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Rev. James Lai

Gifts typically encompass a wide range of items, from souvenirs, food, and jewellery, some being expensive while others more affordable, all carrying various levels of emotional significance. However, for the recipient, some gifts may not hold much meaning. Nevertheless, there are those rare gifts that hold extraordinary significance for some particular individuals who receive them.

Some people relish receiving gifts because they believe that, regardless of the gift's monetary value, it represents a genuine gesture of goodwill. On the other hand, some individuals feel they lack nothing, so when others present them with gifts, they might not pay much attention to the attached meaning and might not feel particularly appreciative or moved.

Nonetheless, there is one gift that everyone universally needs, a gift whose value surpasses all other gifts in the world. Neither the poorest beggar nor the wealthiest person can refuse this gift – the gift of life!

The Lord Jesus came to this world to bestow upon us this precious gift. In the book of John 10:10, the Lord said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." The life granted by the Lord is precisely what each of us needs. This life possesses eternal value and is replete with richness, including peace, joy, and the ability to confront life's myriad challenges. This life is filled with abundance and eternal values.

I recall a pastor sharing his story. After his father's

passing, his mother struggled to make ends meet, and he and his siblings endured extremely difficult circumstances, experiencing a bleak and joyless childhood. When he was sixteen, the family faced financial ruin, and his mother had no choice but to send him to an orphanage. He spent his first Christmas in the orphanage and received his first-ever gift, a simple shirt. He treasured it deeply, tears welling up in his eyes, because this gift made him feel loved, accepted, encouraged, and deeply touched. Through this Christmas gift, God's love entered his life, giving him the courage to face life's challenges. Since then, he could never forget the greatest gift God gave him – the gift of life that the Lord Jesus brought!

Every Christian should share this precious gift with others, bringing hope, joy, and love for life to those in need, offering warmth to those requiring care, conveying hope to those in need of love, and spreading the message of salvation to those in need of life.

The gift of life is so precious because it not only offers us eternal salvation but also unlocks the door to love, joy, and peace. This special season serves as a reminder that God willingly shares His love, bringing us hope and salvation. During this heartwarming Christmas season, I hope you also remember to prepare a meaningful Christmas gift for others.

May everyone experience a Christmas filled with love, joy, and a meaningful life in Christ!



God's Perfect Will In All Things

Since March 17, 2020, Myanmar declared a nationwide state of comprehensive epidemic prevention. Cities and villages were locked down, roads were closed, factories ceased operation, stores shut their doors, and schools suspended classes. Life, once vibrant, turned static. However, in February 2021, Myanmar experienced a coup, worsening the situation. The nation suffered immense adversity, causing people to feel terror and helplessness, plunging the entire country into mourning.

When our school confronted these challenges, as the leader of the school, my heart was filled with fear and unease. During countless sleepless nights, I prayed repeatedly, seeking God's mercy and guidance, asking God to reveal His will. For I deeply understood that only God could truly help us, only He could strengthen my heart. In the midst of this adversity, I also sought to learn the lessons God had for me, longing for His will to be revealed to His servant.

After a period of prayer, we decided to launch online classes. Thanks be to God, He is faithful. I was moved by the generosity of two alumni who donated brand-new laptops to our teachers, enabling them to conduct online teaching. God also prepared seven



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dedicated teachers who were willing to break free from the traditional physical teaching model and venture into online instruction. These teachers through flexible and diverse methods accumulated online teaching experience and improving continuously, were able to gradually lead online classes onto the right path. Though it was challenging, and the income was limited, God's grace was sufficient. In our lack, we experienced God's abundant provision.

I want to express special thanks to the Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission for their continual support of the children's educational fund during the pandemic. Your unwavering love and support allowed the administrative operations of Dawn School to function normally. Truly, you have been a ray of hope in difficult times. May God remember and bless you.

Through all of this, I have come to a deeper understanding of Romans 8:28, which says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Also, Psalm 20:7, which says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." May all glory be to God!



Grace Haven - A Warm

Home



Dear readers,

Greetings to you all! I am Li Yuyu, twelve years old this year, with an eleven year-old brother named Li Nengsong. We are both from the Lahu minority ethnic group. Over the years, we have experienced hardship and numerous difficulties, always longing for a warm home.

Our father was once a drug addict, and he had to sell all the furniture and household items in our home. His physical and mental condition deteriorated rapidly. Eventually, our parents divorced, and they both left us. At that time, we felt extremely helpless, shedding tears day and night, hoping that our mother would return, but she never did. From that moment on, we became orphans. My brother and I lived in a poor village, and no one was willing to adopt us. I took on the responsibility of a mother, and we supported each other, making a living by begging and helping others with their work. Seeing peers in beautiful school uniforms, we envied them and hoped that one day we could wear them too.

God never abandoned His children. In a miraculous moment of grace, our aunt in Lashio, Myanmar heard about a Children Home called "Grace Haven." She contacted the village elders, and that's how we came to this warm extended family. There, we met many friends who had similar experiences to ours. We had new clothes to wear, no longer lived in constant fear, and didn't have to worry about our next meal. We received an education and felt the warmth of human kindness. Most importantly, I came to know Jesus Christ. Later, I learned that there were many compassionate sponsors who, inspired by Jesus' love, faithfully supported us orphans. These sponsors were Christians who sought neither fame nor fortune; they selflessly cared for us.

Li Yuyu

Myanmar Lashio Grace Haven Student

During our time at the Grace Haven Children Home, we felt extremely happy and truly experienced the "warmth of a family", just like the love of parents. Especially, having teachers pray with us, share God's word, and teach us diligently. Every day, we pray for our beloved sponsors because we deeply understand that without these loving sponsors, we wouldn't have the stable life we have now. This inspired me to aspire to become a compassionate sponsor when I grow up, to help children facing difficulties and the loss of a parent's love. I also hope to spread love in this world, even though it may start small, I firmly believe it can spread like wildfire. Thank you for reading, and may the Lord bless you with peace and joy. Amen.



Jesus, the True Light, Warms My Heart

Yang Jiashan
Myanmar Lashio Grace Haven Student



I am deeply grateful that we can fellowship with each other in Christ, for God always uses us as small and humble vessels to manifest His glory. Through sharing the wonderful things God has accomplished in my life, we can encourage each other.

Before I was five years old, I was a lively and adorable little girl, bouncing around every day, playing with friends – childhood was such wonderful time. However, this happiness only lasted until I turned five. Due to an accident, I lost one of my legs, and from that moment on, my little world turned dark and gloomy, the sun never seemed to rise again. I could no longer run and jump like other children. I went from being shy to feeling inferior, and I spent my days in gloom, losing the joy I once had.

I thank God that after the storm, there is sunshine. “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning (Psalm 30:5).” I am thankful that at the age of eight, I had the opportunity to join the Myanmar Lashio Grace Haven Children Home, a big family – my mother and I went there together. My mother served in the kitchen, while my father had already passed away due to his bad habits. However, I am grateful that I have a strong and courageous mother with diligent hands. She prepared meals tirelessly for over a hundred children every day. I witnessed my mother’s hard work firsthand. Her eyesight was not great, and she needed

a hearing aid to hear clearly. Her feet often ached from standing for long hours, and sometimes she had to consult a doctor. Every day, I saw her toil and labor, all for the sake of my sister and me, so that we could have a good education and a better life. In my heart, I made a decision in my heart that when I grow up, I will fulfill my mother’s dream—a warm home for the two of us. It doesn’t need to be extravagant because I believe that with my mother’s presence, it will be a warm and loving home.

I am now fourteen years old, and I have accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. The light of the Lord Jesus, like a rising sun, has begun to shine in my life. I firmly believe that He will illuminate my life and guide my path because He is the true light—the true light of the world!

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Qty	Gift Items
	Winter Jacket S\$80 (RM 240)
	Mission Trip Tent S\$250 (RM 750)
	Mission Trip Backpack S\$85 (RM 255)
	External Hard Drive S\$100 (RM 300)
	Spectacles S\$110 (RM 330)
	Shoe Cabinet S\$30 (RM 90)
	Helmet S\$15 (RM 45)

Community	
Qty	Gift Items
	Dewormer S\$12 (RM 36)
	Multivitamin S\$15 (RM 45)
	Burnt Relief Cream S\$10 (RM 30)
	First-Aid Kit S\$100 (RM 300)
	Toilet S\$1,000 (RM 3,000)
	Socks S\$2 (RM 6)
	Football Jersey Set S\$45 (RM 135)
	Cow S\$300 (RM 900)
	Video Camera S\$1,700 (RM 5,100)
	Hammock S\$20 (RM 60)
	Mattress S\$45 (RM 135)
	Kids Table & Chairs Set S\$30 (RM 90)
	Drilled Well S\$1,500 (RM 4,500)
	Drum Set S\$530 (RM 1,590)
	Tarpaulin / Trapal S\$100 (RM 300)
	Rambutan Seedlings S\$5 (RM 15)
	Piglet S\$50 (RM 150)
	Bible S\$30 (RM 90)
	Power Generator S\$2,000 (RM 6,000)
	Chicken / Duck per dozen S\$30 (RM 90)
	Goat S\$100 (RM 300)

Ministry	
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	Motobike S\$2,000 (RM 6,000)
	Guitar S\$200 (RM 600)
	Laptop S\$1,000 (RM 3,000)
	LCD Projector S\$500 (RM 1,500)
	Desktop Computer S\$1,000 (RM 3,000)
	Blanket S\$20 (RM 60)
	Professional Recording Mic S\$500 (RM 1,500)
	Professional Speaker Box S\$330 (RM 990)
	Colour Printer S\$250 (RM 750)
	Outboard Motor S\$1,550 (RM 4,650)
	Digital Piano Keyboard S\$800 (RM 2,400)
	Stand Mixer S\$400 (RM 1,200)
	Office Desk S\$230 (RM 690)

Children	
Qty	Gift Items
	School Bag S\$15 (RM 45)
	Stationery Set S\$10 (RM 30)
	Dental Kit S\$10 (RM 30)
	Raincoat / Umbrella S\$10 (RM 30)
	Slippers S\$10 (RM 30)
	Mosquito Net S\$10 (RM 30)
	Children's Bible S\$15 (RM 45)
	Bible Stories Books S\$15 (RM 45)
	Bicycle S\$170 (RM 510)
	Rain Shoes S\$10 (RM 30)
	Children Jacket S\$15 (RM 45)
	Study Table & Chairs Set S\$65 (RM 195)
	Bed Sheet S\$10 (RM 30)

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A Grateful Heart

Wang Meili

Myanmar Lashio Grace Haven Student

Praise the Lord! Through the introduction of a kind-hearted person, my sister and I had the opportunity to come to the Grace Haven Children Home to study. Life here is wonderful, and we are happy every day. We not only get to study but also have many good friends to play with. Every day, there are teachers to accompany us and teach us. I am currently in the first grade for both Chinese and Burmese classes. I especially enjoy listening to the teachers telling us Bible stories. My favourite among them is the story of Adam and Eve. I'm very curious about why the snake could speak.

I would like to say to Jesus: "Thank you, Lord Jesus! Because of knowing you, my life has become better. Through your grace, I can study like others, have nutritious food to eat, and warm clothes to wear. I am also very grateful to the sponsors who support my education. With your loving help, I can grow up healthy. I will study hard, love the Lord Jesus, and pray for the sponsors regularly."

My name is Wang Meili, and I am 12 years old. I belong to the Lahu ethnic group. When I was ten years old, my parents passed away one after the other due to illness, leaving my sister and me without any support. Afterward, we had to live together with our grandfather. We had to do hard work like chopping firewood and carrying heavy loads up the mountains. Life was incredibly tough, and our grandfather, who was elderly and in poor health, struggled to provide for us.

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