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Backpacks for AIDS Orphans in Henan Province!

**900 backpacks are needed now
to help AIDS Orphans have a
normal school year!**

**Kids Helping Kids
How can you help?**



Children in Henan whose parents have died from AIDS are living with foster families (200 kids) and are in school intervention programs (700 kids) through Half the Sky Foundation. They are emotionally drained and need encouragement to pursue their education in hopes of breaking the cycle of poverty and dependence. Tuition is provided for these children, but school supplies are not. **Our goal at OCDF is to provide the 900 backpacks with needed school supplies that they can call their own and to make the most of their classroom time. You and your family can help, your school can help, your neighbors, and so can your church/temple!**

Please raise awareness of this crisis! Collect and donate funds so we can prepare and deliver backpacks to children in China. School groups in China are welcome to have kids bring backpacks to school to donate. We can arrange pickup in Beijing.

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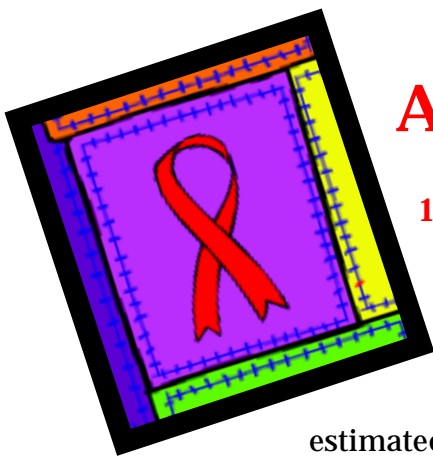
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Child's Name _____ Age _____

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Enclosed is my US dollar check payable to Our Chinese Daughters Foundation for \$ _____





AIDS in China Today

1. What is the AIDS crisis in China?

HIV/AIDS was first recorded in coastal Chinese cities in 1985. It spread ferociously through all 31 provinces. The World Health Organization, with the Chinese government and UNAIDS, estimated in January 2006 that 650,000 Chinese are HIV-positive. In 2005 alone, 25,000 Chinese died because of the disease. As of 2004, the Ministry of Health estimated that at least 100,000 children had been orphaned because of AIDS, and if decisive action is not taken, the number would reach 260,000 by 2010.

2. How did the crisis reach this point?

The spread of HIV/AIDS in China is partially due to widespread unsterile blood collection in the countryside. Selling blood became popular in the 1990s among poor farmers as a way to earn extra money. Many blood collecting stations were illegal and unsanitary, and these areas proved a fertile ground for infection with HIV/AIDS. In particular, China's most populous province, Henan, has been hard hit: there, half of many villages' populations are infected with the virus. Because of this, OCDF has decided specifically to help AIDS orphans in Henan, where they are so great in number.

3. What are these orphaned children's lives like?

Children whose parents are infected with or have died of AIDS live lives of tribulation. In many cases, their parents, relatives, and even entire villages are stricken. Before they lose their parents, they are often not educated because affected families cannot afford to pay the yearly fees for school. Once orphaned, they are often housed in overburdened orphanages or with foster parents, both of which try to provide enough for the huge influx of children facing them.

In order to offer these children the possibility to work their way out of suffering, Premier Wen Jiabao and Vice Premier Wu Yi announced a new policy for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in December 2003, part of which provides free schooling for children orphaned by AIDS. Thus, there is hope for these children – but the orphanages often cannot afford to provide school supplies for them, meaning that they go to school without even pens or pencils and are unable to learn effectively. In order to remedy this deficiency, OCDF hopes to donate annually 900 backpacks filled with school supplies to orphans in Henan, Anhui, and Hubei Provinces.



Source: FuYang Foundation for Children with AIDS



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