



Jia Ping Elementary School
Zi Yang County, An Kang Region

Detailed Overview
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ZI YANG COUNTY

The Library Project will be providing libraries to forty-three rural elementary schools in the Zi Yang County in 2008. Over 25,000 Chinese language children's books, hundreds of tables, chairs, and bookshelves will be distributed amongst the rural elementary schools in Zi Yang County.

REGIONAL SUMMARY

Zi Yang County is located in the south of China's ShaanXi Province. The total area of the county is 2,204 square kilometers and is in the heart of the Da Ba Mountains.

There are 25 towns and 351 villages in Zi Yang County. The population in Zi Yang County is 340,000. 95% of the citizens are farmers. 5% have employment ranging from working at small stores and markets, to local government and mining. 60% of the citizens work in other provinces doing manual labor. There are over 400 kinds organic foodstuffs that are farmed in Zi Yang. Tea is Zi Yang's largest farming product, along with silkworm farms, goats and pigs. The average annual income in Zi Yang County is 1600 to 2000 RMB (\$225 to 281 USD).

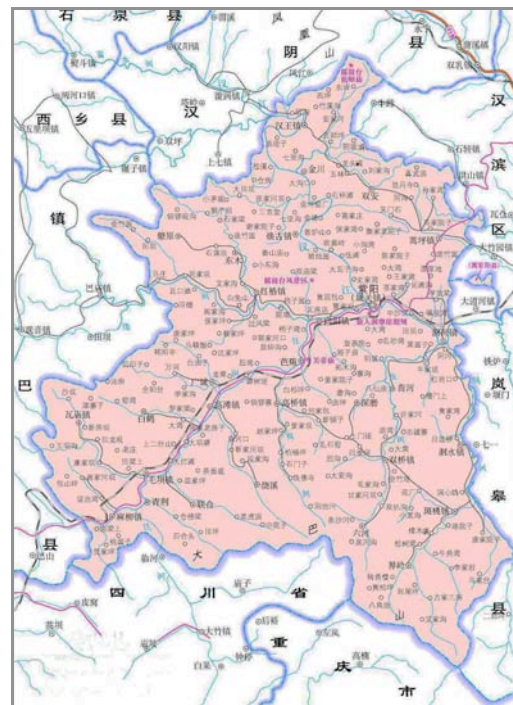
EDUCATION SYSTEM

Zi Yang County's local government has been rebuilding their school system's infrastructure over the past ten years. The Central Government currently only funds Level 1 schools, or Focus Schools. Level 2 and 3 schools receive no funding beyond electricity and teacher wages. The Library Project will only focus on Level 3 elementary schools in Zi Yang County. In most Level 3 elementary schools there is only one teacher that also acts as the Principal.

There are 215 villages in Zi Yang County with a network of under-funded elementary schools that are in need of quality Chinese language children's books

EDUCATION INFORMATION

30,940 attending elementary school
2,828 children living in dormitories
1,740 teachers
200 Level 1 & 2 elementary schools
43 Level 3 (small remote schools)
20 students is the average class size



JIA PING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located in Zi Yang County

Jia Ping Elementary School is located in Zi Yang County, in the ShaanXi Province. 21 students in grades 1 and 2 attend Jia Ping Elementary School.

Jia Ping Elementary School has an incredible group of teachers and administrators. The school Principal and only teacher, Ms. Zhang, began to cry when we said we were going to donate books to her school. Each student is well cared for, and there is a clear focus on education.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School classification:	Level 3
School construction:	Brick & cement
Students:	21
Teachers and staff:	1
Classrooms:	2
Grades:	Grades 1 & 2

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Children's books, grade 1:	5
Children's books, grade 2:	0
Relevant books per student:	.2 books

The Library Project made plans to provide over two hundred Chinese language children's books for Jia Ping Elementary School.

Total Cost: 7,103 RMB (\$1,000 USD)



The school and its surroundings. Jia Ping is in a very remote region of Zi Yang County.



A typical classroom.



One of the five books found in the Jia Ping Elementary School library.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY PROJECT

The Library Project donates books and libraries to under financed schools and orphanages in China. They believe education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty that exists in the developing world. As they see it, education is change. The Library Project accomplishes this by; getting the local community involved through book drives and awareness raising, providing libraries to under financed orphanages and elementary schools, and partnering with local NGOs (charities) and companies.

The Library Project has some amazing yet attainable goals: by the end of 2008 they will have donated over 80 libraries to orphanages and rural elementary schools in China. The number of libraries will more than double by the end of 2009. Projecting further into the future, they hope to provide 350 libraries by the end of 2010. Their goal is to develop The Library Project into an organization that helps empower millions of children every year through the gift of education. This goal will take an enormous amount of dedication, planning, and hard work. They need your help.

ADOPT A LIBRARY

The Library Project has developed "Adopt a Library" and "Adopt a School District" programs. Both of these programs are a great way for people to make a substantial difference in the lives of children living in the developing world. You will receive a Library Completion Report, photos, and regular updates throughout the process of your libraries.

As part of our Adopt a Library Program, you can establish a library within an orphanage or elementary school. Each of these libraries includes as many as 250-3000 local language books (depending on the size of the school or orphanage). Your sponsorship also funds the creation of a fun and safe environment for the children to learn and grow in. This area will be filled with tables, chairs, mats, and shelves.

If you are interested in sponsoring a project, please contact us to start the adoption process. Thank you!

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