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Tiny Dripple in the Heart



Since the founding of Silver Lining Family Village in Myanmar, I, as Father Yeung, suddenly gained a lot of children. Whether it was in our Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village or our Mainland China Silver Lining Caring Center, whenever we received new children, the first thing I need to do, was to really memorize their names because the kids would call me Father Yeung. It would be embarrassing if I could not call out their names. However, I am one of those people who was born with poor memory. I remembered one time at the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village, a newly arrived adorable girl ran up to me and said, “Father Yeung, I want to give you this picture as a gift.” In my eyes, seeing her running to me was already the most beautiful picture. I hugged her happily and my brain started the “search” mode, searching for her name and answering her “Good child! Father Yeung loves you!” However, her innocent eyes saw right through my thoughts and said, “Father Yeung, do you remember my

name?” “For sure, I remember.” Not wanting to disappoint her, my brain turned on the “turbo search” mode, hoping to remember her name before she found out, but finally in a happy but mischievous tone, she said “Father Yeung, I bet you don’t remember my name! My name is Lai Xue Xiao.” Oh no, my brain just went blank, I felt embarrassed, I honestly replied to her, “Oh child, I am so sorry! Father Yeung promises you I will remember your name from now on.” I knew, in the kid’s heart, they not only wish I could remember their names, they also desperately need to regain their lost caring and love, hoping someone could be like their father, who could love and protect them.

Others might not notice that I particularly enjoy weekends in Guanxi because our Silver Lining Caring Center is closed on the weekends and the children do not have to go to school, so I will choose this day to spend my time in the center. I have always enjoyed spending time with the children, like enjoying the sweetness from their hugs and kisses, and the moment of children having heart to heart talks with me. These feelings of content and happiness have left an especially strong impression on me since my three own children have left and returned to US for studying. These feelings brought me back to the times when my own children were very young and when I was a young father, enjoying the warm interaction with my children. The only difference is, behind these innocent children’s face, they all have an unfortunate story not known to everyone.

Last year’s summer, a new child arrived at our center. That weekend, I took the newly arrived child, Liu Er, and her family for an outing. Liu Er was about 13 years old when she arrived in the Center with her siblings. Their mother passed away when they were young, they were brought up by their



father. Unfortunately, their father passed away a few months ago. The children must be terribly sad and hurt by losing their only family members. So I hope to cheer them up by bringing them out for an outing, not only can this improve our relationship, through the outing, I hope could elevate some of their sorrow and stress. I remember when I first brought the children for outings, we would go hiking and quickly I understand the human biological principal of “Children’s physical is much stronger than their mental; Adult’s mental is stronger than their physical.” After a few exhausting hiking, I start to take the kids to ice-skating and bouncy castle instead, and I would sit around to watch the kids run and jump around. Kids usually would not come out of the bouncy castle with satisfaction until after an hour of bouncing inside. But Liu Er came out after ten minutes and sat next to me. I gave her a bottle of water to hydrate herself, she took a sip, looked at me and start telling me her story. I can tell she really needed comforting, so I pat her on her shoulder and comfort her not to be scared any more as we are now a family and will be with her always. Liu Er looked up with query eyes and said “Mother Huang said you are our Father Yeung, you will love us like our father, is it true?” I never thought Liu Er would ask me such a direct question but at that moment, deep down I could feel the pain and sorrow, this child in front of me is in dire need of protection and comfort. I pat her shoulder lightly and said in a firm tone “Father Yeung is willing and promise to treat you like my own children! And love all three of you like a father!” After hearing this, Liu Er hugged me tightly and said softly to me “Father Yeung, thank you!”



In mid-July, 23 of us travelled from Hong Kong to Nanning to serve in the 3 days 2 nights “520 Couples’ Camp”. Among the 23 participants, over half of them were parents together with their own children, youngsters who had just started working, some of them were University first year students, high school and middle school children. Among the couples, we had, some “old hands” who had served in several Couples’ Camps before, some who were married less than half a year and had never participated in any Couples Camps themselves. Before we left for the trip, we delegated the responsibilities—couples would be responsible for the couple classes, the singles or yet to be married couples would assist the children, and the youngsters were responsible for the candlelight dinner decorations.

Nanning’s weather is the same as Hong Kong, however this year’s summer was cooler than usual. Rain just stopped when we arrived, and the temperature was around 87 degrees. According to others, summer there could reach as hot as 102–104 degrees, so you could imagine

that the weather was much more comfortable than normal. As usual, the camp started on Friday and the schedule was fully packed: there were 4 lessons of Couples Relationship Management, 2 lessons for children on Life Education, Saturday afternoon photo shooting session and heart-to-heart talks, nighttime candlelight dinner and Sunday Children’s Fashion Show followed by the closing ceremony. My wife and I participated for the first time in the Silver Lining Couples’ Camp last year and we were deeply moved by the heavy burdens endured by the disabled children’s parents. We admired their will to stay, their dedication to love and the effort they put for their children and astonished by pressure endured by the family to care for the disabled children. Although both parents work diligently for the family individually, they lack proper communication with each other, always resulted in misplacement of their thoughts. Instead of supporting each other, they would fall into the abyss of tormenting each other, and because of all these, Silver Lining Couple’s Camp target to serve the needs of these parents.

This year, 25 pairs of couples participated

in the Couple’s Camp, 10 of them were first time participants. Among the participants, there were young couples who still looked like children and there was “old couple” who had been married for over 30 years. Since it was our second time participating in the Couples Camp, we had the feeling of reunion. In fact, we ran into a couple of familiar faces but there were more unfamiliar ones. The “old couple” mentioned earlier was assigned to my team. Luckily, my wife and I had been married for 38 years, so we were still barely qualified to share some of our past experience with them. The most memorable was regardless of the length of their marriage, they all had a strong wish that this Couples Camp could improve their marital relationship and lead them to happiness. The simple characters made them easier to absorb the things they heard and learnt. During the small group discussion, there was never any dull moments, and on the contrary, there were often time when we had to end the discussion because they needed to rush off to the next session.

Before this trip, my wife and I just had some disagreement on house moving issues. There were hard feeling between us and I was still pounding on ways to deal with it. I thought of making up with my wife after we



returned to Hong Kong, but for some unknown reason, I shared this incident in class and openly stated that, from now on, I would listen to my wife no matter what happened. However, shortly after that, I already regretted on my over promising. But during the closing ceremony, one husband also stated that he would from now on listen to his wife no matter what happened. Mrs. Yeung quickly shot me a look saying I had set an example for this husband. I was completely stunted because this kind of promise was unusual in a male dominant society. Afterward, I also found out that this couple was having some tense moments in their relationship and had even discussed about divorce. Their daughter really hoped her parents could join the camp. The wife registered at the very last moment but unsure of her husband’s attendance. However, the result was just remarkable and assured my own promise. The husband and I encouraged each other at the closing ceremony and we also exchange encouragement with others. I hope we could all share more blessed stories on marital relationships when we met again.

It was already beginning of August when I wrote this testimonial. The Couples’ Camp had ended half a month ago. My wife and I are now on the return flight from Europe to Hong Kong. Our half a month European trip was a very pleasant one with none of our usual quarrels, thanks to my constant reminder of the promise I made in Nanning and thanks to the other husband for assuring my promise. I am truly blessed to once again experience the huge reward I reaped from small contribution.



With love around, there will be no fear and loneliness

We are blessed to have a chance to participate in the Silver Lining Little Angel Child Sponsorship Visit. Our group visited the Caring Centers (Orphanages) and Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Centers in Dahua and Nanning provinces during May 22–27. This function gave the sponsors a chance to meet up in person with the sponsored children and their families.

Inspired and moved by Lydia and Chris's love of life's testimonials, I became one of sponsors of the sponsorship program. They devoted themselves and their family for the care of the orphans of Guangxi, and together with their three young kids, they left their comfortable life in United States of America and moved to live in the rural area of Guangxi. During this visit, more touching and inspired stories were heard and seen right in front of my eyes. Knowing that Lydia and Chris founded the Silver Lining more than ten years ago from nothing till now, Silver Lining has become a team warm hearted teachers and social workers. In recent years, Silver Lining even opened Family Villages and Rehabilitation Centers in Myanmar and Vietnam helping more children and families. Silver Lining not only provided rehabilitation for the cerebral palsy children but at the same time, provide help and guidance to their parents and educate them on how to take care of their children.

During the first couple of days of the visit, we and the cerebral palsy children together with their families went to the North Sea for a family camp. The annual family camping is a major event organized by Silver Lining, which allowed these children and their families, who rarely have a chance to travel, to enjoy a great family time and improve their relationship.

Under the teacher's careful arrangement, the parents and children swam freely on the beach, enjoyed various games and competitions, expressed their feelings and love for each other. We could see mothers, turning into beautiful ladies dancing and singing; children, pouring out their best efforts to perform ballet dances etc.. At the end, family photos were taken, and the scene was particularly beautiful and warm-hearted. The most emotional moment was when the sponsors and parents worked together on knitting one big spider web. Although it was just a simple game, they made use of the game to share their feelings with each other. Seeing them pouring out the feelings in their hearts and souls for the event, everyone felt blessed, hugging each other and tears started falling, it was a very emotional scene.

I knew every cerebral palsy child has their own bitter story. Their mothers and fathers not only need to face the misunderstanding or abandonment from their love ones, they also need to endure the discrimination from outsiders. However, they are still willing to stay with their children and gave them their whole hearted love. They relied upon each other and supported each other; they never gave up but bravely endure life one step at a time. At the same time, seeing how the cerebral palsy kids face adversities in life with an innocent smile and determined souls, it touched all our hearts and moved us to tears. With love around, there will be no fear or loneliness.

I was blessed to have the chance to be able to walk along with you all. In these short days of visits, I am nothing more than moved. I truly believe that with love, miracles could happen, and lives could change lives.



Inherited Love

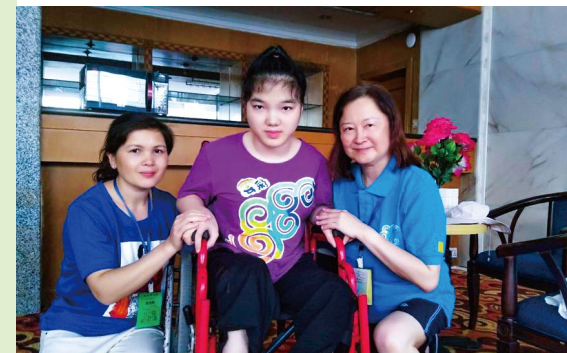
This June, I joined the Family Camp hosted by Silver Lining in Nanning for the first time. I have known about the Silver Lining organization way back in 2010 through an Evangelical charity dinner. At that time, I was deeply touched by Chris and Lydia's life story and experiences, which motivated me to become one of the many sponsors. Like Chris and Lydia, I had lived and worked for some time on the West Coast in USA. However, I would not have the same courage, like them, to step out of my comfort zone to uproot my whole family to Mainland China to help the children with cerebral palsy and the destitute children. Shameful to say, I could only offer a small gift in return.

Time flies. Before I know it, I have become a sponsor for nearly ten years. Usually, I could only see the photo of my sponsored kid, Jia Qi, through the annual report; watching her growing up to become a sweet and adorable young teenager. Although, Jia Qi had turned seventeen, I soon realized that I know so little about her nor have I really made an effort to contact her or show my loving care for her. Coincidentally while I was thinking about this, I received an invitation from Silver Lining to join the Family Camp in the summer. Without hesitation, I signed up for the Nanning trip. Before departure, a short orientation was held at the Hong Kong office of Silver Lining. Not until then did I discover that Jia Qi has another twin sister, Jia Xi, also affected by cerebral palsy and is also being placed in the Nanning Rehabilitation Centre. I was even more anxious to meet them.

In the seven-days trip to Guangxi, I personally witnessed the love, patience and genuine care displayed by the teachers, the physiotherapists, nursing staff, brothers and sisters in the Silver

Lining Rehabilitation Center. During the visit, I was empathetically moved when I saw numerous parents endlessly stressing themselves to take care of their disabled children, letting their children feel the parents' love, giving them much happiness and joy. The Centre also arranged for the sponsor to meet the sponsored family in private, with the objective to build a closer relationship and a better understanding of the family's needs. When I finally met up with Jia Qi and Jia Xi, their mother and grandmother, a firing spark of love ignited our hearts, and we felt the loving care of each other. All of a sudden, I felt like having another Home-Sweet-Home in Nanning.

On the last two days, we also visited the Children Caring Center in Dahua. It was an orphanage. At the Caring Center, what I saw was a huge family composed of seven to eight sub-families. Each sub-family has a guardian parent taking care of the orphans' daily living. Even though their biological parents were not around, these children are truly blessed with the care they received from their substitute parent(s), and from the unselfish love of Father Yeung (Chris) and Mother Yeung (Lydia). I must say they are quite fortunate to be able to study and play together with each other like one big family. To me, it was gratifying to see that some of the grown-up children were accepted into the nearby universities and high schools. They would also return to their homes at the Centre during weekends to help out. I hope when they leave universities or have grown to adulthood, they could find their own career path and way of life and establish a strong foothold to give back to society. From this visit, I deeply felt God's love and the sacrificing love given by Chris and Lydia.





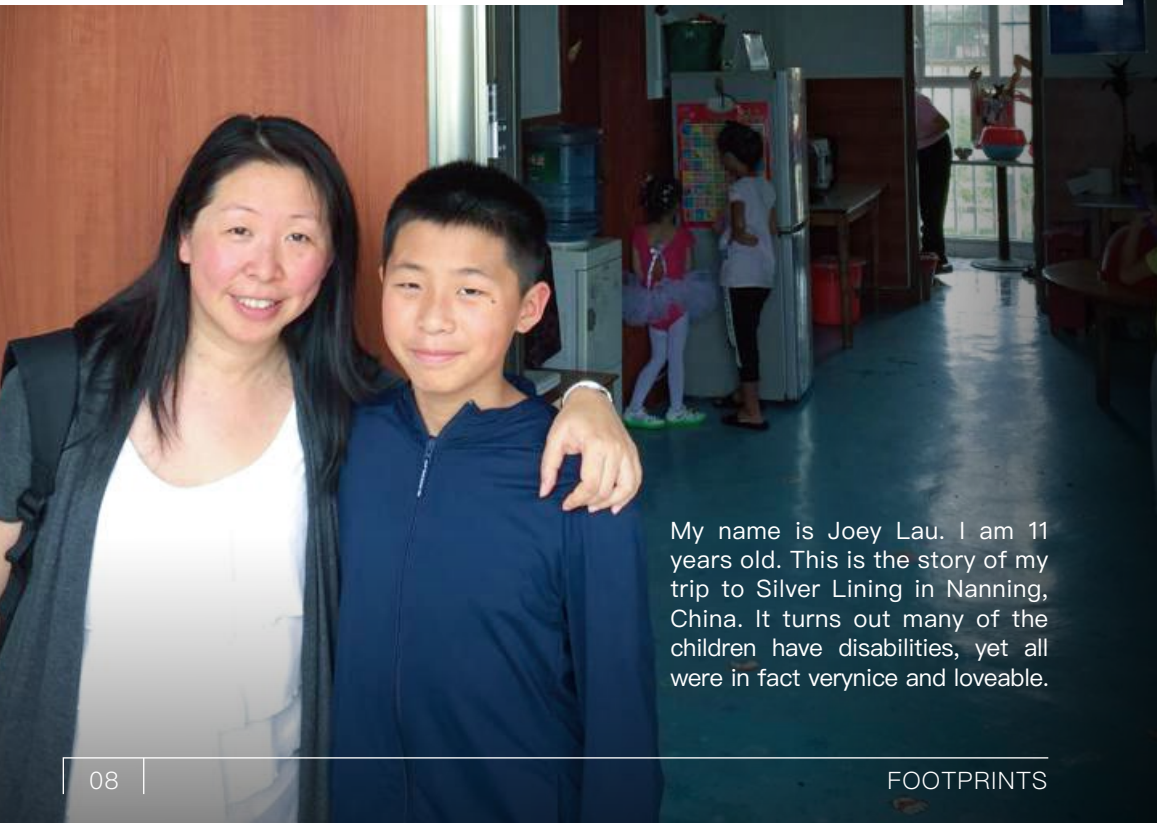
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At first, the trip sounded ridiculous when my parents mentioned it to me. I was whining and thought that seeing a bunch of random children was a waste of time. Then I realized that most of these children didn't start the way they were. Many were overheated in their mother womb and had brain damage from suffocation during delivery. I began to not notice the disabilities they had because many of them seemed normal to me but more of the things they could do the more time I spent with them.

Anyway, if you were wondering about the food, it was ok. I am a Chinese American, so the food wasn't to my taste that much. But they sure do know how to make fried rice. The most fun part after dinner and all was the hot springs. Not any ordinary ones though. Some had different flavors like milk, chrysanthemum, and more.

As a volunteer, I had to watch over them and oversee what they did. I remember this particular kid who would always shout and scream at the sight of me and chase me around until he caught me. Whenever he did, he held my shirt hard. I always wiggled out as fast as I could and walked away while he followed me. He wasn't unwise, it was just his way of showing affection to others. This also happened at lunch time too so when I was sitting down in my seat he would come over and play with me.

In conclusion, the trip was great for me. For those who are unsure of these type of children: the more time you spend with them, the more you would know and feel passionate about them. So don't be afraid to move out of your comfort zone and try to interact with these children. These children deserve our attention and care!



My name is Joey Lau. I am 11 years old. This is the story of my trip to Silver Lining in Nanning, China. It turns out many of the children have disabilities, yet all were in fact very nice and loveable.



Esther

Foster Mother of Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village

I am a foster mother at Silver Lining Family Village. I would like to share with you my story before I came to Silver Lining Family Village.

My husband passed away three years ago; before I joined Silver Lining Family Village at that time. I have three of my own children, two daughters and a son. After my husband passed away, my two daughters and I moved back to live with my parents, and we were very poor. As for my son, he lived with his uncle and auntie in Yangon. However, when he was sixteen years old, he failed his national high school examination, so I asked my son to return home and repeat a year of high school. At the time, we had to rely on my brothers and sisters for all of our tuitions, boarding and living expenses.

In order to earn a living, I opened a day care center at my parents' home, and turned it into a tutor center in the afternoon. Our students' education levels ranged from kindergarten to 5th grade. However, these children were very poor. Not only were they unable to afford to pay tuition fees on time, oftentimes they could not even afford to have lunch, so we had to provide food for them too. Even in the evening, I still had to juggle between tutoring those children and cooking dinner for my own family. As a matter of fact, my job did not bring in any income but seeing the children and their parent's trust and assurance still brought me lots of happiness.

Then I started to manage the finances for my hometown's church. But when the person who partners with me in managing the finance died, I also quit my position in

church. Then I started a small business with my two daughters frying potatoes, but I do not enjoy my job and do not wish my children to be like me. Therefore, I went back to church and asked the pastor for help looking for a job, hoping to find a cleaning job or a job to help in the kitchen. Unexpectedly, one day the pastor asked if I would like to work in the Silver Lining Family Village as a foster mother to take care of some impoverished and destitute orphans. That's how I ended up in Silver Lining Family Village.

Silver Lining's environment is very different from what I have imagined, the orphans and foster mother live together in a family model. I live here with about 10 children. These children live a very happy life, I am glad that they really treat me as their biological mother. I am also blessed to get along well with my colleagues. I regretted that when I was young, I quit after two years of studying in Burmese University. Therefore, I hope the children in Silver Lining Family Village can study hard, learn Burmese and get good education results. I will try my best to teach them all the good things in life.

Although there are times when I feel sad, I can feel strong when I see the Family Village children because they have been through lots of sorrow and really need someone to care for them and provide motherly love. Even though sometimes these children can be naughty, I still hope to get to know more of them, treat them as my own children, care for them and let them grow up happily and healthily. Finally, I would like to take this chance to thank you Mr. Yeung, Mrs. Yeung, Pastor Cheung and his wife.

Mother Sun

Foster Mother of Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village



I am a new mother in Silver Lining Family Village, arriving here less than three months ago.

I remembered the pastor of the church once said that an orphanage needed someone to be like a mother, who could take care of the children and let them feel the warmth of a family. I felt that this was a very meaningful job. In order to learn more about the job's duty, I came to visit the Silver Lining Family Village and met with Dean Zhang. At that time, Dean Zhang's words really left a strong impression on me. He said to me "Orphans come to our Family Village for various reasons and past encounters, hence their minds are very fragile. Therefore, we hope that they could feel a mother's love and warmth. Are you willing to take this job? Can you bear this responsibility?" I was deeply moved by Dean Zhang's words. I then promised him, "No matter how difficult it is, I am willing to take on this job!" Eventually, I arrived at the Family Village with the goal to let the kids feel

motherly love and warmth.

Now I live with 10 children and we form a family. I am moved whenever I hear them calling me "mom" like their biological mother. Kids are very simple, the youngest one at home often cuddles up to me and say "Mom, I love you". Whenever I heard these, I will recall the good times I spent with the children.

However, in dealing with these kids, I also encounter quite a number of difficulties. Since the kids are from all different places, on top of their cultural differences, they also had different living habits. That's why, it was never easy to take care of them when they arrived at the Family Village. Sometimes they were distracted and disobedient, and I would feel disappointed and hurt.

But since I have chosen this job, I will not give up that easily. I will work hard to provide the best care for the children and hope they can grow up healthily!



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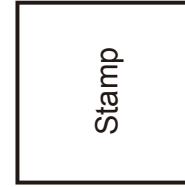


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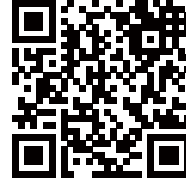
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Walk Alongside Children

Lighthouse is the silver lining in the darkness, it can light up darkness and provide guidance.

In order to help children build up good character from a young age, Silver Lining established “Lighthouse 226” in 2018, dedicated to cultivate good character and correct core values through the use of diversified artist classes. We hope the children could become a lighthouse to guide others onto the right path after they grow up. From the day of establishment, me and a group of teachers have visited and taught in many places, including various primary schools in Hong Kong, Guangxi and Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village, etc.

Recall one afternoon at school, about 7 to 8 children ran happily into the classroom, bickering and asking what lessons we will be teaching them, they were very excited about school. Remember the first time we met, the children were all wearing long sad faces, dragging their heavy schoolbag and stood at the classroom door with no expressions on their faces.....at a blink of an eye, 2 months passed by, they have been bickering and eagerly sharing with us bits and pieces of their daily lives, relationships with their family and quarrels among classmates, etc. asking us to be the judge.

Although the children appear to be carefree, but in fact, they are very sensitive. Remembered once the children said sadly “No one will listen to what we say, no one will appreciate what we do.” As a matter of fact, children need to be loved and accepted. Love and acceptance are very practical experiences, and they can give the kids a sense of security. These feelings can calm children and let them feel peaceful and secure. This sense of security will give them space to convey their state of mind and bring change. Today’s lesson will teach the children how to become focus. The most memorable thing was seeing how the children learnt to claim down and create. It really made us felt touched and blessed!

Again, we were shown that a child’s mind is beautiful, kind and pure and can be molded. We hope that we can accompany them and help them grow continuously. On the other hand, the children also help us understand the deeper meaning to Life Education.





Second “Home” Birthday

Xiao Fei is a fifth grader. In the past, she lived in the rural village with her parents. In order for Xiao Fei to have a better future, her parents left the rural village and moved their whole family to Fude District, Nanning City to work and study and thus Xiao Fei become a migrant child.

After coming to the city, Xiao Fei’s parents worked hard every day, so they could not accompany her all the time. Only an empty home awaits Xiao Fei after school. Luckily, Xiao Fei met the Silver Lining Social Worker Center. In here, she can play, do homework and read books with other children. Our group of social workers will arrange activities regularly for the children to ensure they would receive the proper care. Xiao Fei once said to the social workers “I am much happier here at Silver Lining Social Worker Center than at home by myself!” From then on, Xiao Fei is a frequent visitor at the Social Worker Center.

One day, when Xiao Fei arrived at the Social



Worker Center, she looked like she had a lot on her mind. The social worker immediately asked Xiao Fei what was troubling her. Xiao Fei then told us, her 11th birthday was coming up in a few days! Her birthday wish was to invite her friends and classmates to the Social Worker Center to celebrate together, since the Social Worker Center had given her lots of warmth and was the source of many of her good memories, and had also kept her company through her lonely days. Because of this, the Social Worker Center had become her second “home”. She is sad because she did not know if her wish can come true and she also did not know how to organize a party. After finding out that is the reason for her sadness, the social workers quickly agree to her wish. Although Xiao Fei was delighted, but she still looked worried.

To ease Xiao Fei’s uncertainty, we taught her how to invite her friends, decorate the place and prepare for a birthday cake. Xiao Fei started to worry again when they discussed the birthday cake because she did not have enough money to buy one and was afraid to ask her parents for help. After understanding her worries, we encouraged her to speak up bravely to her parents about her thoughts and wishes. We believed that even though Xiao Fei parents were busy from work and unable to accompany her all the



time, they still love her deeply and would fulfil her little wish. Finally, as expected, Xiao Fei’s parents were delighted to help her prepare her birthday cake and the birthday party was then able to be held smoothly.

On the day of the birthday party, the Social Worker Center was very lively. Xiao Fei and her friends decorated the Center with balloons, they played games and sang birthday songs together, and they also shared the birthday cake prepared by Xiao Fei’s parents together. All in all, everyone had a great time. After the party, Xiao Fei said it was the best and most memorable birthday she has ever had in recent years! Because this birthday party was organized by herself with so many loved ones surrounding her, receiving blessings from so many people, and most importantly, this birthday party was held in her favorite place. Silver Lining Social Worker Center. It was all worthwhile to see how happy Xiao Fei was.

We sincerely hope that Xiao Fei can grow up healthily and happily, and that she could share her ups and downs in life with the Social Worker Center’s workers. In the future, we hope the Silver Lining Social Worker Center can become a home for more children and let them know they are not alone!





Little Angel Child Sponsorship Sharing Activity

On June 9, Silver Lining host a Little Angel Child Sponsorship sharing activity with nearly 100 participants. We hope the sponsors will share their moving and happy stories with all of us through this sharing activity.

Mr. Joseph Yeung was the MC for this sponsor sharing activity and Ms. Lydia started the activity by introducing the latest developments for Silver Lining including the extension project of the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village. Then, we invited a number of sponsors to come on stage and share their stories, for example: the excitement of sponsors meeting with their sponsored child for the first time, the importance of teaching love to the sponsored child by the sponsor, etc. everyone there was moved and touched by the stories. Ms. Jeanne Chan also came to the activity as a sponsor and share her memories of visiting our Silver Lining Family Village. And Lydia video-conferenced with Chris who was in Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village, everyone was delighted to see the energetic children on screen.



In addition, in order to thank sponsors who have always been supportive of Silver Lining. We awarded sponsors who have sponsored for over 5 years with a certificate of appreciation to thank them for embarking on the journey of love with us and letting sponsored children to receive a better living and future. There was also a bazaar stall at the sponsor sharing activity to sell some handcraft and drawings made by the disabled with all the proceeds going to the impoverished people.



Every sponsor's reason for sponsoring might be different but we all have the same goal: hoping to deliver love to change the lives of destitute children, love changes lives. Once again, we thank everyone who participated in our sponsor sharing activity, your input will also help to improve our sponsorship work. We look forward to meeting all of you again.



Embark the Journey of Love with us



An unforgettable summer experience

Friendship built, Happiness gained

In order to facilitate better understanding for Hong Kong University students knowledge regarding Mainland China's rural areas and children with cerebral palsy, Silver Lining together with Chow Tai Fook Charity Foundation organized a "friendship camp" between July 24-31. 17 university students were invited to visit Guangxi and Dahau's rural impoverished area and Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center.

We hope through the experiences gained from various interactive activities and volunteer work, the HK teenagers could have a better understanding with the lives of the people in rural areas. At the same time, we believed that, from the interaction with the cerebral palsy children, the University students could learn the spirit of optimism and courage to face difficulties from them, and through the interaction, they could gain valuable friendship and joy.

The "friendship camp" finally ended in an atmosphere filled with love and warmth. Every University student who participated were deeply touched.



Student Sharing

JASON



Before I start working full-time, I wanted to experience a very meaningful holiday – to embrace new challenges and to broaden my horizons, etc. Therefore, I decided to join the "2019 Silver Lining Friendship Camp". Actually my reason for joining was different from the other campers. Most of the others focused on "Groups in need". They deliberately chose to serve others; as for me, I was rather focused on "myself". I wanted to make use of this meaningful volunteer group to satisfy myself.....unexpectedly, the experience I gained in the Guangxi Silver Lining and the Dahua Silver Lining, gradually let me understand the true meaning behind this journey.

In the Guangxi Silver Lining, the service targets were a group of cerebral palsy children. I arrived a day later than the group and missed the children's brilliant ballet performance. I heard that they had worked extremely hard to perform beyond their physical limits and the scene of their exuberant performance really touched everyone. But, the heart-touching emotion which I thought I had missed was actually on-stage everyday. While I was lecturing on the traditional culture of Guanxi, the fifth grade students would focus on listening to my mis-pronunciation of Putonghua, on raising hands eagerly and on responding enthusiastically to my queries; during the swimming rehabilitation classes, the children would really appreciate the activities in the pool, laughing and kicking in the water; while we paid a visit to the Ganxi tribe museum, they would anxiously observe everything around. All these truly demonstrated their determination, even if they have physical limitations, these children never give up on themselves. On the contrary, they are willing to learn hard and train up themselves. Their powerful will to live really earned my respect.

Our younger friends living in Dahua Silver Lining are not orphans because they lived in a place filled with love. Foster mothers take care of the kids' daily living. All the children live like brothers and sisters and are all willing to take care of one another. With of the love they share with each other, they are never alone. They treasure being loved and know how to love. The following is one moment which I was deeply touched: On the eve of our departure, I sat shyly and quietly during "Embrace Farewell" session but an unbelievable and love filled event happened. This little girl, Xiao Hui (I actually ate with her family everyday) intentionally walked toward me and said, "Although we could not hug, you can still hold my hand!" Oh, she actually held out her hand of friendship to me. It was not exaggerating nor pretentious but truly from the bottom of her heart wanting to show me her appreciation and bidding farewell to me, this young fellow. Thank you so much!

As per my wish, this was a very meaningful journey for me. It not only enlightened my last holiday, it also let me understand the spirit of "Love Changes Lives". Sometime, you might think that you are the only one spending the effort and time, but on the contrary, we are the beneficiary – love in return.





The Dawn of Hope

Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center - Father of Huang Qiong Rong

I am Huang Qiong Rong's father. We are from Guangxi Qinzhou. Our hometown is located in a very isolated area, not only is it surrounded by mountains on all sides, transportation is also very primitive and sparsely populated. In addition to taking care of my elderly parents, I also have to take care of my young children. I have always relied on farming to support our living. In order to earn extra money, I have also worked out of town during the low farming season. Although we were poor at the time, life was simple and filled with joy and happiness. Then in 2011, our second child, Qiong Rong, was born. It was supposed to be a joyful event, but my life was turned upside-down from that point on.

When Qiong Rong was one year old, he was still unable to walk. My wife and I

were worried sick, we were not sure what illness does he have, so we took him to Qinzhou First People's Hospital for consultation. After checkup, the doctor told us Qiong Rong has cerebral palsy due to Jaundice infection and required rehabilitation treatment to avoid permanent disabilities. But our family was poor and we could not afford the huge medical bills. My wife and I had no choice but to give up the chance for the rehabilitation treatment. We could only feel sorry and regretful for our child.

Then in September 2018, Qiong Rong encountered his turning point in life. Through a friend's introduction and help, we learnt about Silver Lining. We immediately brought Qiong Rong to the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center. At last, Qiong Rong have the chance to receive treatment! A year into training, our child has already made



significant progress under Silver Lining teacher's patient guidance and training! In addition, to taking his first step in life, he has also gain knowledge in other areas. His skills in speech and cognitive areas were also greatly improved. In addition, Qiong Rong also learnt how to communicate with others. As a father, I am touched and happy to witness Qiong Rong interacting and playing with other children. We also received numerous assistances from Silver Lining in our daily lives which helped us overcome challenges after challenges.

This year, I participated in the "Parent-Child Camp" organized by Guangxi Silver Lining. I learnt a lot from the camp especially in the area of childcare. In the past, saddled with life burden, I would vent my emotions on my children when I came home in a bad mood. Now, I regret about what I did because my children did nothing wrong, in fact, they also want to be at their very best and be happy each day.

I hope my child will be able to recover quicker. so that he could take care of himself and be a part of society. Thank you Silver Lining for bringing hope to my whole family!





Graduation Testimony

Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center - LIN LI SHU

On the eve of graduation, I would like to sincerely say “thanks” to the respectful Uncle Yeung, Auntie Yeung and all those who have helped me.

“Paralysis”, “hopeless” and “helpless” – these words used to define me and made me lost hope in life thinking that it is how life should be and that it is hopeless no matter how hard I tried. I might as well give up everything and just let life pass by. Every morning, as I hear the studying sound from the primary school next door, I can only envy them! My only choice is to watch others play and have a good time with their friends because I knew, I am different from them. They have healthy bodies; they are smart and can go to school every day to enjoy life. As for me, hospital is a place where I visited the most, doctors are friends whom I chat with every day. My body filled with noticeable needle marks displays my true identity. The pain I have endured are both physical and mental. I believed that no one would try to understand me, appreciate me, they would only abandon me, stay away from me and stare at me differently. I believed that for those little friends who have fought alongside with me, these cold eyes are no strangers to them either. Actually, every time I got these special treatment, my heart would say: if I could reversed time, I would definitely fight harder to become whole again and return to school.



I could never imagine my life now before I met all of you. Uncle Yeung, Auntie Yeung, your encouragement enables me to see the hope to go on living; your persistent allows me to be able to return to school; your patient teaching allows me to be able to live happily! What you have given me is more than words can say!

I am at lost for words to express my sincere thanks to you for all your help. From now on, I will study even harder, be a better person and use my action to show you my gratitude.



Starting University Life with Military Training

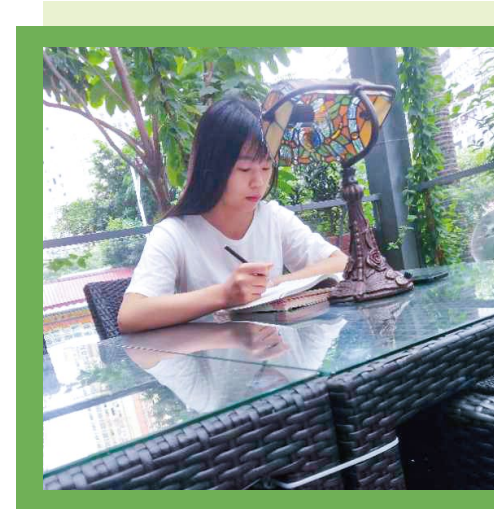
Silver Lining Caring Center - LI FEN

After many years of Silver Lining’s care and training, I finally got accepted to University this year. I look forward to my new life. The first step to my University life was military training. I did participate in military training during my high school years, although I enjoyed training, but I do not like the training of standing posture because it was very exhausting. I looked forward to the arrival of training camp, I was both nervous and excited.

However, military training in University and high school were totally different, it was much harsher! Not only did I have to get up early for the morning practice, after all the various trainings during the day, I need to participate in interclass singing contest at night. The schedule was just jam packed. The hardness part for us was to get up at 5:30am every morning, as everyone is reluctant to leave their warm beds. With a persistent attitude, I completed the two weeks of military training.

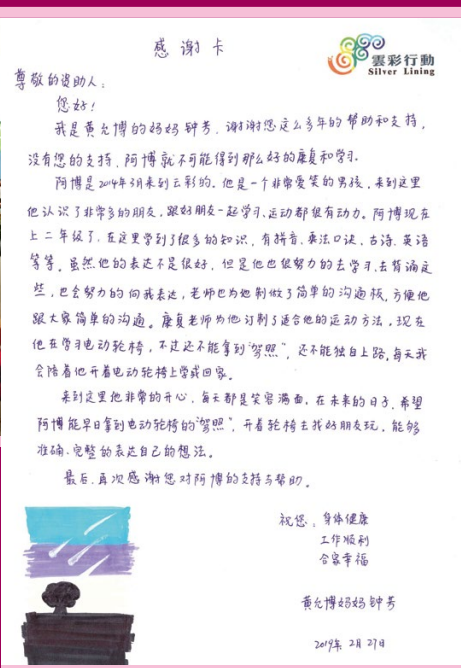
There was one particularly memorable event. After one week of military training, the training officer said he was going to select 30 people, representing the class to enter the parade competition, with the rest of the class watching from the sideline. The officer said those who wanted to participate need to step up. At that moment, I stepped forward with no hesitation! In that following week, I worked extremely hard in training because I was afraid that if I did not perform well, the officer would replace me with other students. That’s why, even after I returned to the dormitory, I would continue to practice. No matter how tough and how tiring it was, I never thought of giving up.

During the actual competition, I gave my best efforts with no regard to winning or losing. But at the end, my class surprisingly won first place. No words could express that incredible joy! And that marked the beginning of my University life, I look forward to what awaits me in my future!



Zhong Fan, Huang Yun Bo's mother

Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center



Dear Sponsor,

Hi! I am Huang Yun Bo, mother of Zhong Fang, thank you for your help and support throughout the years, without your support, Ah Bo would not be able to gain such good therapy and training.

Ah Bo arrived at Silver Lining in March 2014. He is a boy who loves to laugh, and he made a lot of friends since coming here. He studies with his best friend and works hard on training. Ah Bo is now in Grade 2, he is learning a lot of knowledge here, including pinyin, multiplication formulas, poems, English etc. Although he still has trouble communicating, he works very hard to learn, to memorize and works hard to express himself to me. The teachers made simple communication boards for him, to help him communicate easily with others. The therapy teacher also custom-designed a set of exercise which suited him. Now he is learning to use the electrical wheelchair, but he has yet to obtain his "driver license", so he still could not go out by himself yet. Every day, I will accompany him driving his electrical wheelchair to school and back home.

He is very happy after coming here. Everyday he wears a big smile on his face, in the future, I hope Ah Bo can obtain his electrical wheelchair "driving license" soon, so he can drive his wheelchair to go out with his best friends and express his thinking correctly and completely.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation and thanks for your support and help to Ah Bo.

I wish you the best of health, best of luck to you and your family.
Regards,

Zhong Fan, Huang Yun Bo's mother

Silver Lining Services

Missions Statement: "Your Love changes lives,"

Silver Lining is committed to help the impoverished orphans, students and disabled children in mountainous area, through improving their lives, education, job opportunities, rehabilitation and providing emergency medical assistance. With our love and action, we hope to send care and blessings to the marginalized and neglected, help them overcome poverty, while re-establishing their dignity and hope.



HOME for Orphans

Family Model Orphanage
(Silver Lining Caring Center)



Emergency Medical Assistance

Provide immediate help to sick children

LOVE for the Disabled

Rehabilitation Special Education Center
(Conductive Learning)
Sponsor the rehabilitation service and education for children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy



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