

Dear A Life A Time donors,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family had a great holiday.

We are excited to announce that with your support, we had a strong finish in 2014. In December alone, we received total donations of \$11,284 from 151 donors. On behalf of all the children who need your help, we want to thank you for your continued support in our efforts to help orphaned and impoverished children in China who suffer from congenital illnesses or severe trauma.

During the past three months, with donations raised from both our A Life A Time and GlobalGiving websites, we were able to provide assistance to a total of 26 children in China!

Below is a summary of some children who we helped between December 2014 and February 2015. For detailed information on all the children we have helped and those who are still in need of your help, please visit our website: <http://www.alifeatime.org>

For detailed information on the uses of the donations we have received via the GlobalGiving platform, please visit the following link: [http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/help/donation\\_list.aspx?id=761](http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/help/donation_list.aspx?id=761)

### **Xiang**

Gender: Male

Disease/Illness: Injuries from falling of balcony

Date of Birth: August 2011

Contribution from A Life A Time: \$2,264.02

Story link: <http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=841>

On August 25, 2014, 3-year-old Xiang fell from the 3-story high balcony when he was playing at home. He was severely injured with several broken ribs. Both of his cervical vertebrae and lung were also injured. Given his critical condition, Xiang was transferred to Guangzhou Zhujiang Hospital. Following a series of treatments the child was saved, but his condition continued to be unstable. Because of pneumonia and fever, he is still on life support at the hospital.



Xiang before his injury



Jan 31, 2015, Xiang at the hospital

Xiang's mother is unemployed due to some hearing problems. The family relies on Xiang's father working short-term jobs at different construction sites. Since the accident, the family has spent almost RMB 400,000 (approx. USD 63,799), with most of it from donations. Xiang still needs to be treated at the hospital but the family has used up all of its savings and donations. The family desperately needs your help.

### **Peng Yun**

Gender: Male

Disease/Illness: Congenital Heart Disease

Date of Birth: July 2014

Contribution from A Life A Time: \$ 2,075.32

Story link: <http://www.alifetime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=822>

Peng Yun, born in the rural area of Yunnan province, was diagnosed with congenital heart disease after he was born. Because of his heart condition, he was weak and also had pneumonia since he was born. With borrowed money Peng Yun's pneumonia managed to get under control, but the family was told two surgeries were needed to improve his heart condition. However, given the complexity of his condition, only specialists in Beijing or Shanghai would be able to perform the surgeries and costs were estimated at USD 16,000. With the family being farmers, the parents could not afford the surgeries and had to take the child home.



Before the surgery – Peng Yun had trouble breathing.



Peng Yun was released from the hospital.

In November 2014, A Life A Time helped arrange for the child to receive medical evaluation in Shanghai and was told that the child can be radically cured with just one surgery. On December 10, 2014, with donations from A Life A Time and a few other Chinese non-profit organizations, Peng Yun underwent the needed surgery and was released from the hospital on January 3, 2015.

## Rui Jie

Gender: Male

Disease/Illness: Esophagus Burns

Date of Birth: April 2014

Contribution from A Life A Time: \$1,629.22

Story link: <http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=804>

In July 2013, Rui Jie's hometown was hit by a 6.6 magnitude earthquake. His house collapsed and the family had to move into a tent. In June 2014, when Rui Jie's mother was boiling water outside the tent, Rui Jie accidentally drank potassium permanganate that was left on the table. The child was sent to the hospital and his condition stabilized after a period of treatments. However, because he was not completely recovered, his condition worsened after he returned home. His parents have since then taken him to several local hospitals for treatment but his condition has not improved. In August 2014, Rui Jie was examined in Beijing and was told laryngeal enlargement surgery was necessary, but the surgery was estimated to cost RMB 100,000 (approx. USD 15,950).



Sept 2014 in Beijing



Nov. 2014: before his surgery

The family has six members supported by farming. To treat Rui Jie, the family has spent over RMB 70,000 (approx. USD 11,165), which was funded through savings and borrowings. Between August 2014 and January 2015, with the help from different non-profit organizations, Rui Jie underwent three surgeries in Beijing. However, whether his narrow esophagus caused by the burns is treatable has to be reevaluated six-months from now.

## Ming He

Gender: Male

Disease/Illness: Burns

Date of Birth: July 2001

Contribution from A Life A Time: \$901.62

Story link: <http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=129>

In December 2006, Ming He, who was less than six years old, was tied up and burned together with a wheat straw stack. The fire burned off his legs and all fingers. Eight years have passed. With the help of many caring people and donors, Ming He was able to come to America several times for treatments, including getting artificial legs. In the beginning of 2014, Ming He's father was in a car accident and suffered from some brain damage. The accident postponed Ming He's next visit to America until the end of 2014 when a member of a non-profit organization in China was able to accompany him. In December/January, Ming He spent a month and a half at Shriners Hospital in Boston. During this time, he received a new set of artificial legs and practiced walking on them, as well as mastering his wheel chair. A Life A Time sponsored Ming He's housing expenses and partial living expenses during this trip.



Practicing walking on his new artificial legs.



During his physical therapy session

We would like to ask for your continued support in the future by visiting our website: <http://www.alifeatime.org> or our fundraising platform on GlobalGiving.

Please spread the word of our fundraising efforts to your family members, friends and colleagues. Thank you again, and together let's help as many children as possible and allow them to experience love and be treated with dignity and care!

Sincerely yours,

A Life A Time Foundation