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Since some years many Chinese have taken over the habit of a Christmas tree and lights during the holidays. Nowadays you can buy Christmas trees with lights and decorations in shops. In China they don't know what is celebrated with Christmas, but they do like the decorations. During our Old year's eve it's very silent in China, there are no fireworks. With that they wait till their Chinese New year, in 2011 on February 3.



Christmas decorations in China.

He family

Last July, Lu, Eline's second sister has finished junior high school at the Ming Jia school. In September she went to senior high school in Longtan Zhen. She likes it very much there. Not so long ago we received, through MSN, a letter by Lu written in English which pleases us very much.

Yugui, Eline's younger sister, turned 4 this year. She attends school now, also in Longtan Zhen. As the distance between school and home is too far, Yugui is an intern at school. Her older sister Lu visits her from time to time.

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Mother Wang Ming Hui picks up her daughter for the weekends. Then they often stay at the house of her father, who lives in the neighbourhood of Longtan Zhen.

The health of mother Ming Hui has got worse since the fire at the house. Mother often worries a lot. Father He Xiu Wen is often at home at the moment to take care of his wife and their son He Liu Qin.

Farewell to Joan Huang as contact person

Last summer Joan Huang informed us that she couldn't combine her work as a tour guide with her work for the Eline Foundation. She often had to be abroad for her work which gave her fewer possibilities to do work for the Foundation. As Foundation we could see this coming. We thank Joan Huang Qiong for her commitment which has always been great.

New contact persons

The Foundation has searched for new people in Chongqing and we came in contact with 3 persons:

- **Ms. Anna Yang** (Yang Yujing, 杨宇静). Anna is 34 years old and she is a PhD student. She has been an English teacher at a junior high school and has worked for a Canadian firm in Chongqing for five years. She speaks Mandarin Chinese, English and the Chongqing dialect.
- **Ms. Tina Zhong** (Zhong Wenting, 钟雯婷). Tina Works as an account manager for a German firm in Chongqing. We got to know her through Dr. Changfu Chang. She has indicated that she wants to assist Anna Yang in the translations to English for the Foundation. Because of her work visiting the school is a bit hard.
- **Ms. Sandy Liu** (Liu Ping, 刘萍). Sandy is one of Tina's friends. She now teaches English at a primary school. She will also assist Anna Yang processing the data.



Anna Yang (杨宇静)



Tina Zhong (钟雯婷)



Sandy Liu (刘萍)

Henk Meijer has met the three ladies in Chongqing together with his wife Cuifang. During the conversation rose the discussion about how we could have a better check at the schools. It was decided that the children should report monthly about how they are doing. Cuifang, Anna, Tina and Sandra immediately started to design a form that the children will have to fill in. It was a very relaxed meeting. Also other matters, like arranging transport to the schools in Fuling and Dashun, were discussed. These three ladies feel very committed to the Foundation's work.

Two pupils will attend Fuling High School

Henk, Cuifang and Anna were welcomed during their visit in November by the director and his deputy who will accompany us in the future during



Fuling no. 1 High School

visits. The Fuling High School number 1 was founded in 1905 and has 4800 pupils. In Fuling city there are more than 10 of these high schools. This school is situated in a surrounding with parks. **Wang Youjing** and **Chen Xuejie**, two pupils of the Ming Jia School have graduated with good marks and can continue their education at this Fuling High School no. 1 with the support of the Foundation. As they had already



Wang Youjing (l) and Chen Xuejie

paid a part of their tuition fee, this part was returned to them. The children told us that they had to borrow this money from family and friends. It's a great relief for them that they can pay it back. The service at this Fuling High school was so good, that they put the school's car, a four wheel drive with driver at the disposal of the three visitors to bring them to the Ming Jia school at Dashun. The road between Fuling and Dashun is that bad that an ordinary car would get into trouble very fast. And all this without any extra costs.

Ming Jia school in Dashun

This car brought the three visitors in little less than one and a half hours to Ming Jia. The first thing that was noticed upon arrival at the schoolyard was the new athletics course, now painted in fresh orange and green.



Ming Jia school

*Welcome to the representatives
of the Eline Foundation*

A second novelty was an illuminated news trailer above the stage outside which welcomed our three representatives in Chinese. In the past there were banners with text. The fact that we, as Eline Foundation, support children at this school has a positive effect on the school. The authorities are also more willing to support the school. Remarkable how our support also influences other channels.

Five children, who we support at the Ming Jia School, sat their exams last June. Only two passed to continue their education at a senior high school. See report earlier in this newsletter. After an evaluation of the last period, considering the finances, the school has indicated that they need less

money than expected. This means that we can now support more children. We have decided to support another two pupils. The school had already selected eight pupils who fulfilled the criteria of the foundation. Cuifang and Anna have invested their situations, discussed the life situation with the children and after consulting Henk chosen two children: Dai Min (代闽) en Xu Zixin (徐梓鑫). In total 8 pupils are now supported at the Ming Jia School.



Pupils at the Ming Jia school



*The new children:
Dai Min (代闽, I) and Xu Zixin (徐梓鑫)*

With kind regards and the best wishes for 2011,

Alfiero Metafuni, Wilma Leermakers, Henk Meijer & Jim Kuijper

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