



Education and Economic Development for Ethnic Minority Regions

A hope for the future



A group of junior high school students, happy to be in school.

Towards the end of last year, Angela, one of the senior high students we sponsor, collapsed at school and was taken to hospital. After 2 weeks of tests she was told "You have cardiomyopathy. Don't go back to school, just go home. There is nothing we can do." This was like a death sentence for her, and Angela is not one to give up her education. Being Angela, she tried to go back to school but collapsed again and again and was finally banned from the school.

Over a period of a few months her health continued to deteriorate and she became very weak. The slightest task exhausted her. This caused us great concern, and after we sought permission from her parents, we took her to a well known heart specialist in Guilin.

After extensive examinations, she was given a clean bill of health. At first it was hard to process this. Here was an obviously sick girl and yet we were told she was fine. However, after a little time she said "Well if I am fine, I can get on

with my life" and that is what she has done. Over the last few months we have seen her build up her strength and she is looking so much stronger.

Last month, I went with her to her village. I went to see her Grandmother who is bedridden after a stroke some years ago. She just cried and kept saying "Thank you for helping Angela get better".

I watched with amazement as Angela picked up her grandmother and lifted her out of bed to put her in a chair. Then I remembered her telling me how she had carried her grandmother on her back all the way up the mountain so that she could visit her grandfather's grave. What a transformation! What a joy to be able to be part of seeing a young life who had resigned herself to the fact that she was going to die and now be restored to a life with a hope of a good future.

With 3E's help Angela will be continuing her studies next semester. She wants to eventually enter into a field where she can help others.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- *After a number of meetings over the last month with the People's Bank of China, they have decided that we can no longer continue to work in the area of micro-loans. Although they remain very pleased with all the help we have given to the many families in our prefecture, they let us know that there are national banking laws which prohibit us from further lending out funds. However, there are no restrictions on our other activities such as student scholarships, medical projects and poverty alleviation projects. This is a very hard thing for us to accept as it is the death of one of the main focuses of the initial purpose of 3E. But we are thankful that they remain happy with all our other work among the poor of Guizhou. We are also content to know that we have made a difference in the lives of about 3000 loan recipients through our micro-loans over the years.*



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To walk and run with other boys

Hello, my name is Bing. I am 8 years old, and from a small, poor village. Six years ago, I was run over by a truck and my leg and foot were severely damaged. I have had an operation but it has left me with a very deformed foot and leg and I limp badly. The shoe on my bad foot wears out every ten days. It has started to twist my back, and without further surgery I probably will be completely lame. My parents borrowed money for an operation, but now, my father is dying of cancer, so it is impossible for them to borrow more.



The people at 3E are wanting to help me. They have found an Orthopaedic Surgeon

in Singapore who is willing to do my surgery for free in August. Although I will have to have my foot amputated due to the extensive damage, he feels he can save my knee with surgery. There will be a lot of expenses for my mother and I to go to Singapore for this surgery. If you want to give towards my expenses please let 3E know by sending them

an e-mail and they will make sure it goes towards my needs. I look forward to the day when with my prosthesis I can walk and run with my classmates. Thanks for helping make this possible.

CAN YOU HELP?

Letter of application for scholarship

Dear 3E:

I am a countryside boy from Wuxin village, Huishui County.

There are five people in my family. This year, I am in the first year of Junior High School. My older brother is in the third year of Junior High School. With both of us in Junior High, we need more money than before. Last year, to pay for our tuition fee, my father sold the only cattle in my family. Because of our financial situation, my father left home to go to Guangdong province to work just after Chinese New Year. My mother stayed home to do the farm work and take care of my grandmother. I cherish the chance to

study very much. Because my family is poor I worry about my future sometimes.

So, I really hope I can get your kind hearted people's help. Then my dream to study can come true. I am so thankful.

Through my teacher's introduction, I write this letter to 3E Company. I hope I can get your help.

L. Z. Z

March 15th 2006.

His Expenses (in US\$ per term):

**Book fee: 18.00 Insurance: 2.00
Class fee: 2.50 Accommodation: 5.00
Steam rice: 5.00 Vegetables: 25.00
Total: 57.50**

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