

# *Henan Kids International*



## *Love Changes Lives*



*Spring has sprung (or will be shortly, depending on where you live!) And it's time to stop hibernating and start venturing outdoors once again. And we at HKI will be kicking into full gear for fund raising season. We've had a quiet winter, but would LOVE to see more donations and fundraisers happening!*

*Never underestimate your family's ability to make a difference! Whether it's a \$100, a \$1,000, or more- each dollar contributed means a life changed in an orphanage in Henan.*

*Spring is a time for garage sales, yard clean up drives- gather items from friends and family and make signs so that people know that they are impacting lives in a positive way, with their donations to HKI. Better yet- have your young ones sell freshly baked cookies and breads. Have them offer to do Spring clean up jobs for your neighbors yards, or whatever they can come up with, and see how much they bring in! Our daughter Natalie raised over \$200 with one bake sale last fall, which paid for formula for her brother's orphanage.*

*Emily and Jim Adcox  
Co-chairs of HKI*

# ***New Projects!***

***Here is a list of projects we currently need your help with. When donating, please indicate a specific project or if you don't have a preference, indicate "General Fund."***

- 1. Bibs: All the SWIs need bibs- all sizes and used are OK!! You can send them directly to the SWI of your choice. For a list of addresses, please follow this link:  
[http://www.redthreadmaps.com/henan\\_o.htm](http://www.redthreadmaps.com/henan_o.htm) This link has the address in both Chinese and English. If you don't see your SWI listed, you please contact [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org)***

***(This is a GREAT and easy project for your kids, church groups, or other organization like Boy's and Girl's scouts to get behind!)***

- 2. CD players for LuoHe and Zhengzhou: We need 4 total and each one costs \$70. Please indicate "CD Players" when donating.***
- 3. Computer for LuoYang: \$500***
- 4. New LOCC at Kaifeng. Kaifeng is receiving many special needs babies and needs another LOCC room. We need \$540 per month for staff and \$950 for the water heater.***
- 5. Sponsoring infants at NanYang. In July, the new NanYang SWI will open and they need people to sponsor infants.***

***Make a difference! We will not be able to complete any of these projects without your help. Choose a project that means something to you or that you would like to support. Send out emails to friends and family to help support! Imagine asking people for just \$5-\$10 for one of these projects- we could EASILY move these to COMPLETED by this summer!***

## *Projects Completed*

*HKI was able to buy a new hot water heater and air conditioner for Kaifeng's new infant room! The total cost was \$1400- thank you to all who contributed money to this project. To see pictures, go to*

*<http://www.henankids.org/projects/completed.htm>*

*Please consider making a monthly donation towards your child's (or children's!) orphanage(s). This money can be used for formula, construction projects, clothing, etc. You can designate your child's SWI on the donation page: <http://www.henankids.org/involved/donate.htm>*

## *Donations*

*We frequently get emails asking if people can donate clothing, toys, etc to send to China. The BEST way to help is to fundraise and donate money. Items are much less expensive to buy in China, and no money is wasted on shipping and handling. One way to donate used clothing is to bring those items with you when you travel and your guides will see that they get to the right places.*

## *Mother's Day is Coming!*



*Looking for that perfect, yet inexpensive gift for mother's day? Whether it is for a mother, sister, grandmother or friend, the Chinese Calligraphy necklaces at [www.juliepdesigns.com](http://www.juliepdesigns.com) are perfect. Julie donates 50% of her profits from HKI orders (you specify that it is for HKI when you order) and she donated \$500 in February!!!! So not only does that special person get a great necklace (I have 5 and people comment on them all the time!) but half the money spent goes directly to HKI!!! Don't wait till the last minute to order a "Mother" Necklace- as those will sell out fast!!!*

## *Volunteering*



*Is your heart set on doing more than just donating money? Do you want to work with the children directly? There are volunteer opportunities available at the LuoHe Lily Orphan Care room in Henan. You would live on site at the orphanage and work with special needs children in the*

**LOCC. You must be able to commit to staying for at least one month. Please go to <http://www.henankids.org/involved/volunteer.htm> for pictures and contact information.**

## ***Spread the Word!***

***If you have a blog- grab our button:***



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<center> <a href="http://www.henankids.org/">  </a></center>
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## ***Going Somewhere?***

***Let's face it, we love to see each other travel and get their new children! We would love to add a "Travelling..." page to our website. Once you have your travel dates, please email them and your blog/website address (include any passwords) to [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org) Our family will be travelling in June- hope to see some of you in our group!***

# *Child of the Month*

***Wanted: Desperately cute children with a story!***



***This cutie is ours!***

***We want to highlight a different child each month on our website:***

***[http://www.henankids.org/about/child\\_of\\_the\\_month.htm](http://www.henankids.org/about/child_of_the_month.htm)***

***If you think your kiddo is cute and you would like to share his/her story, please email the following to [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org):***

***Referral picture  
Gotcha Day picture  
Current picture  
and  
1-2 page narrative***

## Getting ready....

*For 2011 calendars!*

*We so enjoyed making these last year and plan on doing it again this year-- but a WHOLE lot earlier so that we don't have the mail snafus. BUT-- we need your help! This year's calendar's theme "Adoption Changes Lives" came about naturally, and all of the quotes in the calendar revolved around "adoption." We are looking for ideas for next year's theme. The theme would dictate what types of quotes we use and maybe even what kind of pictures. If you have a great idea- or even a mediocre one-- send it to us at [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org) !!! We would also like to hear your comments on this year's calendar. (Be nice though!!!) What did you like? What did you (cringe) not like? We know the mailing was late- and we will correct that this year. This is our BIG fundraiser of the year-- so please plan early and buy often! Some people bought calendars to sell at their office or school! Josh and Lily also buy these to give to the adoption officials in Henan – what a treat for them to see how they have helped changed these children's lives!*

## Are you a Sponsor???



*If you are currently sponsoring a child in the Henan foster system, thank you!!! This affects me personally, as our son, whom we will adopt this June, is in a foster home. He is being loved and cared for in a home instead of an institution. To sponsor a child costs \$40 a month with a one*

*year commitment. In a foster environment, children learn how to attach to a caregiver; they are given one-on-one attention and love. Please consider making this huge difference in the life of an orphan. If your sponsored child is adopted (yeah!) you may continue the program by sponsoring a new child.*

## *And Finally...*

*Don't underestimate the power of donating a small amount to HKI every month. You may think that \$10 won't go very far. And you're right, by itself it can't do much. But imagine if all 400 Henan families donated that small amount EVERY month to HKI. That is \$4,000 a month. That's \$48,000 a year!!! Imagine what we could do in Henan with that money! Imagine the lives saved through expensive surgeries. Imagine the better quality of care the children would receive. The best part is- you don't have to remember to do it! CCAI will automatically charge you credit card (once you have filled out the form) each month for the designated amount. Each month, they will email you a tax receipt for your records. It's that easy! \$10 is 3 Venti Starbucks drinks (the fancy kind!). \$10 is 2 movie rentals. \$10 is a couple of Happy Meals. Yet, \$10-- from each of you-- could revolutionize the face of adoption in Henan. Please go to <http://www.henankids.org/involved/donate.htm> and specify that you want this amount to be a monthly contribution.*

*Thank you!*