

# *Henan Kids International*

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*Love changes lives*

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Hello fellow HKI Parents! Welcome to those families receiving this newsletter for the first time! HKI is a non-profit associated with CCAI, whose purpose is to raise money for the orphanages in Henan so that they might provide a better start for these children. We have raised money and purchased incubators, diapers, bouncy chairs, air conditioners, heaters, formula, clothing, computers, printers, cameras, toys, and more! You can learn more about HKI at our site:

[www.henankids.org](http://www.henankids.org) or at our blog, [www.henankids.blogspot.com](http://www.henankids.blogspot.com)

It has been so much fun getting to know many of you and your families through our interaction on our new blog, [Love Changes Lives](#). If you haven't popped in for a visit- please do! We've been giving away necklaces from [Wheat and Wildflowers](#), and we will have many more treats to come! You can see who is currently in china, follow other Henan families' blogs, and stay up to date on what HKI is doing!

Emily Adcox,

Co-Founder, HKI

## Wheat and Wildflowers Fundraiser

I am so pleased to announce that we raised \$600 for HKI with our fundraiser! Kim at [Wheat and Wildflowers](#) did an amazing job for us!



You can still help HKI by buying one of the HKI necklaces:



And Kim has also designed this one (though no money goes to HKI for this, but it's adorable!):



If you have a home business (or know someone who does) and are interested in doing a fundraiser for HKI, please contact me at [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org) .

## Helping a Starfish



I think too often we underestimate what we, either as individuals or as a family can do. I hope this poem inspires you as it does me:

## *The Starfish Poem*

*By: Dayle Ann Dodds*

*Once upon a time there was a wise man  
Who used to go the ocean to do his writing.  
He had a habit of walking on the beach  
Before he began his work.  
One day he was walking along the shore,  
As he looked down the beach he saw a human  
Figure moving like a dancer.  
He smiled to himself to think of someone  
Who would dance to the day.  
So he began to walk faster to catch up.  
As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man  
And the young man wasn't dancing,  
But instead he was reaching down to the shore,  
Picking up something and very gently  
Throwing it into the ocean.  
As he got closer he called out,  
"Good morning! What are you doing?"  
The young man paused, looked up and replied,  
"Throwing starfish in the ocean."  
"I guess I should have asked, why  
Are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"  
"The sun is up and the tide is going out.  
And if I don't throw them in they'll die."  
"But, young man, don't you realize that there are  
Miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it.  
You can't possibly make a difference!"  
The young man listened politely.  
Then bent down, picked up another starfish  
And threw it into the sea,  
Past the breaking waves and said -  
"It made a difference for that one."*

Never doubt that you can make a difference. I want to challenge each of you to see what you can do to help raise money for HKI this year. Can you host a garage sale? A bake sale? Could you get your church involved? Your youth group? Are you in a position to sponsor a child? (We currently have 10 children needing sponsorship) Or can you commit to donating a certain amount each month? We literally started as one family and have grown to over 500 families. We can do so much for those left behind in Henan. But we need your help!!!! If you'd like to sponsor a child or donate, go to [www.henankids.org](http://www.henankids.org) !

## **New projects coming soon!**

Our in-China liaison, Xia, will be heading off to Henan for the month of March. While there, she will visit the orphanages and assess their needs. This means that in April, she will have a list of projects for us to fund! So this month would be a fantastic time to donate!

## **Dry and Bouncy babies!**

Here are pictures from AnYang, XinXiang, and LuoHe showing what we purchased with some of the money raised from our 2011 calendar sale!



Bouncy chairs for AnYang babies





Aren't they adorable??!! These babies in LuoHe have nice dry bottoms now!



Bouncy chairs for XinXiang babies

Thank you all who bought calendars for helping fund these projects!

## 2012 Calendar

I hope you've been taking great pictures for our 2012 calendar! We need the following types of pictures: winter, great outdoor shots (with flowers, leaves, ocean, beaches), with siblings, with mom, with dad, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Chinese New Year, family, holiday, gotcha day, etc. Please label pictures so that I do not lose my sanity! (lastname#.jpeg) Please feel free to email me pictures at any time at [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org) !!! We raised \$4,000 last year and I would love to see us raise \$6,000 this year!!!

## Travelling?

If you have your TA and have a blog you'd like to share on our HKI blog, email me your blog address at [info@henankids.org](mailto:info@henankids.org)

I hope you all have a wonderful week! Please feel free to email me if you have any questions!

Warmest of wishes to you and your family,

*Emily*