



Dharma Master's Blessings

# A Mark of Beauty and Kindness

Not long ago, a news media reported that a medical rescue helicopter crashed into the sea after transporting a patient in a mission, and five people were missing from the crash. A few days later, a fisherman was swept into the ocean by a huge wave along the coast of Hualien. A rescue team was dispatched but one rescuer was also swept away by the waves.

This news is heartrending since those who were rescued were saved, but the lives of the rescuers are lost. How do the families of the deceased deal with their losses? These brave souls deserve great respect from all of us.

In the same spirit, there are many medical workers who dedicate their lives into saving and caring for people. For example, a young ER physician, Dr. Hsu, gave up the opportunity to work in a metropolitan hospital as a chief physician; instead he returned home and serves the villagers in his hometown, Daren Township, Taitung County.

Dr. Hsu truly devotes his life to his community. There was a time when he worked continuously for eighty hours without a break. When he was 39 years old, he got a stroke. He recalled how stressful he was after the stroke. Then he thought of his patients. Even though one side of Dr. Hsu's body does not function as efficiently and quickly as it used to, he still continues to see patients while going through a physical therapy.

Recently, the news told an incident involving a thirty-year old pregnant woman from Taichung who was transported to Taichung Tzu Chi Hospital after a car accident. The woman and her fetus were in critical condition. Doctors from five different specialties collaborated in an emergency operation. After one hundred hours, they discovered that the mother and fetus were protecting each other during the crisis. The mother's pelvis shielded the fetus, while the fetus plugged the wounded kidney from massive bleeding. The medical team



performed a Cesarean section on the mother and rescued the fetus. Thereafter, the mother's condition stabilized and began to recover. The mother was then taken to the intensive care to reunite with her newborn. It was a touching moment when the mother held the baby's tiny hand.

In fact, many medical teams have dedicated themselves to protect lives. Some medical workers work for twenty or thirty hours in the emergency rooms without breaks. Others take care of

elders in the long-term care facility to lessen the burden of the families. Nowadays, people are less appreciative of doctors. If the world is scarce in love, care, and unconditional giving, what will become of our society?

Behind these touching stories, there are many who devote themselves to selfless love. I wish these virtues can inspire kindness within people so our society will be filled with warmth and hope.



**On June 30 2012, four months after the baby being saved, Dharma Master Cheng Yen visited Taichung Tzu Chi Hospital and blessed the baby and his families, and thanked the medical team for their effort.**