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MUSTARD TREE LEARNING CENTRE



Mustard Tree Learning Centre was set up in 2017. Based on holistic care and through professional education services, its goal was to nurture children to reach their full potential. The services included enrichment classes such as English, creative thinking and problem-solving; and learning support services for children with mild learning disabilities. In the past four years the Centre has blessed many children and parents through various types of courses, counselling and therapy services. At this point because of circumstances outside of our control, we have decided to close down the Centre. ■

BLESSING AND BEING BLESSED

by Lanni

Mustard Tree Learning Centre Ex-local Staff



Through sister Tina's introduction, I worked at Mustard Tree Learning Centre for about 2 years between 2018-2021, I was told that all the teachers at the Centre were foreigners and they would like to have a local person to assist in communicating with government officials, suppliers and the landlord. At the time, I had just resigned from my previous employment so I happily accepted the offer hoping to give the Centre a helping hand.

At the Centre, I was responsible for administrative and financial matters, including communicating with parents, managing the office, purchasing, billings as well as dealing with the finance/taxation service company.

I thoroughly enjoyed my work and working with my boss Cheng Geok and other colleagues at the Centre. Although sometimes there are cultural/

communication gaps and work-style differences, we had a friendly, loving and mutually respectful working environment with no conflict or deceit. It was very different from where I used to work.

While at the Centre I learned many values: Cheng Geok's selfless dedication to her work, love for her students and the burden for their development; her willingness to leave her comfort zone and learn new things inspired and changed me; Gillie's passion for Father's beautiful creation; Daniel's simplicity and forthrightness; Noriko's love and concern for the special needs children and Bee Tin's meticulous work ethic. I know that all of these are from our Father because He is love.

Although my work at the Centre has come to an end, its impact on my life is invaluable. This has become a blessing in my life. Many thanks! ■

A SAFE HAVEN FOR FAMILIES

by Claudia Z



In China, having a child with special needs is often associated with shame. In many cases, the parents are blamed for the disability. Without support and with financial burdens too great for poorer families, parents in their despair often see no other way out than to abandon their children.

Our heart goes out to such families who struggle to take care of their children with special needs. That's exactly why our Centre exists: to be a safe place for families in crisis so they can receive help and hope.

It all began with the vision of a local sister who registered a non-profit organisation to serve children with special needs and their families. Looking back, it does feel like a miracle that the dream of such a centre became true – especially in 2020, that crazy year of the pandemic when not much else went according to plan! But a suitable property with a great rental deal was found and remodelled. New staff was hired and trained, and at the end of September after the official opening ceremony, children started joining one by one. It is such a joy to see these children bringing laughter and life into the Centre!

Seven-year-old Micha is one of these children. Since he was born with cerebral palsy, his mother has been his full-time caregiver. Therefore she was understandably reluctant to believe that someone else could care adequately for her son. She was also stressed and lonely because she had no time to see her friends or relatives or to have some time for herself.

The first few days, she stayed at the Centre with Micha. But after seeing how friendly and competent the team caring for him were, she took courage to leave him there on his own. When she picked him up at the end of the day, she was overjoyed and said that she had been to the swimming pool for the first time in years and felt really relaxed! "I'm so glad to see that my son is doing well here and making progress!" she said.

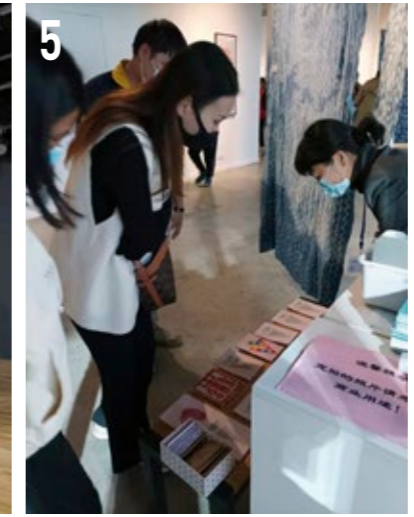
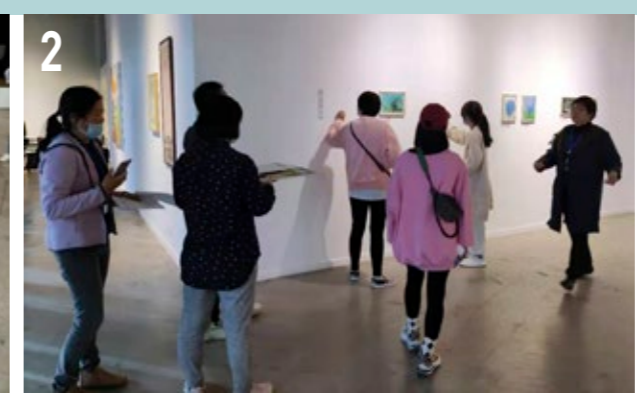
Our Centre not only serves the children, but also their whole family. Every child entering through our doors is seen as precious and having potential, and by accepting each child, the whole family feels valued and welcomed. But what we deeply desire is that God's love will leave its mark on the lives of these families and their children! ■



PAINTING EXHIBITION IN KUNMING CITY: DIFFERENT RHYTHMS IN SPACE

A unique painting exhibition was held in Kunming from 4 to 6 November 2021, entitled "Different Rhythms in Space". The main characters of this event came from a special group of people. In addition to the exhibition of paintings, there were also wonderful performances and presentations. Let us review some of the highlights together! ■

- Featured below
1. Preparations before the exhibition
 2. Many visitors came and appreciated the students' work
 3. Wonderful performances and presentations
 4. A sign language demonstration
 5. Christmas cards handmade by the students all sold out!
 6. Many visitors came and appreciated the students' work
 7. Roller skating warriors



THE BEGINNING OF JOY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE by Jean C

Featured above:
Artwork from Joy Development Centre's children, shown in the art exhibition (see next page for full story)

The Joy Development Centre was first started when we saw and sensed the helplessness of many parents whose children have autistic spectrum disorder.

The children are from different kinds of circumstances: some have never been to school whilst others have stayed home since graduating from school. Many of their parents feel powerless when faced with their children's behavioural problems and the regression of their children's abilities.

Families who attend the Development Centre all have their own stories. Many of the students have experienced psychological trauma - although they have families some might as well be abandoned children. They all need love desperately, whether they are completely neglected or physically abused. In addition, many parents are mentally and physically exhausted, especially as a lot of them have to face their children's violent behaviour.

Faced with a shortfall in the government's welfare system, these psychologically and intellectually impaired children and their families face very challenging circumstances, to the extent that they can't see any hope for the future. Parents are especially fearful for the future of their children. This small community are like sheep without a shepherd. The ultimate Shepherd wants to find His sheep and bring them beside a stream with green pastures.

Apart from courses, the Centre is also cooperating with various organisations (such as roller skating, fitness training, service dogs & kindergartens) to develop ways through which these psychologically and intellectually impaired children can integrate more into society. We need more professionals to participate as well as locals to contribute. We pray that the Lord will send His workers to reap the harvest. ■

