

# Helping students in need in Xiangxi, Hunan, China

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A series of special events were organized by *We Care Act* team leader, Huang Muyun, of Jishou University, Jishou, Hunan, China, to help children in need in Hunan, China.

In April, 2009, before the Global Youth Service Day, Muyun found out that a school with 65 first and second grade students in a re-

mote maintain area in Daben Village, Xiangxi, Hunan, China, were in poverty and need school supplies and clothing items. Muyun organized multiple activities in her university, and collected donations through her family and high school friends. She collected both cash (to purchase school supplies) and clothing donations.

It took them three at-

tempts to deliver the items to the students due to the heavy rain that caused the mountain road too dangerous to drive for three hours from Muyun's University to the village school.

At the end, Muyun and her friends, Zhu Jie and Dong Lila, brought more than 715 items of school supplies and clothing donations for the 65 students in this school!



Students (front three rows) from Daben Elementary wearing the donated clothes by Muyun and her friends. Back row (right to left): Huang Muyun, Ms. Ma (Village head), Zhu Jie, & Dong Lila. May 14, 2009



Daben Elementary campus-the single building school and its basketball field (above left), and the classroom (above right)



Xiaojin (above left, 7 yrs old) was left behind by his parents to his grandma (above right) at a few months age. His parents never returned to the village. Since his grandma was too old to take care of him, the village head Ms. Ma adopted him when he was one year old.

Collected donations for Daben students	
	Total
Cash donation collected from Jishou & other areas of China	¥ 222.50
Cash donation from We Care Act, USA	¥ 250.00
Coats & jackets	27
Jeans & other clothing items	38