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雅各书1:27 - 在神我们的父面前，那清洁没有玷污的虔诚，
就是看顾在患难中的孤儿寡妇，并且保守自己不沾染世俗。

大家好，

我喜欢在孩子们当中生活，我更是一直爱孩子们，我相信这一点我是不会改变的。因为我知道孩子的心是即简单又清纯。他们对你总是很信任的。常问问题，能够从环境学到许多的知识。他们每一个都即独特又都完美，有无限的潜力。他们也是最脆弱，最易受伤害的。有时候他们伤痛很深刻，却难以表达出来内心的痛苦。他们需要很多很多的爱。也许我还没完全成熟，或者我的童心犹在，我仍然可以理解他们很多很多，而且我的异象同时（也是我的期盼）是：我的生命是围绕这些孩子们，爱他们，预备他们做神的工。若你分配我一个星期来照顾50孩子，我会享受每秒钟。我可能会很累，但没有人抱怨疲惫当你可以凭着信心看到你的果子的时候。就像女人生了孩子忘了疼痛，就像保罗不知挑选功夫的果子还是离世与主同在一样。

十五年前，当一个宣教士夫妻来我们教会分享中国的孤儿事工并给我们看那些孤儿的照片，弃婴，残废孤儿，我心碎了。那时候我只很享受帮着抱小婴儿。我因为年纪青，在教会并没被分配正式的责任。我知道神并没有吹大喇叭似的呼召我做全职事奉。我也没感觉到神揪我的心或轻轻对我说话。但是的确有一天我在心中做了重大的决定：我要去服事那些孩子们。我确信这是从神来的。“因为你们立志行事都是神在你们心里运行，为要成就他的美意” 腓2:13

从那次以后，我尝试了很多方式进入中国去服事那些被遗忘的。我先是想做医生，又想找软件的工作，又想办学校。在我心里知道这些方式太绕弯了，我心不安定。通过跟基督徒朋友交谈，也借着参加几个大有说服力的特会，我心中越发确认应该走有信心的一步。所以我计划先搬到中国看我能够怎么样帮忙，并深信神会提供我所有的需要而且超过我所想的。想到我心目中的英雄，像George Mueller, Gladys Aylward, 和Amy Carmichael,神在他们的生活总是信实的，我的信心就更加坚定。

春天我就开始申请各种机构。到6/1我终于开始在LHI工作。LHI拥有两个设施在中国，照顾快到100孩子。不只提供吃住，美国国际希望基金会(LHI)也提供家庭环境供给那些孩童们。LHI是很低调的。他们瞩目在建造小家庭上，所以孩子可以在亲切的环境当中成长。他们也有一个天使表演团，这个团队带领孤儿们到美国各地表演节目，包括中国传统舞蹈和见证并以获得赞助。

今年夏天，我开始接受训练，了解本机构在孤儿事工上的运作。包括监督赞助进程，规划天使团来访的具体步骤，赞助的财政收入记录系统，兴建技术部，建立社交信息媒体处理系统等等。八月最后一个星期，我经历了我生命当中最疲惫也是心中最充实的时刻。在天使演出团即将结束夏天的行程的最后一周我来到了孩子们当中。我看了他们的表演，帮他们装箱，跟他们一起吃和笑，了解每个孩子的个性。我也看到他们渴慕被爱和照顾，我何等希望能满足他们的需要哪怕是极少的一部分！

我近期的计划是九月底回北卡看一下家里的人,装箱,在此期间我仍可在网上为LHI工作。十月到一月中我会主要在广灵孤儿院帮着准备2016年的团行，北京房山的办公室工作，以及所有本机构需要我干的事情。明年一月到八月我会回美国帮着教天使表演团的孩子们英文，数学，圣经。八月以后再回中国。那时的细节还没有定。

我非常兴奋终于开始了盼望15年的事工。

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*James 1:27 - Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

Hello,

It's an understatement to say I love working with children. I always have loved children and always will. Kids are the best. They are simple and trusting. They ask questions and learn from everything around them. Each is so different, perfect, and with infinite potential. They are also the most vulnerable and impressionable. They hurt deeply and cannot express their pains. They need the most love. Maybe I have not yet outgrown my childish heart, so I can see myself for the rest of my life loving children and preparing them to do God's work. Assign me a room of fifty rambunctious children for a week and I would genuinely relish every moment. I might be exhausted, but no one complains about fatigue when all that is remembered is fulfillment.

About fifteen years ago, my heart was torn when a missionary visited our church and showed pictures of forlorn, abandoned orphans in China. I enjoyed holding babies at church, but I had not been given any formal responsibilities. Details escape my memory, but I know there were no trumpeting heralds recruiting me to full-time ministry. I certainly did not sense a "tug" on my heart or even hear a quiet whisper from God. However, there was a following, decisive determination to one day go over and spend my days serving those little ones; it was one of those defining "When I grow up, I'm gonna..." moments.

Ever since, that moment has driven me to pursue various methods for entering China to serve the forgotten. First, I attempted medicine, then software engineering, and lastly, founding a school in China. In the back of my mind, I knew these were too roundabout for working directly with Chinese orphans and I felt unsettled. Last year, after conversing with friends and attending a few convicting conferences, I realized I should step out in faith and situate myself into China to see what I could do to help. God provides for all our needs and abundantly, too. Based on my heroes, He was beyond faithful in lives of those like George Muller, Gladys Aylward, and Amy Carmichael.

In spring, I started applying to different organizations and started working for Living Hope International on June 1st. LHI operates two facilities in China, caring for close to 100 children. Offering more than food and shelter, LHI gives the children in its care, a family and hope for the future. LHI focuses on building smaller, low-key orphan homes in China, so that the children can grow in tight-knit, familial environments. LHI also has an Angels Tour program that bring the orphans to the United States to meet their sponsors, present a special program consisting of traditional Chinese dance and personal testimony. One intriguing new program is a children's performing training school in Beijing that will train more orphaned children and help them reach their full potential.

Over the summer, I've been trained to oversee the sponsorship program, organize booking details for the Angels Tour, learning the financials records for donations, build up the technology department, develop social media processes, etc. The last week of August, I had the most exhausting, yet satisfying experience in my life loving the 10 kids in the Angels Tour as they wrapped up their summer. I was able to learn their personalities, watch their performances, help them pack, eat and laugh with them, and see their need for love and care, hopefully fulfilling some of that need.

The tentative plan is to head back to NC at the end of September to wrap things up with my family. For October through December, I will work in the Beijing office for administration tasks, help the kids out in GuangLing orphan home for the 2016 Angels Tour, and however else they need me. January through August for the Angels Tour, I will be teaching English, Math, and probably Bible, too. After this, I'm expecting to help out further in China, but the details have not been finalized.

I'm so excited that I'm finally doing this... after 15 years of anticipation.

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