



Dear Yiyuan Foundation of Care and,

It is my pleasure to send you the 2013 mid-year report. During the past half year, the village is under well management, the kids are under careful attention and now, Chengdu is stepping into summer, gardenia coming out in blossom and summer holiday is waiting for the kids ahead.

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On April 20th, a big earthquake of 7-magnitude happened in our province, and you may have heard about it. The exact epicenter is located in Lushan County of Ya'an City, where Chengdu is about 120km far from. That was Saturday, all kids were at home, and the whole village was as quite as any other morning. At the time the earthquake was happening, we all felt houses shakings tremendously, windows were making loud noises for the strong shock, screaming was heard. It happened just so out of sudden, and what we could remember at that time was horror. Fortunately, it didn't last long, and soon all became as usual. The first minute after the shock, village workers arranged to check the personnel and building safety. Slight damage was found in one family (two pieces of roof tile dropped), and no injury was reported. Though aftershocks happened frequently after the main shock, the village was not affected. Soon, we took instant measures and made schemes to stabilize the mood of the people in the village, strengthen the shifts to ensure the village safety. Meanwhile, it's also high time to teach our kids about rescue tips and methods when earthquake coming. Now, as time goes by, everything comes to peace gradually, and to the refugees in earthquake stricken area, we arranged our people to raise money to send our wishes to them, hoping them could get recovered from the catastrophe and their home could be rebuilt as soon as possible.



At the end of May, a meaningful and interesting scientific activity was held in the village, which was sponsored by Dow Corning, an American company that is mainly to make silicon products. The activity is called Dow Corning Science Day Program, and it is a program, on the one hand, for the company to enrich its enterprise culture, on the other hand, aiming to motivate children's interest and curiosity to explore the wonder of science and improve their ability to make use of scientific

knowledge. The program lasted for 2 days, and not only the SOS kids participating in it, but also pupils from the nearby primary schools. One highlight of the program was that kid could try a kind of adjustable glasses to feel its magic. By filling or reducing a kind of optical silicon oil to a removable syringe fixed on the frame, children could adjust to the most appropriate vision, thus helping correct visual acuity and helping children with study. Many kids stood in queue to have a try, and couldn't help showing surprise after the experience. Other little experiments such as solar energy boat building, organic silicon fridge magnet and silicon gel printed handkerchief attracted a lot of kids as well. One kid in the village said: "It is awesome! I've never known that silicon could be such a use in our life, and it is just magical! In the past, science is always boring and dull to me, but now I know it can be interesting and fun. This program gives us such a different experience. I love it!" We appreciate so much that our children could get such a good opportunity to broaden their experience, and appreciate the company like Dow Corning that continues to care and support our children.

Shuaiyong is in forth-grade now, and on study, he feels harder and harder, so he has to finish homework under the help of a volunteer tutor till late at night. Shuaiyong is not good at study, which we may all have known, but he is gifted in drawing. He's attended the second drawing class on Saturday for 1 year, and the teacher thinks quite highly of him. Mom thinks drawing could help Shuaiyong build confidence, for he always feels inferior to his peers on study and on height. He looks still thin and small, so what he desires most is to grow quicker and become stronger. Mom demands him to have milk and vitamin tablets and take exercises every morning and night, hoping it would help him grow up better. As years going, Shuaiyong also begins to understand how to care about the people he loves. Last time, one of his elder brothers fell sick and was lying on the couch. He took a thick quilt down to cover his body. It must have taken him much power to take it down step by step. He said: "I'm worried about he feels cold." In order to help Shuai keep psychology healthy, the educational teacher has arranged him to attend sand play therapy, keeping track of his psychology development so as to provide adjustment in time. We just hope Shuaiyong grow up both physically and psychologically healthy to be a confident boy.

At last, thanks for your kind support and care for our children. We often receive your kind birthday card, gift and letter for them, and it is just the warmest love they need. Despite the distance of thousands of miles, we deeply appreciate what you've done, and best regards to you and your family from the village director Mr He Sheng and all the members from the village.

PS: The picture attached is one of the scenes that our children take part in the scientific activity. In case that you have any problem to ask or anything to convey, please feel free to send e-mail to zy243546@live.cn to contact with me.

Yours,

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