

CHAFF NEWSLETTER 2013-2 (October 2013)



We hope you have had a nice summer. A lot of things have been going on with Children's Hope and Future Foundation (CHAFF) that we are very excited to report.

Teacher training program

We started our teacher training program this April/May. At the request of an orphanage, we were very happy to sponsor the first two teachers to attend Montessori training for 10 days in Beijing, China. One of the teachers told us how much the training was needed and how much they learned. They would like other teachers in the orphanage to also be able to attend the training. As we work with other orphanages and schools, we see that the need for effective training is large. We will continue to sponsor the training and seek creative ways to provide efficient and effective training, including inviting teachers to schools/orphanages to do on - site training with those already trained.

Orphanage volunteers

In this July and August, we organized twelve children (from age 6 to 16) to volunteer in an orphanage in suburban Beijing. For many of these children, it was their FIRST such activities. The children helped feed the children, played games with children, organized the bookshelves, cleaned the classrooms and playground, helped teachers translate materials from English into Chinese, helped teachers input information into computers and analyze related data, among other activities. Even though it was very short, all the children loved it. One child told us she started to appreciate her parents more for their hard work to raise her up; another told us that he felt that these children in the orphanage need lots of love, however he could not really give much and he felt very sad about the children. We also saw that some volunteers felt so much love for the orphans that they even wanted their parents to adopt the children. We planted the seeds of caring and loving and we are certain that one day big trees of love will grow from these children' hearts and they will serve others well. We hope to be able to provide similar opportunities to more volunteers in

the future.



(Volunteers - we are not allowed to share pictures of the children in the orphanage)

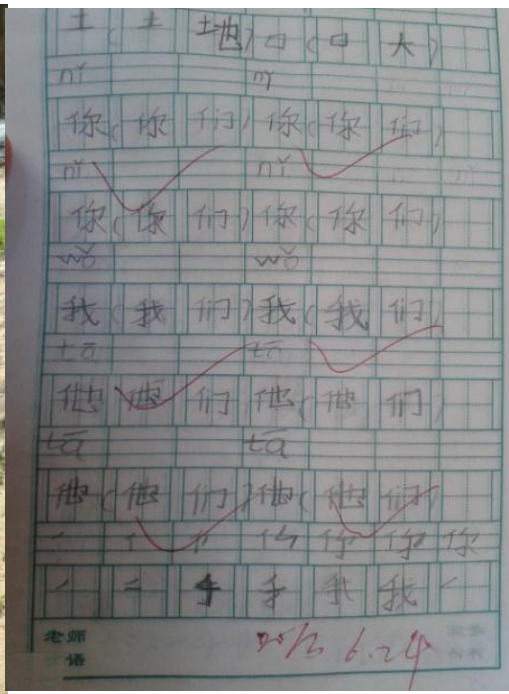
Volunteer visit to preschool in Yuxian

As we shared with you before, one school in Zhangbei Region of Hebei province is in very difficult circumstances and in need of significant help. This July while visiting China, Hongfei Zhong went to visit this school and found the classroom conditions to be very worrisome and dangerous. The classroom was originally a temple that was abandoned, is badly worn, and possibly could fall at any time. The teacher has expressed her appreciation to us for the books we donated, however she expressed her hope that we would assist in building a facility so that the children can study in a safe environment. A nearby village just built a preschool facility sponsored by a company in Beijing which cost about \$30,000 (RMB 180,000).

In the next year, we would like to raise funds to help this village build a facility that will benefit the preschool children of not only this village, but also surrounding villages. We certainly appreciate your attention and support to this project.



(Classroom could fall anytime)



(The only entertainment - Table Tennis) (Amazing handwriting for pre-school children)



(Books that CHAFF donated)



(Lovely children)

Talent Building

We welcome Dr. Taisen Zhuang who has joined us as Communications Coordinator, bringing tremendous experience in various communications efforts. We also want to welcome Ms. Tianyue Wu as our PR Coordinator, bringing lots of experience in PR efforts. In addition, we welcome two of our committed volunteers, who have helped with a lot of activities, Ms. Yating Yang as our Financial Analyst and Ms. Xinxin Zhang as our Event Coordinator. Our faithful volunteer Ms. Suiwen Zou moved to Texas to pursue her study at Texas A&M University. While we feel sad that we will not see her day to day, we feel her presence every week by reading her Facebook posting for CHAFF. Suiwen still manages CHAFF's social media. Please make sure to Like and Share her twice a week Facebook posting.

As CHAFF is a volunteer based organization, we welcome more people to join us in this mission, to provide needy children a hope and future! We know, if all of us work together, we can make a difference in the lives of many children.

2013 Annual Dinner

2013 Annual Dinner will be held Saturday November 2nd, 2013. We will update you on all of the projects we have been working on; some students who volunteered in the orphanage this summer will share what they have learned from their experience, and more. It will be held in Cherrydale Baptist Church in Arlington, VA. Please check our website for more details.

□ Location: Cherrydale Baptist Church (Ground Floor, Military Road Entrance), 3910 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207

□ Time: **November 2nd 2013, Saturday, 6 - 8:30pm**

□ Dress: Business Casual

□ Note: Child care is provided

□ RSVP by October 18: Please email to CHAFFevent@yahoo.com or RSVP at our website: http://www.chaffoundation.org/2013_annual_dinner

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