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Ethnic Yi Artwork from the orphans at Luoji Mt. Elementary School

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- Photographs of the children
- Information about the children
- Sponsorship details
- Information about traveling to visit the children

Friendship Homes and Schools is Expanding!!

FH&S is continuing to support approximately 80 elementary, middle school and high school students on the Tibetan Plateau and in Eastern China. The children have just returned for the new school year and are doing very well, according to Mr. Wang, the FH&S coordinator in Asia. Mr. Wang is looking forward to additional funding that would enable him to bring in more children that are currently being turned away. These children will likely be forced to do pig farming and live in poverty. Once the children are back living in poverty it becomes much more difficult to become all that they can be.

Fortunately, your contributions make it all happen for these children. Your contributions allow the children to live in clean surroundings and attend school to learn science, language, mathematics and, in certain areas, religious studies. The children love their sponsors and FH&S gets regular correspondence of how much the children appreciate their situation. They hope and pray that they will be able to stay in school and learn.

FH&S has a firm belief that working with children in different areas around the world helps to "bridge the gap" in understanding among the nationalities. One never knows who will be the next great government leader, leading scientist or spiritual head. It could be one of these children. This could make all the difference in averting war or finding a cure for AIDS.

FH&S is now poised to begin another expansion to support more children. We are working on a comprehensive plan to assist US youth to help other youth in foreign countries. With this plan, FH&S will coordinate with one or two other youth groups which sponsor US youth to then assist children in Mexico, Russia, Central and South America. The US youth would go to Mexico, as an example, and help a local orphanage build more bedrooms or build a new orphanage from the ground up. The US youth would be supervised by experienced counselors in conjunction with foreign youth counselors and/or orphanage supervisors. The youth spend time together working and playing together. They exchange ideas, laugh and cry together. These are things that only youth can do with youth no matter what the culture or nationality. The US youth participating in these programs are not "disadvantaged youth" but rather youth that care and want to make a difference. FH&S helps make all of these activities possible with your donations. FH&S is making a difference with your help.

FH&S is also at the preliminary stages of discussions with a Tibetan children's group called "Project Butter Lamp". This Project is currently up and running both in Tibet and Nepal. The Project works to provide shelter and schooling to nomadic, Tibetan children.



There are currently 2 schools with a third, boarding school in Eastern Tibet near Kham One school has about 55 children and is well staffed with teachers. The other school has approximately 80 students. The third boarding school has room for 120 students but there is currently only enough funding for 31 students. In this school the children stay on the grounds similar to other FH&S' schools. FH&S is currently studying the situation with Project Butter Lamp and will likely provide a helping hand to bring more children into the boarding school.

The reason that Project Butter Lamp got started was to pick up children that were previously being cared for by monasteries. Certain governmental regulations have reduced the number of monks allowed in each monastery and this has limited the future for some children. FH&S hopes to continue to provide secure and comfortable surroundings for these displaced Tibetan children.

As a follow-up to Nyima and Rinpoche's situation in Tibet, the following is a brief explanation. An article appeared in the World Tibet News and we find it to be accurate from all accounts that we have found. For those of you who do know the history of Nyima and Rinpoche, they were organizers of a Tibetan orphanage in Lhasa that was sponsored by FH&S for several years. They were incarcerated for 10 years and 15 years respectively on some highly questionable, and we believe, false charges and they are still in jail. The children were turned out on the streets or diverted to state sponsored orphanages.



FH&S is still trying to find a diplomatic way through the US State Department to get Nyima and Rinpoche out of jail as well as account for the children. Efforts to get legal representation for the case have been thwarted because of

politics. Your prayers are needed on this situation and will be needed until they are free and the children have been fully accounted for. The US State Department is trying to assist FH&S in this process and is willing to try to help solve the situation. If you would like more information or would like to read the account written by



The World Tibet News then kindly send to us your email address and we will send to you the text of this article.

Through the Tibet grapevine, it appears that His Holiness', (the Dalai Lama's) delegation has been accepted into Beijing for some high level discussions. Hopefully these discussions will lead to a free Tibet

or at the least, an autonomous region similar to Hong Kong. Later, we will hope for a free Tibet. Your prayers, meditations and spiritual work on this subject will be much appreciated and will pay dividends in the near future.

New Mailing Address for and E-mail for Friendship Homes and Schools

We have recently changed our office location. Please use the following new surface address for donations and other correspondence:

**2345 Oakwood Drive
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We have also changed our e-mail address to:

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Important!! Help Us Lower Our Expenses by Viewing This Newsletter Online

One of the few (and largest) costs that we have that does not go directly to the children is the mailing of our quarterly newsletter. If you are comfortable viewing our newsletter online instead of in print, please send us your e-mail address. We will remove your name from the surface mailing list and instead send you an e-mail each time a newsletter is published. Other advantages of viewing the newsletter online are quicker notification of the latest news, and the ability to see the photos/artwork in color!

Payment of Donations

You can make your donations on our website through PayPal. It is a very handy way to make a donation and we are entirely set up to handle it. Donations made through the regular mail are also appreciated. We want to keep expanding and we can do it with your help! We have to turn children away every day until we can grow to meet more of the demand. Just \$30 per month fully supports a child with food, shelter and a good education. Please tell your friends about us. If you need some FH&S brochures to give to friends then please let us know.

With all best wishes,
Your friends and co-workers at Friendship Homes and Schools

