

MY ROOTS ARE FOREVER IN MY HOMETOWN OF KAIPING

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Kaiping fifth generation of Chinese nationality , Houston Transportation Planning Bureau , former deputy director Zhang Weiming 's roots story.

The reporter Wu Bijing Chenmiao Jie.



Zhang Weiming (front) pictured with their loved ones home.



Zhang Weiming understanding photo story.



Zhang Weiming looks father photo.



Zhang Weiming folks to understand the situation.



Zhang Weiming shakes hands with folk.

"Towering trees, must have its roots in the water, mountains, must have its source." Surname is human symbol sign is blood in the family tradition. Trace the origin, Xungenwenzu is the traditional virtue of the Chinese nation. In recent years , in order to explore "My roots where ancestor who ," ancestral town of Kaiping Chishui Village tile fifth -generation Chinese American , is a Houston, Texas municipal civil and traffic engineer Zhang Weiming , traveled repeatedly from American fly back home Kaiping, Xungenwenzu .

October of this year, Zhang Weiming eighth in their hometowns, the reporter interviewed the old man took the opportunity to listen to the story of his roots.

Determined to Return Home Roots

Zhang Weiming ancestral town of Kaiping Chishui tiles Village, is the fifth generation of Chinese descent, his great-grandfather to San Francisco "Gold Rush", the father did not come back to the United States since 1932 after too . Thus, he grew up in the United States, can only say "hello ", "thank you" , "Goodbye " and simple Chinese . In recent times to return home, Kaiping City Foreign Trade Bureau Chief CC Liang Wei unpaid translated for him.

Prior to 2003, Zhang Weiming their ancestral home in which the family are there any people, home is what so ignorant. When asked what triggered it to their hometowns Xungenwenzu , Zhang Weiming told reporters , in 2003 , his Irish friend committed suicide in the United States , he went to help organize a friend 's possessions , and they found that he actually saved a lot of friends with family -related objects and information . At that time , Zhang Weiming is a pity , because his own home and family are without understanding. Since then, his head constantly emerging question is " Who am I ? ' " I come from ? "

To this end, Zhang Weiming collection of information through the multi finally learned that his home is China Guangdong Kaiping . Beginning in 2007 , he started planning to return home to find the root of the family trip , the purpose is to study the roots of their ancestors to the father and mother surnamed Yu Zhang 's villages .

November 21, 2007, Zhang Weiming get on China Southern Airlines flights across the Atlantic , after a voyage of 7,226 miles from Los Angeles arrived in Guangdong Province, China Guangzhou New Baiyun International Airport and then returned to his hometown of Kaiping , this is his first once set foot on land hometown . Recall that for the first time back to open the usual feelings, Zhang Weiming said a simple six words : joy , surprise, unforgettable !

First Excited Memorable Homecoming

Chishui Village original tile and Yang Yang Lu Lu Gang Okamura collectively , and later separated. For the first time back to the village , Zhang Weiming visited the village lane number nine sixth house, it was his father Zhang Jinrui birth place , the next is his great-uncle Chang stable residence house. "I was staring at the great-uncle of the painted image, seems to be able to feel my grandfather vaguely voice and facial expression ." Zhang Weiming recalls.

Stands in the middle of the two towers tile Village : gatehouse (Lau) to protect the villagers against bandits ; " Fu Pei Building " is a Chinese family owned high Agile floor. They are the people called " Gold Mountain house ." The first time I saw Kaiping Zhang Weiming extremely shocked, he looked over the roof from a more " tropical scene , and I was rolling hills of this village surrounded by long surrounded intoxicated , looked around, everywhere are all green proudly . "

From the towers down, Zhang Weiming saw an elderly oncoming hurriedly to him , the elderly called Zhang You Xin, is the father Zhang Weiming Zhang Jinrui year primary school students . In 76 years you can still see Zhang Jinrui son back, joy is self-evident . Zhang You Xin also brought several students of the year, together with Zhang Weiming Zhang shrine chatting to him by his father in 1932 left his home and went to the scene of the United States about their family.

" In the past, the shrine is used as a classroom Zhang class 76 years , when my father five students sitting inside chatting together, that scene is so memorable ah ! " Zhang Weiming exclaimed. "Several village elders Wu Qi lion, beat the drums, waving the banner of Zhang to celebrate my return, which marks our family since 1932 return , they accepted me become the Chang family members . " Zhang Weiming said," I was deeply they are so friendly and welcoming the move touched . "

Zhangyou Xin Zhang Weiming told that his great-grandfather Zhang Bin Yao on emigration from the sheep during the first Okamura way to the United States , has been the " coolie ", after the money back to Kaiping, and hopes that his second son to succeed him and Zhang new United States, while Zhang Peilan chose to stay in his hometown and became the patriarch of the village squire .

Zhang Weiming said, " for the first time back home Kaiping, although the length of stay is not long, but I learned the most valuable lesson - we are family friends and relatives to me very concerned , despite the language barrier , but , and ! they feel at home with them . "

Kaiping Thoughts Focused Poetry

Find their roots , the memory of the ancestors , Zhang Weiming is both happy and sad . He believes that for hundreds of years as a farmer, his ancestors in Kaiping withstand extreme rural poverty, toil in the fields in order to survive , they get their final success has made a great contribution in the United States.

After returning to the U.S. , Zhang Weiming hometown Kaiping thoughts growing. He said that he was destined to return to hometown , "I have put my spirit and soul are all left in Kaiping ."

Lingnan Roots of Emotional Ties to Their Hometown

September 20, 2010 , Hong Kong Asia Television " Lingnan roots trip " crew line of 10 people into Kaiping, a five-day shooting activities. This time, they follow the footsteps of Zhang Weiming , conducted a roots trip .

During Kaiping, " Lingnan roots trip " crew will lens at three in the world cultural heritage , Zili Village Majianglong , Jinjiang in Kaiping Watchtower and villages as well as urban areas , Li Garden , Chikan Town , South Building, Memorial Park Situ Meitang residence and other scenic spots, and strive to

capture the full range multi-level Kaiping hometown unique and profound cultural connotation , a taste of hometown style. Zhang Weiming ATV hometowns roots were captured on camera , with a passion for shooting hometown true story and interview.

" Lingnan roots trip " Provincial Tourism Bureau and the Hong Kong Asia Television joint shooting highlights Guangdong Lingnan characteristics and culture . The series of special programs to overseas Chinese and Hong Kong and Macao SAR perspective of young people, through their stories and experiences Xungenwenzu tortuous search of a taste of colorful Lingnan culture , attracting more overseas Chinese and Hong Kong and Macao tourism youth back home , Xungenwenzu . According to reports , the series tells the thematic festival is aimed at Hong Kong and Macao compatriots, overseas Chinese and a true "South roots trip " to show the legendary story of the year China Hong Kong and Macao compatriots, overseas Chinese across the seas , the difficult process of hard work and behind praises positive contribution to the motherland and the older generation of Chinese made home construction . The show at the Hong Kong and Taiwan respectively , World, America aired , and also made into Cantonese and English versions of DVD discs distributed worldwide.

Since 2008 , Zhang Weiming back home at least once each year , in addition to worship in their hometowns , he also came back to explore their family history of struggle and overseas . To this end , he also published two books and about the family and the longing for home of English poetry. He told reporters that the next step he intends to write a novel about the story of five generations of their family .

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