



# ChinaHeart

Love and compassion in action for  
China's poor, needy & orphaned



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## **T** From our team in the tibetan region

We take it for granted. We just open our mouth and shovel in the food, chew and swallow. But what if you only have 2 teeth or no teeth at all! Unfortunately many people are in that situation. They either cannot afford to have false teeth made, or if they do scrape enough money together for a set of false teeth, they are often totally unsuitable. Pain caused by ill-fitting dentures or dentures that fall out result in people not using poor quality dentures at all. Many Tibetans, not just elderly, find themselves in this situation. Few have ever been taught about good oral hygiene or had any quality dental care. This means that they suffer embarrassment because they have few or no teeth and this limits the variety of food they can eat which can in turn lead to nutritional deficits. With your help we can remedy this situation and they can see a proper dentist and have good quality dentures made and fitted. You can help put a big smile back on their faces.

A problem common to adolescents worldwide is acne. So why even mention it? In the west there are many over the counter preparations and for more severe cases people consult their general practitioners or dermatologists. Many Tibetans suffer from acne but often do not receive good advice regarding treatment or are given inappropriate treatments. Others who are very poor receive no treatment at all. Acne scars last a lifetime and

many young people suffer terrible embarrassment because their faces have been ravaged by acne. One Tibetan young man said to me "If you can help me, then I will be able to find a wife and get married." Fortunately, we were able to help him and there was a great improvement, as we have seen with many others.

We have a DVD available which shows the true story of two people living in the Tibetan region and struggling with AIDS. Our co-worker in the region made the DVD so their story could be told and other young people educated in making better life decisions. Perhaps showing this to friends might lead some to support this very important and impacting ministry. Contact us for a copy.

## Earthquake

We joined a desperate humanitarian effort that came together in the aftermath of the 7.1 magnitude quake that hit the Yushu County in Qinghai province of China on Wednesday 14th April. Many buildings have been reduced to rubble with hundreds of people still trapped beneath.

As rescuers from various organisations battle to reach and work in the remote region, low oxygen levels at high altitude and the lack of large excavation equipment hamper the desperate attempts to find survivors. We have team members in three areas serving in various ways either in the village areas damaged by the earthquake



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or in the hospitals survivors have been sent to.

Those who have survived face the loss of their homes, and freezing temperatures at night without protection, food or water. The immediate emergency requirements are the provision of shelter, medical assistance, and basic uncontaminated water and food supplies. Construction of hygiene and sanitation facilities, many of which have been destroyed in the quake, is also essential to help prevent the spread of disease.

For many years we have had a vision to see small foster homes open. While we have served in many we are about to open our first. Doves Wings will open with two babies, Avery and Jonathon. Both these little ones have special needs and in an orphanage with many children and not too many ays it's difficult for them to receive the special care they need.

Many children are abandoned for various reasons in China. It's possible to jump to conclusions and



One of the orphanage children

blame the parents for not loving their child or (given the pressures of the one child policy) deciding to abandon their daughter because a son was wanted. But we met a baby recently who had a very different story. She was abandoned at the doorstep of the orphanage bundled up in a playsuit with a note pinned to her chest...

*“My daughter has a very bad illness and we don’t have enough money for her operation, please take care of her”*

She had spina bifida and the operation would have cost around 20,000rmb. As an orphan or abandoned child the government did the operation for free, something the family would never have been able to afford. But the family cannot claim her back again as they will get into serious trouble for abandoning her at the orphanage doorstep, even though it was the only way they could see for their loved daughter to receive the operation she desperately needed. This is love “I will give you up that you can have a life.”

We have leased an apartment & it’s just been painted and fitted out. Avery & Jonathon should be move into Doves Wings very soon. Stay tuned for more information.



**One of our new children needing a sponsor**



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Blessya!

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