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## One Day



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# One Day

In July, I had just visited Silver Lining Family Village in Myanmar. The ongoing war in Myanmar has caused tremendous destruction. Luckily, although the war has been encroaching closer to our children, it has not yet reached the city where Silver Lining Family Village is located. As I watched the children in the village still carefree, I silently prayed for them, asking God to protect them.

The day I arrived at the Silver Lining Family Village in Myanmar, they happened to be organizing a "Dare2Dream" event day. The program sets up various extracurricular activities for the children every week, including basketball, art, singing, dance, computer, and more. The children enjoy participating in these extracurricular activities amidst their busy learning schedules.

I walked into the singing class and was drawn to the songs they were singing. I sat among them as they sang an English song, albeit with slightly inaccurate pronunciation. I could only hear them sing "one day... one day..."

At that moment, Feng Jiao handed me a set of lyrics. Reading the lyrics, I finally understood what they were singing. "I've been waiting all my life, praying all the time, for a day when there will be no more killing, no more war, and children can live happily." My eyes couldn't help but well up with tears. Feng Jiao turned to me, her big eyes looking at me with a faint smile, as if comforting me.

Feng Jiao lost her father at a young age, and her mother also left home. She grew up with her grandparents in extreme poverty. Feng Jiao often went hungry and had to sell





vegetables from their home on the streets every day to buy rice. Rice was a luxury for Feng Jiao's family, and no matter how cold it was during winter, she only had a thin piece of clothing to keep her warm. Feng Jiao loved going to school, but her family couldn't even afford to buy her a textbook. Life was incredibly tough for her.

When Feng Jiao first arrived at the Silver Lining Family Village, she was very shy, and wore a troubled expression; she found it difficult to communicate with others. She often quarreled with her younger siblings. Once, she had a dispute with her sister over a trivial matter, and the mother who took care of them told Feng Jiao to give in to her sister. Unexpectedly, Feng Jiao suddenly lost control. Later, we learned that when Fen Jiao's birth mother left, she chose to take her sister but abandoned Feng Jiao. In Feng Jiao's heart, "giving in to her sister" meant not being acknowledged, as if being abandoned once again.

Lydia and I prayed for Feng Jiao, embraced her, and told her how much we loved her. Lydia took Feng Jiao out to play, bought her a new set of clothes, and told her that she was our precious one, that Dad Yeung and Mom Yeung would always love her and be with her forever. We could see Feng Jiao was very happy, and felt that our heavenly Father was healing her. Yes, we believe that love can change lives.

Today, Feng Jiao is lively and cheerful. She has become one of the best-performing children in our village. Whenever she looks at us, she always has a sweet smile on her face. My heart is full of gratitude, thanking the Lord for giving us the opportunity to serve these children, to be their parents, and to see so many lives blessed, so they no longer have tears—only happy smiles.

Once again, the song they sang rings in my ears: I pray, that one day, children won't have to face war, and that children can live happily.



Children's "One Day" Song Sharing, please scan the QR Code



## Journey of Love

I am the sponsor of Hui Hong Wa. My wife's name is Momo. Already, our support for the children in the Silver Lining Missions in the mountainous areas of Guangxi has entered its 12th year. Back when we were still childless, I chose a special gift for myself, sending love and blessings to children in the mountainous areas through Silver Lining Missions. We have always paid attention to the work of Silver Lining Missions, but we had never personally visited until now. We were thankful that our family of four could finally go to Guangxi at the end of July to personally visit the little angels and tour the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center. This journey was both wonderful and awe-inspiring...

On the first day, we arrived at the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center and saw so many children with cerebral palsy for the first

time. It was heartbreaking to see their bodies so restricted, but each child still tried hard to stand up, practice every inch of muscle, paint every stroke, and speak out and share. What was even more admirable were the mothers behind them, from whom we could feel their gratitude towards Silver Lining Missions.

Silver Lining Missions not only focuses on the children's physical functions but also places great importance on their education. In addition to accompanying the children in rehabilitation at the Silver Lining Missions, the mothers also learn how to continue training their children at home. What touched us the most was hearing the teachers share that two cerebral palsy children who became orphans due to family changes were fully supported by the Silver Lining Missions to find foster families. The mothers, who had been through similar experiences, were willing to take on the responsibility of caring for a second cerebral





palsy child, which was truly moving. Even more inspiring was seeing children who had walked out of the rehabilitation center find jobs through their own efforts, realizing their self-worth. Silver Lining Missions is truly a place full of love, allowing every life to shine in its own light.

On the second day, we visited Silver Lining Family Village. Thanks to the center's arrangements, we finally got to meet our little angels, one of whom was an orphan living at the center, and the other was a child from the mountainous areas. I remember watching a children's show called "Daddy Long Legs" when I was young, which told the story of "Daddy Long Legs" sponsoring a little orphan girl. I never expected to experience that here; the feeling was truly magical. Meeting the children, being able to embrace them, brought tears (words couldn't express the feelings), realizing that our meager efforts had such a significant



impact and encouragement towards the growth of the little angels. We gave very little, while the Silver Lining Missions did so much for the children behind the scenes. The Silver Lining Missions arranged very dedicated mothers to take care of the children tirelessly every day (each mother has to look after 10 children), and even on holidays, their hearts are still with the children. In conversations with the mothers, the most mentioned topic was how to help the children better adapt to society in the future. They educate the children very well, teaching them to be loving, independent, polite, disciplined. I really wish I could place our children here to receive good training...

Now, both of us miss our little angels every day, and we are very grateful for the opportunity to participate in this visit journey, eager to meet the children again. We're thankful to be a part of Silver Lining Missions and to contribute. We feel extremely proud!





## On the Journey of Growth Grateful for Companionship

People always grow slowly, and they also mature gradually. I am grateful for those who have lit my way along this path. It is your kindness that has made me stronger, more confident, and braver.

Although life is tough and things don't always go as planned, there is always someone who appears in your life, caring for you with all their heart. I remember when I was 14, my father passed away, and my mother, suffering from a mental illness, couldn't take care of us four siblings. My younger brother and sister received help from Silver Lining Missions to come and live there. Back then, they were thin and small, but now every time I go back to our hometown, neighbors say that my younger siblings are taller than me. I know all of this is thanks to Aunt Huang Fang's careful nurturing at Silver Lining Missions. My elder sister is timid, my younger sister is strong-willed, and my brother is stubborn. Usually, taking care of one child is already chaotic and exhausting, but Aunt Huang Fang not only looks after my three siblings but also cares for four other siblings who have similar experiences to ours. I know Aunt is working hard, but she has never complained

to me. I also know that she is doing all this to allow me to study in peace, but I have never taken this for granted. I understand that only through hard work and growth can I live up to this deep love and righteousness. Dear Aunt Huang Fang, thank you for all your hard work!







On the journey of growth, I have also faced significant challenges, but you must believe that the world is not as bad as you imagine. There will always be people who, with their kindness and warmth, dispel the darkness in our hearts. I remember my senior year of high school when my mother's mental illness suddenly worsened, requiring urgent hospitalization, and our family's financial situation along with the indifference of relatives put me in an unprecedented dilemma. I wanted to give up my studies to take care of my mother, but the uncles and aunts at Silver Lining Missions encouraged me to bravely face life. With their help, my mother received treatment, and I was able to resume my studies and successfully enter university. During my university years, Silver Lining Missions always supported my living expenses. The uncles and aunts were always worried that I wouldn't adapt, inviting me to join activities whenever there were any. They kept thinking about all aspects of my life. Their concern and companionship have been a gentle force for me to integrate into society.

Silver Lining Missions is not only a witness to my growth but also the place where my dreams set sail. A few days ago, my younger siblings told me they were preparing to go to summer camp, which reminded me of the "Dreams in the Mountains, Walking with Silver Lining " summer camp in 2017. That



was my first time "leaving the mountains to see the world." Sister Xiao lu, Uncle Wen jiang, Aunt Yuqin led us to experience many fun activities like swimming, barbecuing, singing, and various entertaining competitions. Through the camera lens, we were radiant under the sun.

I graduated from university in July this year. I studied journalism and production, and the various life stories captured through the lens are poignant, while the kindness in the real world is moving. Life is full of uncertainties, and I often feel fortunate to have encountered Silver Lining Missions. I am grateful for this encounter, which has nurtured my dreams. I will live courageously, no matter what challenges the future holds. I will not be afraid.



# Love Makes Us More Beautiful

"I don't have parents anymore!" 9-year-old Abo arrived at Silver Lining Family Village, tears streaming down his face as he told me he no longer had parents, his eyes filled with helplessness and sadness.

## A Child of Many Tribulations

Abo is a cute but unfortunate child. His childhood lacked the tender care of parents, the laughter of siblings, and the playful games of friends. At the age of four, his mother was imprisoned for drug-related issues, causing Abo's small world to collapse for the first time. Shortly after, his mother passed away due to illness when Abo was only seven years old. Subsequently, Abo relied on his father and moved to a remote mountain area. His father often left early and returned late, sometimes not returning

home at all, leaving Abo crying himself to sleep in anticipation. Occasionally, his father would bring back some crabs or shrimp to eat, and Abo thought that was the most delicious food in the world. A year later, his father, increasingly consumed by drugs, also passed away, leaving Abo with his elderly grandmother. Every morning, Abo and his grandmother had to get up early to work, yet they often went hungry.

At the age of nine, through a pastor's referral, Abo came to Silver Lining Family Village. Hearing about his experiences in his biological family, I couldn't help but shed tears. I told him, "Child, you are not alone in losing your parents. There are many children here who have experienced similar things. We are all your family, and I will care for you like a mother."



## Seeing into a Child's Heart

"To love you like a mother" is not an easy task. Who would have thought that a 9-year-old child didn't even know how to use a spoon. He ate quickly and messily with food often spilling everywhere. I patiently taught him to eat slowly with a spoon, showing him how to hold it and take small bites, reassuring him that there was plenty of food at home, no need to rush. Whenever he couldn't help but gulp down his food, I would gently tap his hand and give him a gentle yet firm look. Feeling secure, Abo slowly changed his poor eating habits and started to enjoy each meal calmly. One day, he joyfully told me, "The food cooked by Mother Chen is something I've never had before, it's so delicious." Seeing his happy smile, I was also very happy.

Abo's hygiene was also poor; he often went barefoot, losing his shoes from the morning by the time he returned home in the afternoon, and his clothes were always dirty and covered in mud. Habits are not changed overnight. Together with Abo, we set some simple and achievable goals like putting his shoes in a designated place after coming home each day, teaching him how to do laundry, brush his teeth, wash his face, and bathe. Whenever he successfully achieved a small goal, I would immediately praise him. Gradually, Abo's hygiene habits improved significantly.



## Love Makes Us More Beautiful

Every day at Silver Lining Family Village, Abo is growing and changing, becoming increasingly cheerful with a brighter smile, learning to care for others and becoming my little helper. Every child longs for someone to listen to them, to hold their hand, and to walk through every difficulty in life together. Every journey with the children of Silver Lining Family Village seems like I am giving, but in reality, the children are also shaping me. While accompanying the children in their growth, I am also deeply nourished. This love of mutual fulfillment is the most precious gift of my life.





## Finding oneself through **Love and Responsibility**

In the dim light of dawn, A Fai stood once again at the doorstep of his home, watching his father's figure disappear at the end of the winding path.

A Fai's family lived in a remote village in Moen yin, Kachin State, northern Myanmar. The family of six lived in a simple house made of mud and thatch, making a living by growing and selling tea. Despite the simple meals, the family was warm and happy. After A Fai and his siblings started school, the family's finances began to tighten. Hearing that one could earn good money by mining jade in the village, his father decided to join the jade miners. Every day before dawn, his father would get up and head to the mine, carrying hope with him, only to return disappointed each time.

Soon after, A Fai's older siblings went to work one by one due to financial difficulties at home. His father became even more silent, often sitting in front of the house staring into the distance when not working. A Fai's personality started resembling his father's more and more. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic made his world even more closed off. Despite his silence, his father silently sought opportunities for A Fai to study. "Do you still want to study?" One day, his father called A Fai over and this sudden question stirred waves in A Fai's heart. He looked at his parents' rough and

calloused hands; they couldn't articulate grand philosophies, but silently toiled for the family. A Fai thought that studying more would help him to understand the world and eventually assist his family.

Following his parents' arrangement, A Fai went to the Grace Unlimited Center in Pyin Oo Lwin to study. The introverted A Fai didn't quite fit in; he often read alone, studied quietly, and focused on his work. His silent efforts brought about excellent results. In 2024, A Fai passed the entrance exam for the second year of high school in a Chinese school, scoring 97 in both Geography and History. As his teacher, I was both delighted and hoped that he wouldn't remain so isolated. So, I encouraged him to share his



study skills. Encouraged by me, A Fai began to care for his classmates, helping those with poor grades in their studies. Over time, A Fai quietly transformed from a lonely individual to a companion with many friends.

One day, on his way to the Chinese school, A Fai found a cellphone. His classmates were surprised and excited. A negative thought crossed A Fai's mind: "Maybe I can exchange it for money?" "How did you handle it afterward?" I asked A Fai. A Fai lifted his head and said, "The owner called while I was on the way. She was a little girl, so I returned it to her. Without her phone, her family must have been worried." I continued to ask him, "What made you make that decision?" A Fai said, "What I



earn through my own efforts is truly mine. I want to be like my father, living a steadfast life." I patted his shoulder with relief.

I saw A Fai truly growing step by step. He became more cheerful and responsible. He and his classmates practiced singing poetry in their spare time, and he moved himself to perform on the stage in front of an audience. He actively participated in summer camps, and joined the leadership training during the Dare2Dream program by Silver Lining Missions. His learning life has become colorful and no longer revolves around studying and living alone.

I hope A Fai continues to move forward, steadily and firmly!



# *On the Journey of Growth, Grateful for Companionship*

Silver Lining Family Village  
Photo By Chen Xiang Ling Mother





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# College Fund



The children of Silver Lining are growing up, and some have already completed the free education provided by the government and are now seeking to pursue higher education in college. Silver Lining Missions aims to provide these children with access to higher education to the best of our ability. If they have the capability, we also support them in continuing their studies at different institutions.

In response to this, Silver Lining Missions has launched a new program called the "College Fund" to raise funds for these children, ensuring that they can pursue their studies without the burden of student loans. The program collects donations from generous individuals, which are used to cover the children's tuition fees and miscellaneous expenses in college, such as accommodation and textbooks. The donations will be accumulated each year, with the hope of benefiting all the children and encouraging them to embrace education and transform their lives.

The College Fund requires a monthly donation of \$50 or an annual donation of \$600, which will be used in full for university tuition and miscellaneous expenses. We provide annual updates in August on the situation of university students for the year and their upcoming enrollment, helping donors to have a better understanding of the operation and needs of the entire fund.

Donations can be made online through a QR code using a credit card. If you prefer to donate through other means, you can contact the staff at Silver Lining Missions.

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Empower kids to follow  
their path to College





## It's great to be your Mother

Unknowingly, I have spent eleven Mother's Days at Silver Lining Family Village in Dahua. Every year on Mother's Day, the children express their love in different ways, and I feel touched every time. The experiences are unforgettable.

This year's Mother's Day was no exception. At noon that day, I returned home after going out to buy groceries. As I walked down the corridor, I heard the children calling "Mom, Mom" from a distance at the door. I thought the children had something urgent to tell me, so I hurried my steps. As soon as I entered the house, the children surrounded me. Xiao Mei handed me a small string of candied haws and said with

a smile, "Mom, happy Mother's Day!" Xiao hang excitedly raised a carefully crafted clay painting depicting two figures busy in the kitchen. He said one was me and the other was him, filled with pride in his words. Xiao lian handed me two flowers and said, "Mom, these are the best and most beautiful flowers I specially picked this morning for you. Wishing you a happy holiday." Xiao hua and several other children made a special card together, with various clay flowers arranged on it. In the center was a blooming large flower surrounded by many small flowers. The card was filled with the children's blessings: wishing Mom good health, eternal happiness, peace, everlasting youth, more blessings, long life...





Looking at these heartwarming gifts and words, and then at the children's bright eyes full of expectation looking at me, I smiled and touched their heads, telling them, "Your gifts are wonderful, Mom loves them a lot!" The children, happy to hear this, jumped and danced around, infecting me with their joy and happiness. Lunch was prepared with the help of the children. They helped me pick vegetables, wash them—and under my guidance—learned how to cook.. Together, we made a sumptuous lunch.



In the afternoon, the center held Mother's Day activities. The meeting room was decorated warmly and artistically, and the children made a floral hairpin for me. It was the first time I wore such a beautiful hairpin, and the children surrounded me, saying, "Mom, you look so beautiful!" My heart felt as sweet as honey. Throughout the afternoon, we laughed together, played games together, and shared each other's joys and emotions.

In life, there are joys and worries, but with these children accompanying me, I feel truly blessed!



# The Difficulties, Dilemmas, and Challenges

## of Sexual Education for Children with Disabilities



The growth of young people is always accompanied by innocence and greenness. Sexual education, as an indispensable lesson in this journey, holds profound significance for adolescents and children with disabilities.

In our daily teaching, we often face various challenges: some children exhibit inappropriate behavior in public places or are influenced by the internet, leading to misconduct. These issues not only cause headaches for parents and teachers but also increase the difficulty in educational guidance, fearing that excessive intervention or improper education might backfire.

In order to provide better education for children with disabilities, teachers have been exploring sexual education courses suitable for them, facing numerous challenges and teaching bottlenecks. To enhance the quality and effectiveness of education, Silver Lining actively connects expert resources to provide sexual education knowledge and teaching skills training for front-line workers. The curriculum covers aspects such as sexual growth and development processes, puberty physiological changes, coping with masturbation, social etiquette, and prevention of sexual abuse. It strives to be scientific, comprehensive, and practical.



After the training, teachers optimized the sexual education curriculum by adopting a stratified and group-based teaching strategy to ensure that each child can learn at their appropriate level. The curriculum for preschool classes focuses on basic physiological knowledge, gender awareness, and self-protection awareness; for adolescent classes, it delves deeper into gender identity, emotional





development, puberty knowledge, self-protection, ethics, and other themes; while for the youth workshop, it explores interpersonal relationships, sexual health, gender relationships, responsibilities, and more. Teaching methods include scenario simulations, role-playing, interactive discussions, animated demonstrations, allowing children to learn sexual education knowledge in a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere.

At the same time, we emphasize the synchronization of home-school activities. Social workers conduct parental classes, listening to parents' concerns during their children's adolescence, discussing how to guide children smoothly through this special period. In Nanning, many parents who care for children with disabilities for recovering children often choose to rent small living spaces to save expenses. Most families lack the conditions to provide children with a separate room. Facing this reality, social workers initiated the "Bed Curtain Project," creating a private space for children at home through simple curtains and dividers, respecting and protecting their personal privacy.

After implementing sexual education courses, we have seen significant changes and positive impacts. "The sexual education course helped me understand my body structure better. The teacher

also explained in detail the knowledge related to menstruation. Through learning, I have learned how to protect myself and others, as well as the importance of being responsible for others." "The teacher dressed as a 'handsome guy' and explained the changes during boys' puberty. She told us to stay away from harmful websites and bravely say 'no' to behaviors that harm our physical and mental health." These changes are not only reflected in the children's grasp of knowledge but also in their ability to bravely express their feelings. "Teacher, the tone with which a classmate speaks to me makes me very uncomfortable. He often touches my hand, despite several communications, causing me great distress." Displays of Courage are show strength, a crucial step towards the growth of children with disabilities..

The significance of sexual education lies not only in imparting knowledge but also in guiding adolescents to correctly understand themselves, establish healthy interpersonal relationships, and learn self-protection. It is not just about explaining physiological hygiene knowledge but also about shaping values. Sexual education is a comprehensive education that is both important and challenging, which should run through various stages of growth for adolescents with disabilities, helping them move forward with confidence and health.



## "Time Imprint, Grateful Journey Together"

### 2024 Dahua Silver Lining Graduation Ceremony

2024 marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Silver Lining Family Village in Dahua County. In this year, we were blessed to witness the growth of our teenagers. Four high school students and one vocational school student successfully entered their desired universities; at the same time, six college students also satisfactorily completed their studies, ready to step into society and embark on a new chapter in life.

On July 27th, Dahua Silver Lining Family Village meticulously prepared a warm graduation ceremony, offering sincere

blessings to these 11 graduates. This is the seventh batch of graduates welcomed by Dahua Silver Lining. For the teenagers who grew up in Dahua Silver Lining Family Village, the ceremony carries much more significance compared to other people. Dahua Silver Lining Family Village, not only shelters them from the wind and rain, but provides a stable and warm life support. It is where they learn to be strong, feel warmth, and set sail for their dreams. This moment is not only a confirmation of their past efforts in learning and daring to challenge themselves but also a declaration for the future.







# These pains though I cannot speak you have healed everything with love

"I used to be beaten by my grandfather every day, and I was very scared. My grandfather said my father was a drug addict, he tortured my mother, and after I was born, he never fulfilled his fatherly duties."

It's hard to believe that a child as young as 9 years old carries such a heavy past without hearing it firsthand.

Ae's father was imprisoned for drug use. Ae never saw him in her life. Her mother's mental state deteriorated, making her unable to care for Ae, and after remarrying, she mostly cut off contact with the family. Ae grew up with her grandparents but often faced her grandfather's abuse, who vented his dissatisfaction with his daughter's fate on Ae...



In 2023, Ae's elderly grandparents could no longer care for her, and 9-year-old Ae came to Silver Lining Family Village. When she first arrived, Mom Du noticed Ae's poor hygiene habits, her tendency to mutter to herself, avoiding people when she saw them, and being impolite in interactions. Mom Du didn't blame Ae but instead guided her with patience and love, teaching her how to wash her face, bathe, brush her teeth, and interact politely with others, patiently helping Ae adapt to life at the home.





Ae had no friends at school. Once, she got into a fight with a classmate who called her "a child without parents." When she got home, Ae tearfully told Dad Du about the incident. Dad Du called the teacher, requesting to visit Ae's classroom. Dad Du introduced himself as Ae's father to the classmates and invited them to play at their home, helping Ae build friendships and integrate into the group.

At some point, Ae changed. She smiled more, no longer using her defenses. She shared her past life with Dad Du and Mom Du—the trembling days amidst her grandfather's abuse, the heavy burden of her father's sins. Now, under the care of Silver Lining Family Village, she has learned to let go. She is no longer the lonely girl she used to be; she knows now that she doesn't need to hide anything. She can express her sadness, her happiness, her dreams to her family, freely laughing under the sunlight!

Mom Du and Dad Du paid close attention to preserving Ae's dignity, never criticizing her easily. Ae's academic performance was poor, and every teacher suggested she drop out and repeat a grade the following year. Through their perseverance and efforts, Ae was able to continue her studies. Once, Ae didn't complete her English homework and lied to the teacher, claiming she forgot her notebook. The teacher made Ae write a reflection and asked her parents to come to school. Facing Dad Du's questions at home, Ae burst into tears, fearing reproach and rejection. Mom Du held her, comforting her, sensing a deep scar in Ae's heart, an indescribable pain. Mom Du didn't press for details but simply held her tightly, making her feel safe and loved.





# Love without fear

## Miracles will eventually happen

"Because I believe that there is nothing difficult in God, and miracles really happen!"

My name is Anu, and my hometown is a small village in Chin State, where it was originally peaceful and serene. The sudden outbreak of war disrupted this peace at the end of 2019. By early 2020, I could clearly feel that life was becoming increasingly difficult, with shortages of supplies, children unable to go to school, and adults too afraid to work outside. My father often reminded me to stay vigilant, that when the cannons sounded, we should follow other villagers to flee to the mountains.

I love studying, but due to the war, I couldn't go to school. Every day, I silently prayed, hoping to continue my education.

A week after earnestly praying for my studies, a miracle happened. A man from the church came to my house and told me that there was a youth center run by Silver Linig Missions in Yangon that could help students in difficult situations like mine for free, as long as they were willing to study hard. The journey to Yangon was very dangerous, with many checkpoints where we could be caught at any moment. Initially, my father was very worried, but I was determined to study, and in the end, he was touched by my resolve and agreed to let me apply.





I am very grateful that my application was successful. My father wanted to accompany me to Yangon, but his lack of experience traveling meant that in the end, it was the man from the church who escorted me. What was expected to be a 2-day journey ended up taking us a whole 7 days. The man guided me past various checkpoints, sometimes we rode motorcycles on small roads, sometimes we traveled at night through mountain paths. Luckily, we could sometimes stay with kind people, but if we encountered curfew areas, we had to sleep by the roadside. Looking back now, there is still some fear, but more importantly, there is gratitude, gratitude to those who helped us, allowing me to safely arrive in Yangon.

Upon arriving at the Yangon Youth Center, the director took me to enroll in school smoothly, and my heart was filled with joy at returning to campus! However, I didn't expect that even greater difficulties lay ahead. Just one week after attending classes, the school closed due to the outbreak of the new coronavirus. Faced with an uncertain future, all of us felt lost and worried. The director noticed our concerns and patiently said to us, "Children, please do not worry, let us pray together and believe that God will guide us." With his encouragement, our hearts gradually calmed down.

Although school was closed, our learning did not stop. The director arranged for us to have tutorials in subjects such as English, Burmese, and Math. I even had the opportunity to learn Chinese, guitar, and for the first time, was introduced to computers. The powerful features of the computer impressed me, and I worked hard to learn typing, making PowerPoint presentations for worship at the center, which is my best service to the Heavenly Father.

Fortunately, after the epidemic, school resumed, time flew by quickly, and this year I am going to study in 12th grade. In March 2025, I will be able to take the Burmese school's college entrance examination. I hope to get into a good university and in the future, help those in need.





# "Wheelchair Boy" Achieves University Dream!

Not long after Xiao Liang was born, the tranquility of his family was completely disrupted by a diagnosis. The glaring words "cerebral palsy" plunged the family into despair and helplessness. In order to treat their child, the father borrowed money from relatives and friends everywhere. Together with the mother carrying Xiao Liang and simple luggage, they left the mountains embarking on a long and arduous journey seeking medical treatment.

Xiao Liang and his mother came to Nanning for rehabilitation and entered Nanning Rehabilitation Center for rehabilitation education in 2010. During the more than three years of rehabilitation at Silver Lining, Xiao Liang learned to walk independently, dress and undress, use the restroom, wash dishes, and pick vegetables. At the age of six and a half, his mother took Xiao Liang back to the local mainstream school. From six and a half years old until now in university, every step Xiao Liang has taken required more effort than the average person. While others only need 15 minutes to walk to school in the morning, Xiao Liang requires an hour. To encourage him, his mother accompanies him on four round trips every day, each time ending up drenched in sweat. People in the



village advised Xiao Liang's mother that it was too difficult for the child to go to school like this every day, suggesting he should just stay at home. However, Xiao Liang's mother refused to give up. In her eyes, despite Xiao Liang facing many challenges, fundamentally he is no different from other children.

Throughout his six years of primary school, whether in bone-chilling winters or scorching summers, his mother accompanied Xiao Liang every step of the way. After advancing to high school, his mother rented a house near the school for the convenience of taking care of Xiao Liang. Xiao Liang had a great relationship with his teachers and classmates at school, with his former teacher taking special care of him by providing one-on-one guidance during his spare time. His classmates became Xiao Liang's "crutches,"





"I may lack in some physical aspects compared to others, not performing as quickly or as well as others, but as long as I persist, I can achieve it. I want to tell my younger siblings not to fear their obstacles, not to fear others' judgment. As long as we bravely step forward, many people will support and help us." Xiao Liang openly shared his experiences with his younger siblings at Silver Lining, never shying away from his obstacles or feeling ashamed. For he believed that by accepting his true self, he could embrace a broader sky.

During the graduation ceremony in July, Silver Lining Center presented Xiao Liang with a laptop as an encouragement for his university admission. With the laptop, Xiao Liang felt as comfortable as a fish in water. After returning home from Silver Lining Center, he would study online video editing, typing, and office software. "Having many skills doesn't burden me; the more I learn, the more confident I become," Xiao Liang said.

Xiao Liang has many dreams, such as traveling independently, opening a cozy shop, finding a job he loves... When talking about his dreams, Xiao Liang's eyes light up with hope. We hope that Xiao Liang can continue to walk steadfastly and realize his dreams!

rushing to help him get his food during lunchtime, and ensuring he safely reached home every day after school. If it rained on the way home, a classmate would carry Xiao Liang back. This friendship served as a crucial driving force for Xiao Liang's perseverance.

Aware of his own obstacles, Xiao Liang studied diligently. From primary school to high school, his overall academic performance remained above average, especially excelling in mathematics, consistently ranking in the top three of his class. In June of this year, Xiao Liang graduated from high school. He chose to take the vocational school entrance exam and was successfully admitted to study electrical automation.

After passing the entrance exam, with his mother's support, Xiao Liang came to Silver Lining Youth Workshop to quickly adapt to university life. This marked the first time he truly lived independently away from his family. He shared a living space with another young person with cerebral palsy. Every day, he learned to shop for himself, cook, do laundry, and navigate his wheelchair to Silver Lining Center for learning... He even independently took the subway with other young people with cerebral palsy to set up a stall at Jiangnan Wanda. This experience was entirely new for Xiao Liang, like a window opening to a world of infinite possibilities.





# Thank You Letter

Disadvantaged Student from  
Dahua Mountain Area  
Xiao Hui

Dear Sponsor,

Hello, I am Xiao Hui, the child you have been supporting. I graduated in June this year. I want to thank you for your help before this, allowing me to study with peace of mind and achieve my dream of going to university.

My third year was our internship period. During the internship, I experienced three different jobs, which gave me various experiences and rewards while also showing me the challenges of the workplace. Currently, I am working in the environmental protection industry, mainly involved in the preliminary work of soil testing. I find this job quite interesting and I really enjoy it. In the future, I hope to demonstrate my value in this field.

After leaving the university campus and entering society, I realized how naive and simple some of my previous thoughts were. However, I am grateful to have received help from my colleagues. Each person is very important to me because with their help, I have been able to grow quickly. I see this as a process of growth, and I will work even harder to make myself stronger.

I am very grateful and lucky to have met you. Thank you very much for accompanying me on my journey of growth, for your care and assistance. I will always remember your kindness and carry this warmth with me, stepping steadily through every stage of life.

Wishing you a happy life, successful career, and smooth work!

Hui

亲爱的资助人：

您好，我是您资助的孩子❤️慧。我今年6月就毕业了，感谢您在过去两年给予我的帮助，让我能安心地读书，实现我的大学梦想。

大三是我们的实习期，实习期里我体验了工作，有了不同的体验和收获，同时我也感受到了职场的不易。现在我在做环保行业的工作，主要工作内容是做土壤检测的前期工作，我觉得挺有意思的，也很喜欢这份工作，未来希望能在该领域上体现自己的价值。

离开大学校园，步入社会以后才发现之前自己的那些想法有多么单纯，有多么简单，不过我也很庆幸能够得到各位同事的帮助，每个人对于我来说都是非常重要的，因为这些人的帮助，我才能够快速的成长起来，我想这是成长的历程，我会更加努力去让自己日渐强大。

很感恩很幸运遇见了您，非常感谢您在我成长路上的陪伴，感谢您一直以来对我的关爱和帮助，我会永远铭记您的恩情，带着这份温暖踏实走好人生的每一步。

祝您生活幸福，事业有成，工作顺心。

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## Missions Statement

### Your Love Changes Lives

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



### Home for the Orphans

Family Model Orphanage – Silver Lining Care Center & Family Village

### Services for children under Poverty

Improve the living condition and education of students in the mountainous areas



### Emergency Medical Fund

Provide immediate help to sick children



### Silver Lining Workshop

Provide job training and opportunities for youth and women with disabilities



### Holistic Development

Through the introduction of interesting multi-art courses, teach children correct assessment and help them develop a good character



### Rehabilitation Path

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



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