

To Be a Great Healer

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Doctors shoulder the mission of guarding people's health. In Taiwan, all the doctors of six Tzu Chi hospitals care deeply for their patients. Besides treating them in the hospital, they also go out to serve people who live in remote rural and mountain areas. They conduct free clinics where many of the patients are old people; they care not only for their physical health but also their living conditions and mental well-being.

On the other side of the world, in Brazil, doctors of the Tzu Chi International Medical Association (TIMA) carry out a similar mission. They see the needs of people who live in remote villages and have no access to medical care. They join with doctors from Taiwan to provide free clinics; they give not only western treatment but also Chinese medicine – acupuncture -- to relief the pain of patients.

Master Cheng Yen commented: “they feel compassion for the people who suffer from illness. As sickness is the worst kind of suffering, they go to places that lack medical services to try and alleviate that suffering. This is truly a most meritorious and beautiful deed.”

Doctors not only walk into these villages that have no medicine to relief the pain of patients; they also help them understand the warmth of love that knows no boundaries.