

Students from Northwestern University visits ChangAi

In July a group of American student volunteers from Northwestern University visited the villages to learn about our work and organize summer activities for children. Accompanied by ChangAi team and our new local staff, volunteers played basketball and football with 23 children in Nongdao town. The children taught the visitors Chinese drawing, while in Suoyang village, ChangAi-sponsored students gave a musical performance of hulusi. The volunteers also prepared games, joined in singing sessions and exchanged drawings with the children.

Apart from carrying out activities for children, the volunteer students joined ChangAi team in their household visits, checking progress on the toilet project, investigating the situation of microcredit recipients and meeting children who receive education grants.

In Yingjiang, the group visited Mangya Primary School and met county officials to discuss ChangAi help in rebuilding the school to quake-resistant standards. Yingjiang was hit by a 5.8-magnitude quake in March 2011.



Volunteers played basketball with children

Project activities up close:

September-October 2011

- Experts from Nongdao and Huyu towns carried out **loan management training** for 60 recipients who were taught how to **manage household income** and use the loans effectively.
- Chen Jiping, head of **Ruili** WF, met with 5 students in Ruili High School to distribute **education grants** and encouraged them in their study.
- **New toilets in Suoyang and Guangdong** for 22 households subsidized by ChangAi have all been completed. New toilets in Handeng and Guangpa are expected to be completed in December 2011.

August 2011

- Joe Horn, co-founder of ChangAi, met the secretary of **Yingjiang** Youth League, Yingjiang Education Bureau director, and the principal of Mangya Primary School to discuss **post-quake reconstruction** of the school. Three other schools will be merged into Mangya Primary School with quake-resistant standards.
- Officers from YWCDC held **life skills training** for 40 students from Handeng and Guangpa villages on problem solving, drugs and AIDS.
- **Wanding** WF gave **loan management training** and distributed the two-year microcredit loans to ten recipients for projects in rice, rubber, sugar cane planting and pig raising.
- **Wanding** WF distributed **education grants** to 15 students in high school, junior high and primary schools.

July 2011

- Volunteer students from **Northwestern University** joined ChangAi team to visit the villages. The team met with local partners, loans and education grant beneficiaries, and organised sports and games for children.

June 2011

- Wanding WF held **Children's Day celebrations** in Suoyang and Guangdong villages in early June. Children participated in theatre and song performance, knowledge contest and sports games.

Upcoming activities

ChangAi will participate in the following Christmas fairs in Beijing. We hope to see you there!

Embassy House Bazaar, 8th Nov 2011
Embassy House

The Gift by Stage One, 20th Nov 2011
Canadian International School

WAB Bazaar, 26th Nov 2011
Western Academy of Beijing

Hilton Bazaar, 3rd Dec 2011
Hilton hotel

Sponsorship, donations & support

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- Sirin Phathanothai
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- Zhi Yubing and Federico Abbasciano
Donated their time to represent ChangAi at Christmas fairs and helped with translation work



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Mission Statement

Our aim is to bring hope and opportunity to China's poorest and most vulnerable children by working with their communities to improve children's health, education, environment and life skills.

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Project Overview

Founded in 2007, the ChangAi Children's Project operates in four villages in south-western Yunnan province which are deeply affected by disease, drug use and poverty. The Project works holistically on four levels to:

- Directly support vulnerable children.
- Enhance children's household environment.
- Improve the local community's situation as conducive to child development.
- Develop a model relevant for supporting children in poor villages across China.

From the Project's commencement in March 2008, ChangAi has a five year plan in which to work with local communities to enhance health and education opportunities for children.

How you can help:

How you help is up to you! A few suggestions are to provide:

- Your time or expertise
- Toys or games
- Art supplies
- Computer equipment

**Email waan@chang-ai.org for more information.

ChangAi can make small funds go a long way:

510 RMB covers the education and health-related expenses of a junior middle school child for six months.

310 RMB covers the same expenses for a primary school child.

90 RMB covers the cost of three training sessions for one person.

Activities and training



Wanding Women's Federation held Children's Day celebration on June 1st in Suoyang village with activities including knowledge quiz, theatre performance and games.



Children attending psychological and life skills training run by Ma Lijun, Director of Project Development Department at YWDC in Nongdao town.



In August Wanding Women's Federation distributed education grant to 15 students in high school, junior high and primary schools for the new semester.