

COOL MOUNTAIN EDUCATION FUND

凉山教育促进会

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THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT:

How help generates help

Bertrand Cristau, a Beijing-based friend of Yangjuan School, donated 17 computers to the school this year. When CMEF President Stevan Harrell was in Yangjuan last September, the computers had just arrived, but the local teachers and students had little idea of how to use them. He brought this dilemma to students from Sichuan University who had studied at the University of Washington the previous year, and they and their teacher decided to spend their own funds to travel to Yangjuan and conduct a 4-day computer training workshop for the teachers there. Help and concern generate more help and concern!



Two views of life in Yangjuan, by our scholarship students:



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT: STEVAN HARRELL

Stevan Harrell
(Portrait by Li Musa,
2nd year middle school
student.)

A wonderful giving season

We had our most successful Holiday fund-raising season ever during the fall of 2006. We sold over 400 of our 2007 Yangjuan School calendars, and received many generous gifts from new and old contributors. As a result, we will be able to expand our scholarship program this year to help graduates of Yangjuan Primary School who will be in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades in academic year 2007-08, as well as helping Yangjuan School with some much-needed maintenance and renovation, and continue to expand our training programs for local teachers. Thanks to one and all for helping make this happen.



A fortunate family, by Shen Ying.

My home is a place where trees grow luxuriantly. Every afternoon I go to the river to carry water back on my shoulders. Mama goes to pick vegetables that are ripe, and makes a delicious dinner.



Planting buckwheat, by Ma Yifei.

EVENTS & GIVING

UW-WORLDWIDE NIGHT OUT RAISES SUPPORT AND AWARENESS

On June 7th, 2007, friends gathered to enjoy music, drinks, and dancing at the Jai Thai Belltown Restaurant and Bar to celebrate graduations, new jobs, better weather, and to support CMEF. With your donations, this event raised enough money to send a student to prefectural middle school for over 2 academic years. We hope the UW-Sichuan Alumni, IGERT, and the entire UW-Worldwide community will continue to remember their unique experiences and the residents of Yangjuan village with fondness. *Thanks for making this event a success!*

COOL MOUNTAIN EDUCATION FUND SILENT AUCTION - SPRING 2008

The CMEF is excited to announce its plans for a silent auction to directly benefit students, graduates and educators of Yangjuan Primary School. Procurement of local arts and crafts, as well as student art from Liangshan is already underway. *We need your help!* Contact Lauren Brown (lebrown@u.washington.edu) or Katharine Liang (katliang@u.washington) to find out how you can get involved.



HOW TO MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

With your support, the Cool Mountain Education Fund can continue its mission of improving education in southwest China. Here's how you can make a tax-deductible donation:

- **Buy or reserve one or more calendars.** Our 2008 Yangjuan Primary School calendar, featuring UW and SU student photography, will be ready in Autumn in time for holiday gifts. Calendars are \$20 each, plus \$2.50 S&H. Orders yours today!
- **New! Make an in-kind donation.** We would appreciate donations of the following items to support our work: digital cameras, digital voice recorders, memory cards, external hard drives, laptop computers, and donated brochure printing.

To discuss a possible in-kind donation, please contact Tami Blumenfied, CMEF Secretary, at tamiblu@u.washington.edu or by phone (206-200-8157).

- **Make an unrestricted contribution.** A one-time gift in any amount will be very useful to this year's graduates.
- **The gold standard!** Endow a three-year scholarship for a graduate of Yangjuan Primary School to attend the Prefectural Middle School in Xichang, or for two graduates to attend good middle schools in Yanyuan County. Pledge \$150 per year for the next three years, and receive a beautiful landscape or nature painting by artist Li JinYuan.

**All orders and contributions should be sent to:
Cool Mountain Education Fund, 5038 16th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98105**

Dedicated to the education of the Nuosu people and their neighbors,
Working for the preservation and improvement of Liangshan's environment.