

## 『Love』 and 『Blessing』

Jesse

I have joined the Little One's "Love Lunch" programme in a school for migrant workers' children in Wuhan since March. The visiting tour during Easter has immensely touched my heart.

We had prepared for two-day activities on 29 and 30 March. Apart from distributing them lunch and food parcels, we had also led them in singing, shared with them life values, visited the families who were new to the programme, and laughed and cried with them.

Behind our total commitment is a seemingly tiny aim: to share with these migrant workers' children what we have, to sow the heavenly seeds of love and joy, nurturing the fields in their hearts.

Even though we were not sure whether they could feel it or how much they have actually received, we acted upon our hope and love, and put our work into God's hands.

Two days quickly went by, but my heart still lingers with the children's pure eyes, their heartfelt tears and smiles, as well as their broken families which they could do nothing about, and their many needs. What is also in my thoughts is how their future looks like.

Among the kids we had visited, there were two kids who, abandoned by their parents, were taken care of by their 60-year-old grandfather, who worked as a porter. There was also a kid who did not know who his parents were, and was adopted by a porter.

They do not receive love from their father and mother, but have to live and grow in the poorest environment. Some people might blame it on their parents, but who knows what are the untold constraints and difficulties!

What we can do at present is something like giving them a cup of cold water. As we give these children comfort and help, nurturing these little seeds, we hope that they will also spread the love and blessings that come from Heaven above.



Winnie

## 『Village within the City』

As cities in Mainland China continue to expand, many of the villages originally lying on the outskirts of towns are counted as part of the city's territory, becoming what we call "villages within the city".

A village within the city is a "crack land". The building density is high, the hygiene condition is poor, streets are narrow, basic amenities are inadequate, and rubbish can be seen everywhere. Most of the residents in these villages within the city are migrants from the villages. They include factory workers, construction workers, cleaners, waiters, hawkers, greengrocers, tramps and people who collect trash. They rent a "flat" of around 10 square metres (around a hundred square feet), and feed their household with their scant monthly income. Due to cultural differences and the repellent nature of the urban system, they can hardly adapt to and integrate with the city's lifestyle.

There are many villages within the city in Wuhan, and many of the children living there have to go to school and go home on their own. Together with a schoolteacher, we followed a 6-year-old home, hoping to conduct an in-depth home visit. Unfortunately, the parents were not home until 8pm. We found that children growing in such an environment know how to protect themselves better. Lacking a close guardianship, they run among the narrow streets every day after putting down their school bags. They have to bear with their hunger and wait till their parents return home, and they, of course, cannot share their emotions with anyone.

After our visit, we understand better what they need – their stomachs and hearts need to be filled. A serving of hot meal will allow them to sustain their lives, while a hug represents our love and acceptance.



**One more serving of hot meal, One more sign of care.**

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I am not unfamiliar with Wuhan, as I have been to this key city, hailed as one of the Four Furnaces, before. The Yangtze River Bridge, the Yellow Crane Tower, and the famous “Jiujiu” duck neck still linger in my mind.

However, I returned this time simply for a bunch of kids. I wanted to visit them, touch them, and even hug them. The funds raised from cycling around Taiwan in 2009, and the charity concert in past December were precisely used to support the Little One's ministry. I have always wanted to know more, experience more, and care more about these children who have apparent physical and psychological needs.

Even though I had only a short encounter with them through games and sharing, I could gather from their behaviours and expressions, the emotional scar behind their naïve smiles. What they lack is exactly love.

I thank the Heavenly Father for clearing the road, giving me a few days off out of the originally tightly packed schedule, allowing me the chance to have personal contact with these kids. Their genuine smiles, albeit temporary, are etched in my heart. I am determined to continue my support and efforts for these children, and for the most sincere ministry of Little Ones.

**Danny**



Wuhan is a typical example of a developing city. The sky is greyish yellow in colour, and the trees along the roads also seem to be tainted with greyish yellow; the newly built buildings stand in contrast to the old district, while peculiar names can be seen everywhere, such as “Don't Forget Me Flower Store” and “Love is Spicy Hot”. Standing next to the crowded market place is a village within the city, full of houses built in a disorganized manner. And the children grow up in this very place.

The children's smiles are perhaps the only uncontaminated thing in Wuhan. They are neither stupid nor dumb, but naïve. As long as you are willing to go over to them, play with them, and sing with them, you will be able to see their heartfelt smiles. Behind the smiles, what they need is not only a meal.

With a meal, the kids don't have to bear with hunger; with a hug, they feel accepted; with a book, they can learn more; with a heart, you wipe away the bleak dust of the city; with a prayer, you can make a miracle happen.

In fact, we can give far more than a meal.

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**Fran**

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