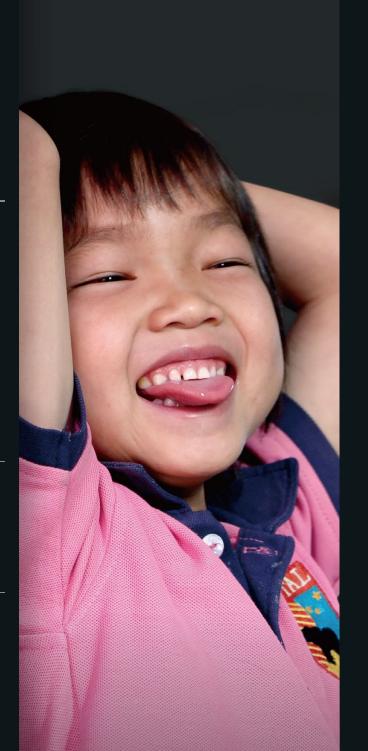
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"I don't have mom and dad since I was a child, now I'm really pleased because of the love from the Zhang mom and dad," this unadorned saying from Guo Zhi of the Silver Lining Family Village in Myanmar really stirs up my emotions.

We moved our family to the Nanning city in Guangxi in 2005 to work at an orphanage. Although we take good care of the children and we build strong relationships with them, I notice their hearts seemingly are devoid of something, and I can readily sense their indescribable regret that is deep inside. Then one day, a girl Xiao Ling told me: "Uncle Yeung, you know what, I was most unhappy when we were hit with heavy rain at the end of the school

day." I inquired with curiosity: "Why?" She said: "Uncle Yeung, it's hard for you to understand certain things. Every time when there was pouring rain, all the fellow students waited for their moms and dads to pick them up by the school entrance, and one by one they went home with them under their umbrellas, then finally I was the only one left, and I ran all by myself in the rain, crying on the way back to the welfare home, wondering why my mom and dad have abandoned me, and how I long for one day they would pick me up from school."

I felt so sad after hearing what she said, and suddenly I realized what the children need the most, and the living provisions, schooling, and even our love would not suffice. What they need the most is a family, it's a home where they are together with their parents.

Therefore, we began to set up the Silver Lining Caring Center with the hope to give a family to the children. Nine years went by in the blink of an eye, then we extended our valuable experiences operating orphanages in China and brought them to Myanmar, opening the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village there two years ago. There are more than eighty children in the Caring Center today, and eight established families, and a plan to increase to twelve families in 2019. We don't call ourselves an orphanage because orphans have neither family nor parents, but our children have families where they belong, with mom and dad

loving them dearly, while they were orphans before, they are now mom and dad's precious children.

Very often the mothers share with me tidbits of their lives with the children. They recall the times when a child shared with her: "Mom. I love you so much." and it was so touching that they were on the verge of tears. Sometimes the mother brought along a big group of children that caught the attention of the bystanders: "You are bringing so many kids along, is this an orphanage?" The mother would reply: "No, they are my children." With heightened curiosity: "Are you kidding? These kids are about the same age, how can you have all of them?" I asked the mother: "So how do you answer?" She said: "I smiled and told them: I can't have all of them, they are my adopted children."

Another mother told me: "Last month the children somehow learned about my birthday, they bought me a birthday cake behind my back with their own paltry sum of pocket-money, and who knows how long it would take them to save enough for it. Suddenly when I saw them bringing in the cake to celebrate my birthday, I was so moved to tears, and I'm so glad having children that so love me."





My husband and I joined a team from Southern California in early December to travel to Myanmar on a medical (dental/vision) mission trip. We have been doing mission trips for many years but only once before traveling such a long distance to Eastern Asia. Both of these trips were with Silver Linings.

Our hearts are definitely linked with their purpose of bringing hope and dignity to impoverished children as well as other vulnerable people groups. Among these groups in Myanmar were orphaned children in the "family village" at Pyin Oo Lwin. Many of these children were abandoned due to one or both parents succumbing to drug addiction in a country with extremely high rates of addiction to opioids. The opportunity to enter into the lives of these children, even just for a few days, was a blessing.

We heard Jesus's heartbeat for these children. Each night we danced with them to worship music that filled their hearts, and ours, with such joy. We took a day trip to a local park where we played games with them. We attended a Christmas service at a local seminary and sat with them as members of a family would sit together. And of course we did dental–vision checkups on all of them. We pulled a few teeth and did fillings on several. We also worked on several "mothers" of these children and various other caregivers.

In some ways it reminded me of the story of the old man who came upon a child who every so often would pick up a starfish washed along the beach and toss it back in. A companion observing him said, "There are more starfish than you can ever save! You cannot make a difference." He replied, "It made a difference for that one!" Not every child gets a second





chance. Yet, for those whose plight have been seen, they are scooped up and brought into refuge.

Those at Silver Linings, and all of us who come alongside, are one by one, giving these children a home, food on the table at mealtimes, an education, medical attention, and an opportunity to dance with joy before a creator who knows them each by name. The children had joy! They danced and sang with such enthusiasm. Not only are they surviving, they are thriving! And God allowed us to enter into His work there. And it was good, and beautiful, and true.

Teannebert

Silver Lining Family Village Safe Haven

As I first heard the invitation to come to Myanmar my heart leaped with joy in a adventurous excitement and anticipation. I had never heard of this country before. I had no idea what state I would find the people in. I didn't realize that it was a country devastated and being destroyed by multiple political factions that have been in one of the longest civil wars to date. I didn't realize that it was a country torn and ripped apart by the opium trade. I didn't know that so many men, women and children had been killed, abandoned, and lost to this black death. The more research I did the more desperate and overwhelmed I began to feel. How do you help the numerous children left abandoned and alone in the self-destruction of parents who have been consumed by the power of their addiction?

I have to be honest there was a moment that it all seemed hopeless. That is until I got off the plane in Myanmar. Driving a couple hours into a town that I honestly can't even pronounce the name, we arrived at the Silver Lining Family Village. A literal safe haven for the lost and abandoned child. It stood on the outskirts of town as a beacon of Hope. As we pulled into the facility we were greeted with beaming beautiful faces. I have been to many different countries and have seen many different children from many different orphanages, these kids did not look like them. They didn't look like orphans.

These children did not have their biological parents to take care of them and love them. But they did not look like traumatized victims. So what made this place so different? Why are these kids so different? Every orphanage I had been to whether it being a state or faith based facility, I would always be ransacked by the kids from the moment of arriving to the moment of leaving. The children being overtaken by a ravenous appetite for love and attention. These kids were so polite, they looked like my kids looked. Full of love and very well taken care of. I was informed that this facility is not an orphanage but a village. They wanted to do away with the term "orphan" because that is not what these children are now. They have been given a home and a family, for every 10 children there is a mom and dad who have taken these kids in as their own.

I was amazed at what a difference this made in forming their identity. It never considered to me that calling a child an orphan because that's "technically" what they were; was actually instilling in them and creating an identity that would make or break their future. If they believed they were unloved, abandoned, unvalued, uncared for how would they act? How would you act? But the Silver Lining Family Village model in this place has worked for these kids. They have created a model that is restoring the identities of these precious children that the world or





social parties would try to label them as.

We were privileged to stay, play and eat with them for about a week. They have classes teaching them Chinese, Burmese and eventually English. They are learning that they have value and are created for something special.

When you hear these children's backstories and hear what these kids had gone through your heart just break. Many moments I would stand in awe at how redeemed each child is. You see little glimpses of the brokenness here and there through behavior but nothing like I expected and nothing like they "should be" due to the mass trauma they had experienced. These children have been saved and will continue to grow up in a loving environment. Their stories were rewriting through Silver Lining. You could see love on every child's face. But the sad truth is that there are still countless children lost in the blackness of Myanmar. They are going to bed hungry, and alone.



So here is my challenge to whomever may be reading this, What role are you willing to take? Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to help the widow and orphan. There are still many orphans in Myanmar so let's find them and provide a home for them here at the Silver Lining Family Village. Bring the light to this dark country.

There are three ways to participate

- · Pray for the leaders, staff and children
- Give to the organization for overhead cost and more buildings to house and hire more families
- · Sponsor a child



Guangxi. Looking through the classroom window, the children looked so adorable as they paid their full attention to their classes; although they were incapable to express themselves clearly, they raised their hands eagerly. After putting in the efforts, then we heard the round of applause among the teacher and students, encouraging each other, and the joyful noise of laughter coming out from every classroom. The children scrutinized our visit with their heads raised and waved to us in their bright smiles. We passed through the baby group afflicted with more acute ailments. We saw faces distorted from the pain caused by the rehabilitation treatments. The sight was both shocking and heart-breaking. Then it seemed one of the children could feel the quiet encouragement from someone and the face lit up. It certainly brought home those mixed emotions: Despite the pain and difficulties, they are living their lives with gusto!

The next stop we traveled to the Silver Lining Caring Center in Dahua County. My previous worry about getting along with the children there vanished, as they were waving to us by the Center entrance, beaming even before we got off the vehicle! Seeing these children and knowing that they became orphans separated from their families by circumstances beyond their control, and my eyes welled up again.

While watching the children play at the playground, a little boy about two years old kept looking at me; when I tried to approach him, he ran away to keep a distance between us, then he resumed watching me. After going back and forth a few times in this way, he finally stopped moving away, but he still won't talk. I guessed it was the child's emotional defense at work there. Every child is eager to be loved, but they are at a loss to deal with the pain of abandonment, so



it's a slow and frightening ride to allow someone in your life again.

While walking at the playground I met a very lovely little girl standing by the iron gate, and I asked her if she could show me the Center; she nodded lightly and smiled at me, then she slowly took my hand. At that moment I felt the warmth gushing inside me! She took me to visit her home at the Center, introduced her brothers and sisters with much eagerness, then aptly went about to set up the chairs for dinner. Observing her courteous behaviors at that family, suddenly I realized what a blessing it is from heaven! Although they lost their biological parents, the children at the Silver Lining home can recoup the warmth of a family. After dinner, she ran over to hug me and whispered: I don't want you to leave! I also embraced her tightly and said: I'll come back to see you when I have the chance! Then once again she gave that lovely smile that melted your hearts. The visit made me appreciate the efforts the children put in as well as taking in their innocence. They have neither computers, phones, nor toys, yet they can play for an entire afternoon with a rubber band. Although they suffer from both physical and emotional pains, they don't complain, and they offer ample servings of their smiles and joyfulness every day! While I am still wondering about what I can bring to these children, they have already taught me these lessons: Be grateful for everything and to live in the moment.

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ESTHER

Foster Mom of the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village



A friend asked me if I wanted to take care of the children at Silver Lining, and I promptly agreed. I am very grateful to find this meaningful work so that I can help a group of children that need to be cared for, and I thank the founder Mr. Yeung and his wife for opening such a wonderful site, the Silver Lining Family Village.

All the children lived together in one group at the orphanages that I knew prior, and the only segregation was boys and girls had their own living quarters and several people were responsible to care for them. Silver Lining Family Care however, is using the family model to care for the children. Ten children and their foster parents form a family, and we have our own kitchen bedroom and

bathroom so that children who have lost their families can have their own "family" once again. I can see from their faces that the children are very happy, and it leaves me with tender feelings that I really cherish.

I'm neither a teacher nor a nanny under this family model. I'm assuming the role of the mother to nurture the children as they grow. The children and I have very close relationships, and they will share with me the happenings in their lives as well as their needs. This family becomes complete when the children build up their sense of security.

I wish to live a joyful and healthy life with these children as we grow together.

SHUYU

Foster Mom of the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village



All is well after moving into the new family village. The children have their own home under the care of their mother, and I feel very happy living together with them. There are times the children misbehaving, and it can make one upset, yet they don't linger because the frustration will pass upon seeing the children's innocent faces. These children who have lost their parents are well taken care of in terms of learning, clothing, food, shelter, and mobility when they move to live in the Silver Lining Family Village. It's their blessings to come across the Silver Lining Foundation.

I have never seen an orphanage using this "family model" to support the orphans. The teachers and the caregivers here treat the children as their own. It's moving and rejoicing to notice that everyone practices loving care.

I heard remarks from the teachers of the local school: these children are really blessed because love is more abundant at the Silver Lining Family Village than the other orphanages, and the children receive their caregivers as their mothers. No matter how naughty the children are, they are still lovely. I hope there are more Silver Lining Family Center openings in the future so that more children may receive help.

Many thanks to the kind people behind the scenes who lend their support to the Silver Lining Family Village. You will receive double the blessings from your giving.





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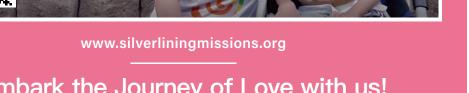
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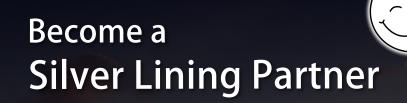
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Progress together with Myanmar CP children

Silver Lining invited Eden Centre for Disabled Children (ECDC) to study Conductive Education Program (CE Program) that provide services, focusing on only children with cerebral palsy. Therefore, Managing Director and four technical staffs (one Social Worker, one physiotherapist and two special education teachers) visited Silver Lining Officer in Nan Ning for one week.

A responsible person from Silver Lining presented how to operate their CE Program. ECDC staff learnt strengths of CE Program, needs for motivating and encouraging CWDs so that they are willing to do exercises in active ways, rather than passive ways and the importance of the roles of the parents.

As improvements for me as a Social Work Officer (CE team Leader), I have learnt how to lead parents in the activities of CE program. I have learnt as uniqueness of CE Program that social worker needs to facilitate the parents in the leading role to make the children's progresses. In addition, I have learnt how to manage the parents in activities of CE Program and how to develop lesson plans with the team.

As improvements of our two CE staffs and physiotherapist, they learnt how to collaborate and negotiate each other and provide mutual supports for more functioning in the team. although the team faces many challenges. Our physiotherapist had an opportunities for learning special education related knowledge, and then she can do some CE trainings that are received by Dr. Cheng and Xp-Wu related knowledge transfers to the parents, in addition to her physiotherapy related techniques and special education. Apart from that, based on the rehabilitation principle our team could implement the exercise series plan collaborating with CE teachers after they have discussed for the CE services. On the other hand they could expand their network in ordering and creating the materials and assistive devices according to the needs of children with cerebral palsy. Now, our CE team has been able to build firm and deep trust with the parents. It can be said that CE team has technically improved and been trusted.

Since CE children receive services everyday through CE Program, their progresses are significant. There is a child who will go to mainstream school in the coming academic year.



















On the afternoon of December 19, three children with cerebral palsy, Si Min, Si Yu, and Zi Yu and their parents got together as a group of six and flew to Beijing. They represented the more than 160 children with cerebral palsy from Guangxi Silver Lining as they participated in the evening party of the "2018 Just Like You" National Cerebral Palsy Integrated Education Campaign held on December 21.

"I know for sure that there are many obstacles in

my life, and I'll need all my courage to soldier on.

For the many hands that support me, I must

bravely face the future!"

Si Min, an eleven-year-old girl with cerebral palsy from a poor family at the Dahua Mountain in Guangxi, is currently receiving free rehabilitation and education services at the Guangxi Silver Lining. The party was presented to entire China through broadcast television. At the event, Si Min recited "Road", a personal account of the life-affirming story by a child with cerebral palsy. The child's young voice emanated strenath her slight perseverance, figure projected vigor.









The day after the party, Si Min, Si Yu, and Zi Yu together with the other children with cerebral palsy from different places visited Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City Museum in Beijing. The children showed great excitement visiting those places in person instead of seeing them on television and books.

The children with cerebral palsy presented to society their spirit of regeneration and optimism through this activity. At the same time, they get to expand their horizons and to take in affection from the community. There is indeed bright hope for the future!

UPDATES



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The annual Guangxi Silver Lining Parents' Sports Event was held on a sunny day in mid-January and it went smoothly. The title of the meeting is "Back to the Young Days, Challenge Yourself". True to its name, the event organizer readied many games for the meeting that the parents used to play while growing up, so those games helped them to go back to the days when they were young. The twelve games included tug-of-war, beanbag games, shuttlecock kicking and so on. The fathers and mothers were not the only ones who involve themselves with great passion, many children's grandparents also competed with much enthusiasm, showing their top vintage form. The children became the cheerleaders as they watched the games on the sidelines and they had a whale of time cheering on their parents; it was a lively and exciting scene. Besides offering the children and parents a great day of fun and relaxation, the games also helped the parents to let go of themselves and bond together. We sincerely thank all the families for their kind participation, and we also express our gratitude to the volunteers for their support and camaraderie.





villages to lead celebration activities for the New Year. There were many contests for both the children and parents' partaking, the winners would













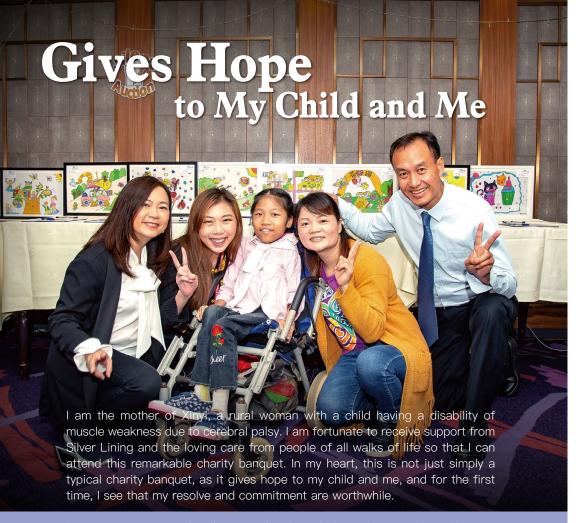




This was not a typical banquet, it was a meaningful one, and it was spacious and handsomely furnished. My own paintings were on display throughout, each of them accompanied with a gorgeous frame. There were many uncles, aunties and brothers and sisters there admiring my paintings. I saw the bright smiles on the faces of those little brothers and sisters, and they were so lovely. Everyone had a great time together, they took pictures with me, the place was energetic, and we ate the delicious food together, played together, and we talked and chatted. The banguet was great fun.

My paintings were auctioned at the banquet. The process was a delight to me because everyone liked my paintings a lot, and they were willing to buy them. It made me more confident and optimistic, and it also made me so pleased





I was quite concerned at learning that I would bring Xinyi to Hong Kong to attend the banquet there, as I always worried that some mishaps might happen. If the outcome of this trip was unsatisfactory, it would undoubtedly deal a heavy blow to the child's self-confidence, however, it turns out that everything has its own reason. There's not a hint of trouble throughout the trip in fact, we've received help from many generous people who rekindle my memory of a compassionate society, and I gain full confidence towards this event.

At the banquet, many people were moved to tears once they saw Xinyi's overview video and listened to her sharing about her experiences, and surprisingly, Xinyi's paintings received acclaims from everyone. I was filled with unspeakable contentment at seeing the big smile on her face. How can I give up upon seeing the many people in the community who support and help us?



Thank-you Silver Lining! Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Yeung for their unwavering love! Thanks to the teachers for their coaching that convey so much knowledge and joy to Xinyi, so that she can live a different life. Thanks to all the sponsors who support this trip, it's impossible to have this wonderful experience without your help. No amount of gratitude can express my respect for everyone. To all of you here I solemnly say Thank-you.



He XiaoLi Silver lining Caring Center Dahua Orphanage





亲爱的资助人

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Dear Sponsors:

Greetings to you! First and foremost, thank you for your support and help throughout these years!

I was born into a tragic family. I came to Silver Lining Caring Center eight years ago, I am in high school now and there are momentous changes to my mindsets that I can't wait to share with you.

I remember distinctly my times in junior high the many instances when I was rejected and ridiculed by my classmates because of my family background. I often cried in the restroom alone, and that period was the most trying and the lowest point in my life. I became rebellious and cynical, and at times having thoughts of quitting school. Fortunately, I have uncles and aunties from Silver Lining that stand steadfast with me, they never stop to counsel and comfort me, and to walk with me to deal with the darkest period in my life so that I can find my bearings through the haze and to set new life goals.

I am now in high school, and I have changed from being rebellious and ignorant to being driven, having my own pursuits and dreams. I am the class student leader as well as a dancing art student at school. My dream is to become a dance teacher!

All my changes are attributed by your care and support, and I'll put in the extra dedication to reach excellence. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart! I wish you well and every success!

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