

Tzu Chi - Doing Good in the World/The Netherlands/20../88 min./Mandarin with English subtitles/Non-fiction/Digital

Director: Babeth Van Loo



CREDITS

Cinematography Ashley James

Editor Chris Teerink

Music Harry de Wit

Production FILM ART, in association with Da Ai TV and BOS

Cast

Dharma Master Cheng Yen, Dr. You-Chen Chao, Shi De Tzu, Dr Chin Lion, Rey Her, Edward KL Yang, Dr Jin Cheng, James D M Lee, Yeh Yin Wu, Howard Chen Tian Fong, Lui Yu Hu and others

Synopsis

One of the largest charity organizations in the world Tzu Chi was founded 50 years ago in Taiwan by Dharma master Cheng Yen, with two million volunteers whom Cheng Yen calls Bodhisattvas: those who vow to liberate all others.

They go on international relief missions to bring humanitarian aid, medical care, food and sometimes millions of cash to disaster areas.

Direct giving is at the core of Tzu Chi, looking at suffering straight in the eye and offering the help that is needed. Thus she motivates people to cultivate their innate positive qualities.

While elsewhere health care suffers from major cutbacks and time-constraint, Tzu Chi hospitals progress in the opposite direction: More time for patients and selfless care, based on compassion and equality.

Their educational system promotes the ethical and social skills of children with mindfulness and wisdom training. The suffering of the world can be healed by recognizing your love for others. That is Cheng Yen's message.

Director: Babeth Van Loo

She is a highly accomplished film and television director, producer and media artist based in Amsterdam. Her 50+ projects which mainly focus on art, social engagement and spirituality have been broadcast on television stations worldwide. Since 2000, she has served as the Programming Director of the Buddhist Broadcasting Foundation (BOS), the first Buddhist TV station in the Western World that is part of the Public Broadcasting System for producing and broadcasting documentaries.