



Report May-June 2010

Dear Mifan Mama Supporters,

It is amazing to think that we started in January 2009 when we delivered Boxes of Love to the children at Lao Wang's Orphanage and a child asked us to bring them rice to eat. How far we have come since that bag of rice and 100 RMB donation.

As you will see from the attached reports, Mifan Mama is able to grow and grow in its support for those that need our help, because of your support, however small or large that may be. We know that we need to make this work sustainable. We encourage you to join our volunteer team, we encourage you to tell others of the work that is being done and still needs to be done, we encourage you to recycle the things that you no longer need and give them to those that have a need. For without all of you we cannot achieve anything : everyone's small difference make a HUGE difference

Thank you all

Julie

PROJECTS

1. CURVES FOOD DRIVE & DELIVERY

In April the American-Based Health Club Curves collected 3,000kgs of food donated at their Puxi and Minghang Centres by members instead of their monthly fees. This is a project that they do annually worldwide. In China Curves chose Mifan Mama to collect for and distribute food to the children at Lao Wang's Orphanage. We thank them all for this amazing work and we will work together doing this annually. (A separate report has been produced giving more details of this project).

2. ANQING BLIND SCHOOL

Work with the Anqing School to help Hongmei is progressing well. During the May holiday she was able to travel home with the Ayi who is helping her to visit her family. She is working very hard at the school. We saw on our last visit that her self-confidence has improved, and the change is so noticeable.

3. SCHOOL FUNDING

Funds were paid for the 1st and 2nd quarter to send the 20 HIV affected children to school. Personal letters were given to them welcoming them to the Mifan Mama School Project and encouraging them to study hard.

4. LAO WANG'S SCHOOL PROJECT

Mifan Mama Volunteer Mary has been made School Project Manager. 20 Students have now been identified as needing our sponsorship. We have visited the schools and we are responsible for the educational and living costs of these students from next term. Mary will be sending reports and updates to the children's sponsors.

5. WATER PROJECT

Tony is the Project Manager. We have taken samples and had them tested by CTI. To date the analysis and report is very good. Additional samples were taken on 6 June 2010 for further testing before we install water filters.

6. WIND ENERGY / SOLAR POWER PROJECT

A feasibility study and report into this has been produced and funding is now being investigated, with the expectation to start this after the October holiday. This will help reduce Lao Wang's electricity costs and enable them to use more equipment.

7. ADDITIONAL HOUSING AT LAO WANG'S ORPHANAGE

Another volunteer group is undertaking renovation and building works. The transformation is wonderful. Mifan Mama was asked by Lao Wang to assist by paying for the construction and material costs of one new prefabricated building to house some of the children and their carers. 34,900rmb for this was donated on your behalf on 6 June 2010. All this building work improves the lives of all that live there.

8. DANDELION PROJECT

Food was supplied for 10 disabled children. Help is needed for updating facilities and equipment: this will now be a priority. School book project for Dandelion Christina is the Project Leader for this: they need a library for 7 to 15 year olds. Foster home Help was asked for the foster home which houses 8 disabled children; we will now meet and assess the help we can give them.

9. PEN PALS PROJECT

The Pen Pals project was launched this month. This encourages school children to write or send pictures to orphans in China, making them aware of caring for others and of making friends. The Pinghe School in Jinqiao has started by sending 15 letters to the students at Lao Wang's Orphanage. We hope that this will be the start of a long correspondence with the children. Fortune Kindergarten sent wonderful pictures they had drawn, painted and put in frames for the children at Lao Wang's. We hope to involve more schools, students and orphans as this develops.

FUND RAISING

1. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The first Mifan Mama Tennis Tournament was held during May in Puxi. It was a great success and the finals were held on 23 May. The winners of the Men's and Ladies' finals were presented with a trophy. Project leaders were Stephanie and Anne-Claire. It was a very good fundraiser and Mifan Mama awareness project.

2. MIFAN MAMA CONCERT (see also separate report)

The first Mifan Mama Concert was held on 23 May performed by the Shanghai International String Quartet at the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra Recital Hall. It was a wonderful event - a great success. The Intercontinental Hotel donated the food for the interval and Mifan Mama volunteer Jenny provided wine and cold drinks. Approximately 200 people supported this event. Lao Wang and 3 of our sponsored students attended and gave speeches.

3. BAZAARS

We have attended 3 Bazaars/Farmers Markets this month. Volunteers taking part have enjoyed meeting those attending and talking about Mifan Mama and the work that we do, as well as raising funds. We have many more Fund Raising events planned for the coming months.

DONATIONS

Sunday 9th May:

Delivery of 3,000kgs of produce from Curves + other donated items to fill the truck. This trip was amazing - see separate report.

Sunday 6th June:

With all of your help and effort we were able to fill our monthly truck to deliver to the children:

- 50 large Bridge Removal packing boxes of Toys and Clothing that you had donated and Mifan Mama Volunteers had sorted and packed
- 70 x 25kg bags of Rice
- 40 x 25kg bags of Flour
- 40 x 35kg bags of Soya Beans
- 12 huge bottles of cooking oil
- Apples & Pears
- Baby formula
- Milk powder
- Disposable nappies
- 20 x 5litre bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body soap, large amounts of soap (donated monthly by the Hilton Hotel and recycled by Mifan Mama Volunteers)
- Shoes
- Furniture items
- Bedding

- Bicycles
- One of our Mifan Mama Volunteer had bags made for each of the children and bought and packed a surprise for each child as a present for Children's Day.
- We bought candies and biscuits for the children and packed 250 bags which we distributed.

All of these gifts from you were distributed and happily received by Lao Wang, his children and the Dandelion Group.

BIG HUGS FROM ALL THOSE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED YOUR GIFTS AND A BIG THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Julie & the Mifan Mama Team

23 June 2010



Ready for the trip...



Offloading the food