



Xiao Gou Elementary School

Lan Gao County, An Kang Region

Detailed Overview

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LAN GAO COUNTY

The Library Project will be providing libraries to fifty rural elementary schools in the Lan Gao County in 2008. Over 35,000 Chinese language children's books, hundreds of tables, chairs, and bookshelves will be distributed amongst the rural elementary schools in Lan Gao County.

REGIONAL SUMMARY

Lan Gao County is located in the south of China's ShannXi Province. The total area of the county is 1,851 square kilometers and is in the heart of the Da Ba Mountains. Forests occupy 66% of the county, with about 1,254 square kilometers being cultivatable land.

There are 17 towns and 198 villages in Lan Gao County. The population in Lan Gao County is 170,000. 90% of the citizens are farmers. 10% have employment ranging from working at small stores and markets, to local government and mining. There are over 400 kinds organic foodstuffs that are farmed in Lan Gao, such as; tea, mushrooms, and wild vegetables. Most of Lan Gao's electricity originates from local water-powered dams.

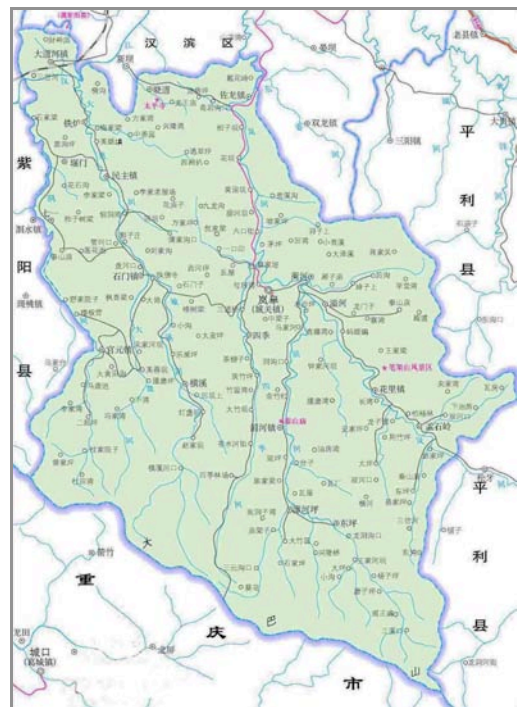
EDUCATION SYSTEM

Lan Gao County's local government has been rebuilding their school system's infrastructure over the past ten years. This has caused the school district to be forced to borrow millions of RMB to keep up with the expectations that the Central Government have placed on them to modernize their school system. As of today, the school district is in 6,000,000 RMB (\$800,000 US dollars) in debt. Because of this growing debt, the schools are unable to purchase books and educational equipment. This is not an uncommon situation found in China's rural school districts.

There are 198 villages in Lan Gao County with a network of under-funded elementary schools that are in need of quality Chinese language children's books

EDUCATION INFORMATION

10,673 children attending elementary school
3,809 children living in dormitories
46 elementary schools
9 "Teaching Spots" (small remote schools)
32 students is the average class size



XIAO GOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located in Lan Gao County

Xiao Gou Elementary School is located in Lan Gao County, in the ShaanXi Province. 18 students in kindergarten and grades 1-3 attend Xiao Gou Elementary School.

Xiao Gou Elementary School has an incredible group of teachers and administrators. The school Principal is Mr. Hu. Each student is well cared for, and there is a clear focus on education.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School classification:	Teaching Spot
Number of students:	19
Number of teachers and staff:	3
Number of classrooms:	4
Number of grades:	Kindergarten & 1-3

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Children's books, kindergarten:	0
Children's books, grade 1-3:	0
Relevant books per student:	0

The Library Project made plans to provide over two hundred Chinese language children's books, tables, chairs, and a bookshelf for Xiao Gou Elementary School.

Total Cost: 7,350 RMB (\$1,000 USD)



The school and its surroundings



This room will be transformed into a library with over 500 Chinese language children's books



The Library Project staff working with the students, asking what books they like to read.

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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