

It pays to help a classmate

A new way to make an impact

Ting Ting is a 4th grader in a migrant children's school in Kunming. She's one of the top students in her class.

Ming-you is in Ting Ting's class. Ming-you is trudging along, struggling to keep up with the progress in the class of 65.

A few times a week, Ting Ting sits down with Ming-you and helps tutor him in his school work. For her effort, Ting Ting receives a scholarship of RMB\$50 each semester.

We know what you are thinking: "A child is getting paid for helping her classmate in his school work? That seems unusual!"

We have more to tell you.

There are several pairs like Ting Ting and Ming-you in the class, and in the school. At the end of the semester, students who have made significant progress will also receive a scholarship.

Making use of the resource available - their peers

This is HOPE worldwide's "Peer Support Scholarship Programme." All of the participating children come from very poor migrant families. Receiving such a scholarship can mean having the ability to pay for next year's uniforms or buy school supplies.

Our "Peer Support Scholarship Programme" in migrant children's schools meet real physical needs while raising the performance of remedial students.

It's evidence-based

This programme is more than about helping some of the poorest migrant families in China to have the money to buy books and supplies. The programme also helps struggling students improve their grades. We learned about this approach from Dr. Tao Li, an associate professor of economics at Peking University HSBC School of Business and part of the research team at REAP - Rural Education Action Project (<http://reap.stanford.edu/>).

For this particular research, funded in part by the Ford Foundation, the researchers went into a number of migrant children's schools in Beijing. They put strong and weak performing students together in pairs and had them compete in a semester-long competition. The participating students knew that they would be judged by the improvement in the performance of the weak students in the pair. Over 5,000 students from 23 schools participated in this randomized study. About 800 weak students received the opportunity to win the scholarship, while the rest of the students served either as peer tutors or as comparison students. A standardized pre- and post-tests were given to measure the results. The researchers found a significant improvement in the weak students' performances. "A loose representation of such a shift might be turning a "C" student into a "B" student."*

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Your Gift Blooms with Hope

Over 130 children receive the gift of education

A quake that changed everything

Imagine surviving one of the biggest earthquakes in recent history.

While you pick up the pieces, you try, as much as possible, to make life return to normal for your child. But is attending school in a tent a "normal" experience?

Over 130 children in Ta Shui Town, An County of Sichuan Province had been going to a "tent school" for the past 2 years. But thanks to a generous donation from members of the Hong Kong Church of Christ, these children received the gift of education in the form of a new, purpose-built kindergarten this past Chinese New Year.



Before the new kindergarten is built, over 130 kids went to school in those make-shift space covered only by tents.

A close call

About a year ago, our staff in Sichuan received a phone call from a woman who runs her own kindergarten, serving children from 5 villages around Ta Shui Town. Mrs. Xu's school had collapsed during the 512 earthquake in 2008. Since then, the children had been attending school in tents.

Mrs. Xu was in tears as she told our staff her predicament. She needed to come up with the funds to rebuild her school by September 2010; otherwise, she could not continue. Over 130 children from those five villages would have no place to go. She had heard about HOPE *worldwide* helping to build a kindergarten in Xiu Shui Town from her friend. She pleaded with us to help her and her children.



To you we say,
"Thanks a million!"





Hope blooms

After months of phone calls, email exchanges and trips to Ta Shui Town, we were able to secure enough funding to help Mrs. Xu rebuild her school. Our China Programme Director, Jonathan Liu, recruited a friend and former colleague, an architect, to design the new school.

Today, over 130 children happily attend the Red Apple Kindergarten in Ta Shui Town. We are grateful to Mr. Kelvin Ho for designing a beautiful structure and graciously donating his services. The kindergarten sits in the middle of a field of rapeseed flowers. When the flowers bloom, it's quite a sight!

Thank you for giving the children in Ta Shui a new and safe place to go to school. Thank you for allowing Mrs. Xu to continue her dream of running a kindergarten. Hope continues to bloom in the middle of a field of yellow flowers.



These companies and organizations have made generous donations during this past year to help kids in China. They have rebuilt schools, sponsored students, and provided scholarships. To them, we say,

“Thanks a Million!”



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Over 130 children now can learn and grow in a bright, safe and happy place.

Hope blooms in a sea of yellow flowers!



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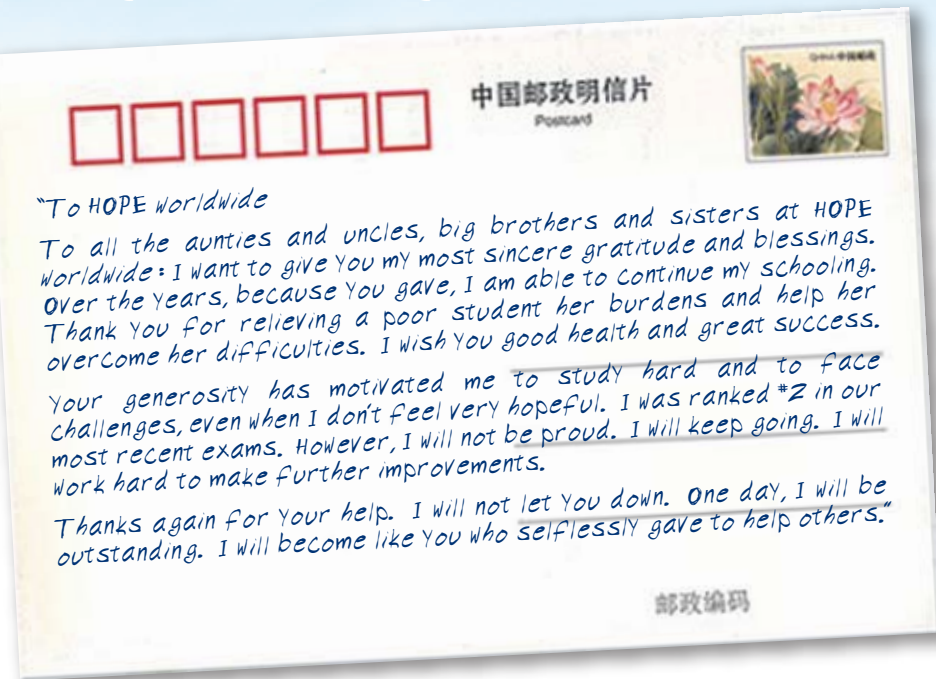
Big or little goes a long way

We were excited to learn about this proven method of helping struggling students improve their grades in the migrant children schools' setting as well as meeting some very real physical needs. We adapted it into our work with the migrant children in the city of Kunming. Your support, big or little, means that not only the physical needs of some of the poorest students are being met; you are also raising their academic performances. And that, we all know, gives hope and changes lives.

*The working paper is titled "Cash Incentives, Peer Tutoring, and Parental Involvement: A Study of Three Educational Inputs in a Randomized Field Experiment in China" Authors: Tao Li (PKU), Li Han (HKUST), Scott Rozelle (Stanford), Linxiu Zhang (CCAP). October 21, 2010

You bring them hope - Student Sponsorship Programme

You bring them hope!



Wish we had the space to print hundreds of letters like these from all the students you are helping.

However, we hope that this letter can tell you the lives you are changing in China. Your continuing sponsorships bring hope to these students and their families, often just in time so they don't have to quit school. The road out of poverty is a long one and you are paving many miles for them.

Thank you!



Thank you for giving these children the gift of education - a new kindergarten!

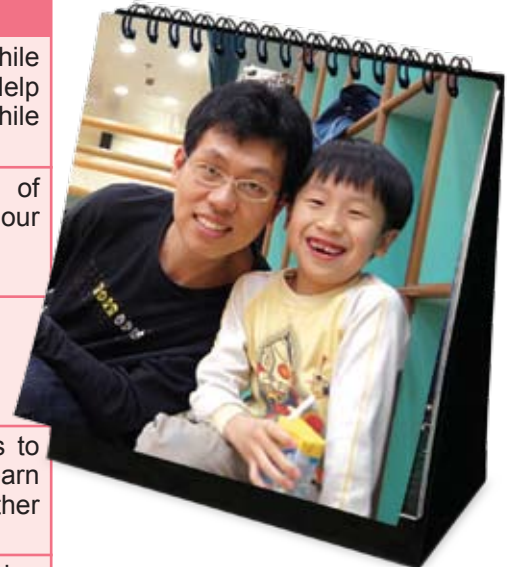


Let's Do Some Good!

Volunteering Opportunities in Hong Kong

Teens and university students, wondering what to do during the long summer months? Come and volunteer with us! You will have some fun while helping children in need. These are just some of the volunteering opportunities in July and August. **There are many more!** For inquiry, call 2776-6829, or email enquiry@hopeww.org.hk, or watch for updates on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hopewwhk. Sign up to receive our e-newsletter by going to our website at www.hopeww.org.hk. Other types of volunteers are also welcome, of course!!

| Date | Time | Programme | The good you will do |
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| July 18 – August 12 | Weekdays, 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Play Computer Games, Learn English | Assist centre members while they play computer games. Help them learn some English while having fun. |
| July 18 – August 24 | Weekdays, Starting at 2:30, 45-minute sessions | English Paired-Reading Programme | Come and share the joy of reading (in English) with our kids. |
| July 19 (Tuesday) | 2 pm – 6 pm | Visit "Einstein in HK" Exhibit at the Science Museum | Journey with our kids into the mind of Albert Einstein at the Hong Kong Science Museum. |
| July 28 (Thursday) | 12 pm – 6 pm | Character Training Day Camp | Accompany centre members to a day camp where they learn rock climbing, archery, and other activities. |
| August 1-15 (Mondays) | 11 am – 1 pm | Tasty Life Lessons | Assist centre staff in teaching basic life skills to our centre members. |
| August 23 (Tuesday) | 2 pm – 6 pm | Visit to the Aviation Discovery Centre | We bet you didn't know there is such a place at the HK International Airport. Accompany our kids on this outing and discover it for yourself! |



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If you are good at expressing love and concern, there are many elderly in Hong Kong who need you. We provide the necessary training. For inquiry, please call Ms. Yuki Wong at 3757-8019, or email her at yukiwong@hopeww.org.hk.

| Date | Time | Programme | The good you will do |
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| August - December | 3 Saturdays | Total Love x 3 | Visit elderly who have high-risk for falls. You will educate them on ways to prevent falls. |

Volunteering Trips to China

If you don't mind traveling tough (just a little) and simple accommodations, come and experience China's countryside and also do some good. Interested? Call or email Christina Chan at 2915-3992, knchan@hopeww.org.hk.

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| July 31 – Aug 6 | Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province |
| Dec 25 – 31 | Kunming and Yuan Yang County, Yunnan Province |

International volunteering trips

For inquiry, email or call Elexa Shih at 2885-0439, elexaliu@hopeww.org.hk.

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| July 30 - Aug 6, Aug 6 – Aug 13 | HOPE worldwide Volunteer Corps in Haiti. |
| October 22 – 30 | Singles Volunteer Corps in Haiti. |





Bringing hope and changing lives around the world

Cambodia



Chamroeun nearly lost his life after a car hit him on a street corner. Today, he is well and walking tall with the help of a prosthetic.

This is the story of a young man whose life was forever changed by a swerving car and a free hospital.

Twenty-one year old Chamroeun was working as a late-night security guard at Gloria Jean's Coffee shop in Phnom Penh when a car swerved, hit him, and crushed his leg. The college student was rushed to a health facility in the city where he received a leg amputation and was given a 10% chance of survival.

The management team at the coffee shop called around until they found the Sihanouk Hospital Centre of HOPE. Chamroeun was brought to the Centre of HOPE where he received high-quality treatment for a severe infection and pelvic fracture, free of charge. As he recovered, Chamroeun was fitted with a prosthetic and received physiotherapy.



Since 1996, the Sihanouk Hospital Centre of HOPE has provided over one million out-patient consultations, all free of charge, to the poor in Cambodia.

Chamroeun is very grateful. "Without the Centre of HOPE and Gloria Jean's, I would have died. I am so happy that I got well and can walk again."

The Sihanouk Hospital Centre of HOPE was opened in 1996 to provide further education and clinical training for the nation's medical professionals while delivering free, high-quality medical care to the poor and disadvantaged of Cambodia. Since then, it has provided more than one million out-patient consultations, all free of charge. It is saving lives every day. To learn more about the hospital, visit www.sihosp.org.

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