

Speech to commemorate Kathleen Hall, Qingming, April 5 2022

I am Dave Bromwich, National President of NZCFS, vice chair of GongHe. This is Fan Miao, vice president of NZCFS and chair of our He Mingqing committee. I live just 20 km from where He Mingqing was born!

Thank you to the North China Liaison Office of Gong He. It is fitting to be together in the International Education base at Datong Shoushan hospital.

In NZCFS, Rewi Alley and Kathleen Hall are our heroes, on whose legacy we have built up who we are, and what we do. Of course, we have expressed ourselves very broadly from their specific activities, but these two heroes are the foundation of NZCFS. It is fitting that we remember them on Qing Ming Festival.

After He Mingqing returned to New Zealand, she became a national executive member of NZCFS. She toured the branches, offering encouragement. To commemorate Kathleen Hall, in 1996, NZCFS established a Kathleen Hall Centennial Memorial Scholarship that offered scholarships to New Zealand nurses to further their studies, administered in [partnership with the Nurses Association.

This was replaced in 2006 by the He Mingqing Scholarship to provide financial support for a young woman in China. This was set up to provide a three-year/four-year scholarship for Chinese girls from poor rural areas enabling them to complete nursing training, in order to return to their communities and work for improved health standards. We have been grateful for assistance from partners in each province to select the scholars.

To date we have supported young women from Guangxi, Hebei, Gansu, Shaanxi and Shanxi, with 8000 yuan per year for fees and accommodation. They have all come from poor rural communities, and on graduation, they are now working as nurses in hospitals.

In September 2021, we selected two new scholars. One, HUANG Lixia, is from Wanrong County, Yuncheng City, in the southwest of Shanxi Province. She is undertaking a four-year nursing course at Shanxi Datong University, majoring in nursing. We are grateful to Shanxi Youth Foundation for assistance in her selection.

NZCFS retains contact with all our previous HMQ scholars. They have become part of our relationships with China. Members are pleased to hear how their study; their work and their family life is progressing. When they get married, when they have children they become part of our big family, and it helps New Zealanders to have some understanding of life in China.

I recall the first time I visited Songjiazhuang village, in talks with the principal and staff of the primary school there, they informed me that they were proud of the number of their students, from a poor country primary school, entered university. I asked why could this be, and they replied that they informed the students of the spirit of He Mingqing and her service to the health of her wide range of farmers. NZCFS has taken tour groups and other delegations to visit Songjiazhaung.

Last year, on He Ming Qing's 125th anniversary, we held a webinar with Beijing Youxie and released a video documentary completed by NZCFS Hamilton Branch, which documents her

life, including interviews with some old people in Songjiazhuang village that recall her time with them.

More know about Rewi Alley. He had a high profile in New Zealand on his returns home. Some people did not like him too much for his support for the communist government. Later, he gained an increasing amount of respect. It is now the job of NZCFS to introduce him, his work and achievements to young people. We hope he will be appreciated for compassion and spirit with which he lived his life.

We want to organise a tour for New Zealanders to China, called the NZCFS Rewi Alley, Hemingqing heritage tour. This would visit sites from Beijing to Shandan Gansu, including Hebei, shanxi and Shaanxi, then to Shanghai. We would like to do this at end of 2022. But it is far from certain, with travel restrictions. However, we do hope that NZCFS will be connected to any activity in China that commemorates Rewi Alley and He Mingqing. It is a good way to keep our relationships alive, and New Zealanders connected to China through our two heroes.

Kathleen, Rewi, we now pay our respects to your great work in China, and the understanding and friendship you continue to bring to our two peoples.

我是新中友协主席，工合国际副主席。这位是范淼新中友协副主席，何明清奖学金委员会主席。我住的地方离何明清的出生地只有 20 公里。

感谢工合华北联络处.在大同首善医院的国际教育基地聚在一起是很合适的。

在新中友好协会，路易·艾黎和凯瑟琳·霍尔是我们的标志性人物，我们在他们的遗产基础上建立了我们自己，以及我们要做什么。

当然，我们已经从他们的具体活动中非常广泛地表达了自己，这两个英雄是新中友好协会的标志性人物。我们在清明节上纪念他们是再合适不过的了。

何明清回到新西兰后，成为新中友好协会的全国执行委员。她造访各个分会，给予鼓励。为了纪念凯瑟琳·霍尔，1996 年新中友好协会与新西兰护士协会合作 设立凯瑟琳·霍尔百年纪念奖学金，为新西兰护士提供继续深造的奖学金。

2006 年，新中友协设立何明清纪念奖学金，以取代先前凯瑟琳·霍尔百年纪念奖学金。奖学金提供给来自中国贫困地区女学生在当地医学院或大学完成三年或四年学业所需的费用。使她们能够完成护理学位的学习，以便返回他们的家乡并为提高健康水平而努力。我们非常感谢来自各个省份的合作伙伴为我们在各省选拔学生。

迄今为止，我们已经资助了来自广西、河北、甘肃、陕西和山西的年轻女性，每年提供 8000 元的学费和住宿费。他们都来自贫困的农村社区，毕业后，他们都在医院当护士。

2021 年 9 月，我们选拔了两名新学生。其中一个黄丽霞，山西省西南部运城市万荣县人。她正在山西大同大学攻读四年护理课程，主修护理。我们感谢山西青基会圆梦行动帮助我们选择了她。

新中友协保持与所以奖学金受益者的联系，她们成为我们与中国关系的重要组成部分。会员们很高兴听到关于她们的学习，工作和家庭生活的消息。她们结婚啦，有孩子啦，她们成为我们大家庭的一部分，这有助于新西兰人对中国的生活有更好的了解

我记得我第一次访问宋家庄村时，与那里的小学校长和工作人员交谈时，他们告诉我，他们为他们的学生感到自豪，他们一个贫穷的乡村小学，有为数不少的学生后来进入了大学。我问为什么会这样，他们回答说，他们随时告诉学生何明清的精神和她对广大农民健康的服务。新中友协曾多次带旅行团和其他代表团访问宋家庄。

去年，在何明晴诞辰 125 周年之际，我们与北京友协举办了一场线上研讨会，并播放了由新中友协哈密尔顿分会制作的何明清纪录片，该片记录了她的生活，包括采访宋家庄村的一些老人，回忆她和他们在一起的时光。

大家对路易艾黎 不陌生。他在新西兰备受瞩目。有些人不太喜欢他，因为他支持共产党政府。后来，他获得了越来越多的尊重。现在新中友协的其中一项工作是向年轻人介绍路易艾黎，他的工作和成就。我们希望他能因他一生的同情心和精神而受到赞赏。

我们想为新西兰人组织一次中国之旅，称为新中友协路易艾黎何明清遗产之旅。这将访问从北京到甘肃山丹的遗址，包括河北，山西和陕西，然后到上海。我们希望在 2022 年底做到这一点。但还未能确定，有旅行限制。但是，我们确实希望新中友协能够与中国任何纪念路易艾黎和何明清的活动联系起来。这是保持我们关系的好方法，新西兰人通过我们的两位英雄与中国联系起来的好办法。

凯瑟琳，艾黎，我们现在向你们在中国所做的伟大工作以及你们为我们两国人民带来的理解和友谊表示敬意