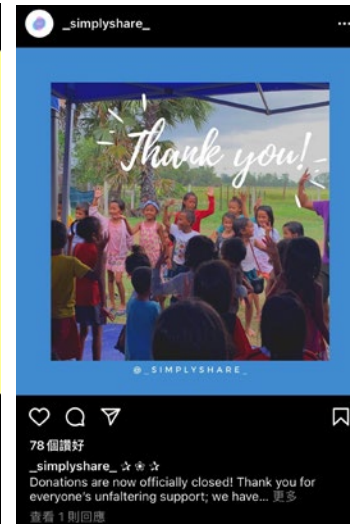


# 一千四百五十五公里以外的祝福

## Blessings from 1,455 kilometers

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記得2019年暑假，我抱緊柬埔寨的小朋友，淚流滿面地跟他們道別：「不要哭，下年我會再來。」一句簡短的承諾使他們破涕為笑，他們答應好好讀書，我也答應一年之後會回去。

然而，世事不如所料。新冠狀病毒使期待了一整年的2020柬埔寨訪宣之旅正式取消。我晴天霹靂：「那今年就不能回去柬埔寨了，不知道小朋友們怎樣呢？」正當我悶悶不樂之時，我突然想到：即使身處香港，我也總有方法幫助他們啊！Almond姐姐說，當地許多工廠停擺，員工失業，而且衛生情況不理想，病毒傳播機會很大。當她說到有些小朋友連乾淨的衣服也沒有，我決定要為他們出一分力。

在柬埔寨，一套乾淨的衣服只需五美元，也就是港幣40元左右，其實只是一杯咖啡的價錢而已。我、妹妹和一位好朋友一起在Instagram和Facebook上宣傳我們的籌款活動，以「一杯咖啡 = 一套衣服」為中心，加上妹妹的手繪圖畫和往年訪宣的片段，呼籲親戚朋友捐款。過程中，我們遇上重重難關：可信性被質疑、付款方法不夠周到、捐款停滯……我們起初不知所措，慶幸最後都迎刃而解。結果僅僅兩星期，我們籌得超過港幣12,000元，足以買到300套乾淨的衣服給當地的小朋友！在此之後，我們更成立了SimplyShare這個學生機構，推動身邊的年輕人為貧窮群體付出。

感恩的是，一個小小的願望推動了許多有心有力的朋友慷慨解囊；更感恩的是，即使在地域限制之下，我們仍能付出自己的努力幫助世界上比我們更需要的人。一套衣服或許不是很貴重的禮物，但我相信，這微小的心意能讓小朋友感受到遠在一千四百五十五公里以外的關心。

I still remembered the summer vacation of 2019. I hugged the Cambodian children tightly and said goodbye to them in tears: "Don't cry, I will come again next year." A brief promise made them laugh, and they promised to study hard and I also promised to go back a year later.

However, things are not as expected. The 2020 Cambodia Mission Trip was cancelled because of the Coronavirus, which was expected for a whole year. It was really a thunderbolt: "I cannot go back to Cambodia this year. What about the kids?" Just when I was depressed, I suddenly thought: even in Hong Kong, I always have a way to help them! Almond mentioned before that many local factories have been shut down, people are unemployed, and the sanitary conditions are poor. Also, there is a great chance in spreading the virus. When she said that some children live even without clean clothes, I decided to help them.

In Cambodia, a clean set of clothes only costs US\$5, which is about HK\$40 - the price of a cup of coffee. My sister, my good friend and I then promoted our fundraising activity on Instagram and Facebook, centering on "a cup of coffee = a set of clothes". We appealed to our relatives and friends to donate with my sister's hand-drawn pictures and the clippings from the previous visits. In the process, we encountered many difficulties: the credibility was questioned, payment methods were not thoughtful enough, donations were stagnant... We were at a loss at first, but thankfully we all solved it in the end. In only two weeks, we raised more than HK\$12,000, which was enough to buy 300 sets of clean clothes for the local children! After that, we set up SimplyShare, a student organization, to encourage young people around us to contribute to the poor.

Gratefully, a small wish has motivated many friends to donate generously; even more gratefully is that though under geographical constraints, we can still make our own efforts to help people in the world who are more in need than us. A set of clothes may not be a very expensive gift, but I believe that this tiny heart can make children feel the care from 1,455 kilometres.