

UVU International Mountain Day Hosts Wendy Jyang, President of the Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018, members of the Utah International Mountain Forum hosted several guest presenters for International Mountain Day. Among these presenters was the remarkable Mrs. Wendy Jyang. Mrs. Jyang is the president of the Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce (F.I.S.H.&D&C). The F.I.S.H.&D&C is a nongovernmental organization that has special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC. Mrs. Jyang began her work with the United Nations in 2011 working on the Millennial Development Goals. It was then that she realized that the family is the most crucial factor when it comes to lifting others out of poverty.

During her speech at UVU, she shared a lot of pictures of her experiences connecting with people all over the world. She expressed her gratitude for the kind people of Utah who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who give so much of their time promoting the family. Through the use of family love and character training, Mrs. Jyang is able to show people that are disadvantaged around the world know what they can have if they focus on their character and build a happy family.

It takes 50,000 dollars at least for one chinese student to come to usa. This is very difficult for low income people living in China. They were able to bring the formal embassy to the education board to create a solution to this issue. Through the use of technology, they are hopeful that they will be able to provide many underprivileged people living throughout China with an education.

She also shared a story of a trip she took to China with a young couple who went to teach english and the importance of art and genealogy. While on their trip to China, they witnessed a lot of poverty, endless amounts of people who couldn't afford a quality education.

Following their trip, this couple told Mrs. Jyang that they no longer needed antidepressants because they were able to experience true happiness during their time serving in China. She said that she hears stories like that over and over. The media in China has also picked up stories similar to those about students from Utah dedicating their time to Chinese people.

Through her connections on the international level, Mrs. Jyang has helped people develop a strong education and go on to high ranking universities in the United States. This not only helps the individual, but it helps their country when they return to China and share their knowledge and experience with others. Her love of spreading the importance of the family has given her tremendous joy. She believes that when you climb a mountain, you didn't climb by yourself, you are standing on top of something enormously important that provides you with an opportunity to share. Mrs. Jyang's mountain is the importance of the family on an international level. She loves to travel and promote her moral work to others. She spreads the message that you have a choice; you have the chance to choose a happy life and bring light to others. This is her mission as she travels to mountain areas and promotes the importance of the family and education.

She closed by saying that we all look like regular, but each one of us has a unique talent that we can share that will help launch peace and happiness throughout the world. These talents help children learn to be gentle and how to know the teachings of virtue. There are a lot of people in low income, mountain areas that have talents just like these that deserve to be shared. We need to use our influence to help these young children in mountain area reach their potential. She closed her presentation with a beautiful quote: "Whatever I enjoy, other people will enjoy. Share. You can become bright and great."

Mary Nelson, UVU Student