

Aging People in Taiwan

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- Mr. Liu lived in a rural area. He has one son and three daughters. He once had a happy family.
- Mr. Liu lived with his family. He took care of his grandchildren, because he was happy to do so.
- His children provided him with life expenditure every month and also expressed filial piety. He thought this is enough and he enjoyed his life very much.



- He often chatted with the neighbors to kill the time. He was not lonely, because He was always surrounded by family and a group of friends.

- He did not need to work to make a living. He worked because he enjoyed it. Because he did not want to stay home to be a lazy bone.





- However, the situation changed. One night, his wife suddenly died in asthma. Not long after, his single son had quarrels with his daughter-in-law and got divorced. His daughters do not give him as much money as before, due to some financial problems. He was terribly depressed by these serial misfortunes.
- What he worries now is how to survive for the rest of his life. Because his wife has gone and his grandchildren are too young to be independent. He did not have to worry about money in the past, but now he has to worry about money.
- He is thinking about having a full-time job to make more money for his grandchildren.

Questions about the Elders

1. Do you encourage the elders to resume working again after retirement?
2. Which way will be good for the elders, living with the family or living in the nursing center?

