



“Falling for Henan!”

For all of us, this phrase rings true as we have all fallen for our Henan cuties-- some of us more than once! But summer is quickly coming to a close, and we are approaching the end of our first month for Henan Kids International. If you would like to receive a monthly newsletter on what is happening with HKI, please let us know at info@henankids.org. If you have newsletter or website skills, and would be interested in helping with either, please let us know at the same email!

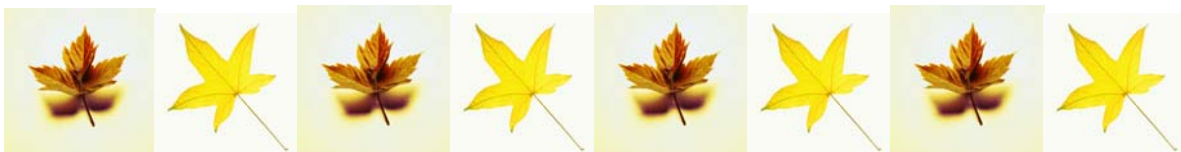
Here is where we stand after being online and operational for one month:

Number of kids sponsored: 33

Amount of money raised: \$5380

We appreciate all of you who have donated money towards an orphanage's project or who have chosen to sponsor a child!

BUT-- We still need your help!





The fundraising cannot just stop with each of us sponsoring a child or donating money. We challenge each of you to continue our fundraising efforts. We know this can SEEM daunting, yet, it truly isn't! So we have compiled the following list to aid you in your efforts!

Top Ten Ways to not "Fall" Behind in Supporting Henan Kids

(Let' s not be out done by Letterman' s Top 10 Lists!)

1. **Have a garage sale:** My family is doing just that this fall. Make a HUGE sign explaining where the money is going, put the website and child sponsor information on handouts. Ask friends to donate high ticket items. I bet with the money from one garage sale, we could sponsor a child for 1 year (\$480).
2. **Have your kids run a lemonade stand:** A great addition to the garage sale or at a Saturday soccer game! Bake some cookies, make some homemade lemonade (ooh- that rhymes!) and have your children contribute to our efforts!
3. **Email ALL of your friends and co-workers:** My husband sent an email explaining HKI and its purpose to 200 of his friends and coworkers and at least a dozen of them ended up sponsoring children.
4. **Advertise HKI on your blog:** This takes NO time at all! Make sure to have a link to HKI on your blog and better yet, write a post about it and ask people to help! They will!
5. **Hold a raffle on your blog:** If you have a well-visited blog, auction off services or items. I've seen people raise thousands of dollars this way!
6. **Find all of your spare change!** Literally! We now have a big fishbowl in our house that holds all of our spare change. We call it our "Change for Henan" bowl-- double meaning intended. You'll be surprised by how fast all of those quarters and pennies add up
7. **Sponsor a child as a group:** If you are part of a book club or mom's group or Bible study, consider sponsoring a child together as a group!
8. **Have a good poker face:** If you have friends who love to play cards, invite them over- all money going to charity!
9. **Organize a golf tournament:** Love to play golf? Have friends who do as well? Play for money with all proceeds going to HKI!
10. **Work with your church:** Ask your church for support or ideas for raising money and volunteers for working in the orphanages.



There you have it-- ten ways that YOU can raise money for the orphans still in Henan. We challenge each of you reading this to commit to doing at least ONE of the above activities. And if you have some other ideas, please let us know! Email us at info@henankids.org, we cannot wait to hear what you all have planned for the month of September! Let's double the number of kids being sponsored, let's double the amount of money we raised in August! We know volunteering can be difficult for families, but do you know someone who could? We cannot do this without all of your hard work, ideas, and support! Let's commit to let no child "fall" behind.

Please check out the Henan Kids International web site for the latest updates, Blogs link, featured child, as well as needs throughout Henan.

<http://www.henankids.org>

And if you have a blog link you would like added, let us know!

