



# ChangAi Children's Project Newsletter

May 2010 - October 2010

## ChangAi participates in Christmas gift fairs

In November-December 2010, ChangAi participated in various Christmas gift fairs held in and around Beijing. The fairs exhibited arts, crafts and local produce from NGOs and artisans, as well as featured musical performances. We raised over 3,000RMB selling souvenirs and ChangAi greeting cards, designed by a student from the project village. The events were a success in terms of raising funds and promoting ChangAi Children's Project among local and international communities.

One of the fairs attended was the "Winter Wonderland" held at Dulwich College to raise funds for an underprivileged community in Papua New Guinea. Earlier in June 2010 students from Dulwich College held a Literature Live fund raising event for ChangAi, in addition to creating English language study materials to be used in the project villages.



A member of ChangAi team at the Winter Wonderland bazaar.

## Project activities up close:

### June- August 2010

- ChangAi Beijing team visited the four project villages to meet ChangAi-sponsored students and loan recipients. They also carried out a need **assessment for micro-credit loans in new villages** as well as new loan projects for existing villages.
- ChangAi local partners held a **Children Day's Sports Contest** for 40 pre-school and school-age children at the ChangAi-sponsored Children Activity's Centre.
- **Painting, cooking and Hulusi instrument workshops** were held over the summer holiday attended by over 200 students, with the help of local artists and volunteers.

### October 2010

- Over 60 villagers from two project villages attended **pig-raising training**. Experts from the township covered key topics such as breed selection, feed quality and disease control.
- Two **family training** workshops were held on the influence of adults on children's behavior. Parents and teachers were urged to act as good examples and create positive atmosphere for children to study.

## Ongoing support from ChangAi:

- **Education grants** assist primary, lower-middle school and university students attend and board at school.
- A **health fund** provides for medical expenses for sick villagers and families.
- **Micro-credit loans and training** assist villagers in pig-raising and crop-growing.

## Sponsorship, donations & kind support

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*940 RMB for Christmas fair souvenirs*



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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 and
- 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 [admin@chang-ai.org](mailto:admin@chang-ai.org) for more information.

ChangAi can make little funds go a long way:

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

**310 RMB** covers the same costs for a primary school child.

**230 RMB** covers the cost of all-day English class for 30 students.

## Summer activities and training



In June 2010, 40 students participated in basketball, badminton, table tennis and rope skipping competition in the Children's Day Sports Contest at the ChangAi-sponsored Children Activity Centre.



Cooking workshops were held in two project villages in July-August 2010 where children were taught to make local Dai dishes and dumplings.



Experts from the township-level Animal Husbandry Bureau carried out pig-raising training for women in the project villages in October 2010.