

Where cancer treatment by ethnic remedies

Bo Sinh is a poor commune of Song Ma District, Son La Province. The population here has almost none of government universal education, and over 80% of the population do not speak Kinh language (Vietnamese main dialect). The person accompanying TL in this medical trip is a Buddhist of Thai ethnicity, of Lai Chau descent. This is also the person who introduced TL to Son La for treatment.

It is still very uncivilized here. Road traffic is very difficult, bridges are not available. Local residents have to use bamboo to build bridges. The average bridge can only carry about 2-3 people at once or it will collapse. There were no toilets, every one bath in a stream and go to the toilet on the hut with no door to cover. Of course, where TL came to stay for treatment was no different. TL needed to wait until dark to take a bath, and always have someone behind to watch out. People still use bamboo sticks in stead of toilet paper as in the city ..

And the most important thing that TL found out, is that they sell new born children in this area of more than 70% cases . Women sell their children at about 1 week old, no papers, no documents, no mercy. Girls are 10 million, boys are 20 million. And almost every household is like that !!!

Living in such social circumstance, of course those people do not know the concept of "giving back and cultivating good virtue". The cost for treatment here is cut-throat . A few days later, when TL asked around, most of the villagers said, "That guy can heal and many people recover. But unfortunately his charge is too expensive. If we must die, we will not dare to come there." Only people who are far away, can afford the cost. He treats the Lao people (from neighbour country), HIV - AIDS people and drug addicts. This area has many addicts! You are the first Kinh person here ". That is a a very true saying from the elders in the village.

The one who directly treats TL was his wife, but TL could not remember here name. Her name is very difficult to pronounce and different from the Kinh's name system so it was difficult to grasp. She is 49 years old, and very honest, especially very ethical and caring for patients. However, her husband is the one who collected money for treatment. He charges a very high price and argue for every penny of the patients. His excuse is. "Each day herbal drugs are getting scarce and very hard to find. There was no one who can treat you in your area and you have to come up to here, you must accept that price in order to receive the treatment". Through the time, almost every day, new patients call to ask for treatment. He refused, because there was no more place to stay in his house, and he could not treat many patients at the same time. When TL leaves, he will receive others. New patient takes turn like that. The day TL arrived at the site was also the day another patient left. (According to the account of his wife and neighbors). In general, it is quite complicated, one must live here to feel and to understand.

During the time staying here, TL does not eat enough food (not enough vegetables), TL has to grow more vegetables to eat. Eating instant noodles and porridge everyday makes TL sick and pale, very emaciated. TL feels numb on limbs and electric running around in the bones and pulses. There are many changes in the physical situation, but it is not yet confirmed whether the change is positive or negative. I would like to inform all of you warmly. TL's next letter will provide more details, photos, transportation and treatment costs for this trip.

Good bye dear friends,

TNTL



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