

Dear friends,

The Crossroads of Hope is an organization based in Memphis, Tennessee and serves as a non-profit poverty relief organization. The objective is to raise money for the education of impoverished children in rural areas of China. Founded in 2006 with numerous branches both in the U.S. and China, this group has raised over \$40,000, used for building libraries, providing school supplies, and offering various scholarships. 2006 and 2007 summers, students from across the United States and China join for a trip to the target areas, with each person paying for their own travel expenses, to personally deliver the supplies and the money to each school. Past areas of focus have been the Yunnan Province, Hebei Province, and the Guizhou Province. (For a detailed account of the fund usage, please refer to <http://www.crossroadsofhope.org> and <http://www.camemphis.org>)

For this 2008 year, the original project plans to aid the northwestern regions of China, as well as previous areas that have received aid. However, on May 12, 2008, an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.0 struck the Sichuan Province, claiming the lives of nearly 62,161 people and injuring 347,401. After getting into contact with school board leaders in the affected areas and realizing the one of urgent needs is the aids to the children and orphans for education supplies and reconstruction of school buildings, the COH decided to give the children and orphans a chance to overcome the disaster and return to a normal life. In an effort to rebuild the elementary and middle schools in these areas, the Crossroads of Hope will allocate a portion of this year's already donated money to these earthquake stricken areas, as well as fundraisers held between May 13th and mid July, before the delegation is scheduled to leave for China. The money raised will be used towards constructing classrooms, providing backpacks and other materials, and essential scholarships for the students. This year's trip to China will include several days dedicated to aiding the disaster area and personally delivering the materials and funds to the children. To see the use of funds in previous years, please visit <http://www.crossroadsofhope.org>. We invite you to join in the communal effort to help those who have been affected by the earthquake and who desperately need your help. The donation amount may be tax deductible since COH is under the Chinese Academy of Memphis, which is a non-profit educational organization under the 501(c) (3) clause. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and cherished by the beneficiaries of your gift.

Please make checks payable to the Chinese Academy of Memphis for the Crossroads of Hope. All checks should be mailed to:

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Chinese version

亲爱的朋友们，

“希望之桥”是孟菲斯中文学院学生成立的，在孟菲斯中文学院帐号下的一个非赢利扶贫助学组织。“希望之桥”的宗旨是帮助那些贫困地区的儿童获得与其他儿童同等教育的机会。它成立于2006年，自今这个组织已发展成为了在美国和中国具有多个分部的一个国际性组织，集资超过四万美元，全部用于为贫困地区的学校兴建图书馆，为贫困的儿童提供学习用品，并提供助学金。2006和2007夏天，来自美国各地和中国的高中学生代表团自费到中国贫困地区，亲自将用品和助学金送到需要的学校和学生手中。涉足的地区已有云南省，河北省和贵州省。（请参阅基金的详情纪录，网站 <http://www.crossroadsofhope.org> 和 <http://www.camemphis.org>

2008年，原计划，帮助西北地区，和以前的部分支助过的地区。

但是，2008年5月12日，四川省汶川地区发生了震级为8.0的地震，地震灾区的很多的学校，房屋倒塌，已近62161人死亡，347401人受伤。“希望之桥”已通过正常的渠道与地震灾区的学校联系，了解到了那里的学生和幸存的孤儿们急需的帮助之一是重建校舍和助学资助，经“希望之桥”成员商定：将“帮助地震灾区重建学校教室，使一些孤儿可以克服这场灾难返回到正常的学习和生活中”加入到今年的助学计划中。将从今年已经募捐到的基金中拨出一部分给地震灾区的学校和孤儿。同时为了地震灾区的学校和孤儿获得更多的帮助，“希望之桥”将从五月十三日起到代表团7月中旬去中国之前，举行众多的为了地震灾区的学校和孤儿进行专项的筹款活动。此期间的所有捐款全部用来为地震灾区的学校建教室，给学生和孤儿配备书包，学习用品和必要的奖学金。今年的访贫行程将包括数天前往地震灾区参加志愿服务工作，代表们将亲自将捐款和用品送到孩子们手中。届时募捐者可以象历年捐款人那样从“希望之桥”的网站上 <http://www.crossroadsofhope.org> 了解到捐款的活动，去向。“希望之桥”诚挚地欢迎社会各界和个人加入我们的行列，共同努力，帮助地震灾区的学校和孤儿们。捐款金额可免税。（孟菲斯中文学院是一个非赢利教育组织，具有501（c）（3）美国免税帐号）。

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