



We are officially moved in!

Bethel is now "Bethel Training Center for the Blind", unofficially referred to as "The Ranch". We are undergoing a thorough transformation in our location, strategy and legal status.

We are located south West of Beijing, Off Jing Shi expressway, exit 17 (Dou Dian). It should take bout one hour from CBD area. We are in the country side, our property seats on 15 acres of land. We have already planted wheat, and will plant corn, water melons, potatoes, carrots, etc... In their due time. We are already eating our own corn and carrots. This is one of the main change at Bethel: we are becoming self-sustainable. Soon we are going to buy our chickens, sheep and goats. We are also going to import some cutting-edge farming technology from Singapore... More to come in the next episode.

The first thing that this large space offers is opportunities! There is so much we can do with it. We have plans for a lake, music school, clinic, sport complex, etc... All of that in a green environment. The other change is that we do our best to be environmentally friendly. We will use bio-mass for our boiler, water from our well, solar panels, etc...

The other change is on the legal side. It is not possible at the moment to run an NGO independently in China, so we are part of a Chinese NGO with whom we have worked for the last 5 years. This does not change anything to our operations, it is a way to appease the Chinese government regulations and to have an eye on us.



For our move, we had to hire 12 trucks each carrying over 10 tons of stuff! Over the last 5 years, we have filled 5 homes and 4 apartments with an incredible amount of donated stuff. We are finally settling in and each department is organizing itself.



THE KIDS: The kids are enjoying being in the country side. The move was smooth for them too as all the regular volunteers continue to come and help. A few weeks before actually moving all the teachers and volunteers have talked to them about what moving means, so all the kids knew what to expect. Even though we were not able to keep all the care takers because of the distance, 11 stayed with us. They assured a sense of continuity and are training the new ones.

Since Bethel started, the awareness of the possibility to adopt visually impaired children has increased, so we have the joy to see now a lot of families entering into this new adventure of adoption. We are actually preparing emotionally four of our children that will be adopted in the year to come.

We just set up the office this week, so sponsorship information and correspondence will be back on track.

OUR NEEDS

Medical fund: **2,500USD**

Coal: **9,000USD**

December budget: 25,000USD

Car for medical department: 15,000USD

Education fund: 25,000USD

Construction of barns: **8,000USD**Extension for kitchen and laundry:

20,000USD

SPONSORSHIP you can sponsor...



a care giver's salary 800rmb /month



a student 500rmb /month

THANK YOU

We want to thank the sponsors that have helped us with the renovation of the ranch:

- CAMCO for the boiler NIPPON PAINT for the paint
- CLEAR WORLD ENERGY for their engineering skills
- CHINA LINK for the flooring
- CHINA EXPORT PARTNERS for their sponsorship
- The Grottkes and friends for raising funds for the Ranch

This Christmas instead of buying a gift to your friends or customers, why don't you sponsor one of our kids on their behalf? Make your gift meaningful this year.

