

(No. 7) A Selfless Heart

This is my friend Jack's touching story. Jack was a harsh and utilitarian type of person. He always talked about business and money. He was a widower. He lived with his nineteen-year-old daughter called Betty. He loved Betty very much. He wanted to give the best to Betty. He thought he was the happiest man in the world.

However, Betty went to Iceland for working holiday and lost her life in a traffic accident. Jack could not believe it. He thought his daughter's death was caused by him. He blamed himself. He thought he focused too much on his work and ignored Betty's needs. He felt depressed. He closed his company. He became an alcoholic. He lost all direction in life.

One day there was an earthquake in Japan. It destroyed thousands of people's homes. In the cold winter, many children were living on the streets, trembling from the cold. Jack saw the homeless children on the news and the image of the children reminded him of Betty. He felt sorry for the children and he wanted to help them. He then found a new purpose in life.

He sold his house and flew to Japan. He spent all his money on winter clothes and a van so that he could help the children. He drove his van to different shelters. He gave every child warm, beautiful winter clothing. He even adopted nine orphans. His work made him famous. He said, "Every child needs care. I don't want to see any miserable children." Jack was changing so many lives by showing love and care for others. He also believed that children are more important than anything else, including money.

Jack's story ends here. He has shown me that success does not need to be measured in terms of money. In Hong Kong, everybody competes with other people. We treat others with distrust and doubtfulness. Jack's act of love and kindness has inspired me a lot and shown me that we should help each other instead of competing for a place at the top. I hope his story can spread a more positive message to others and make our world a better and more beautiful place.