

Kham Aid Foundation  
**Accomplishments in 2004**

In 2004 our total expenditures were \$135,590. Here's what we accomplished with this money:

Education

It's been a banner year for education, with our **total number of sponsored children rising to 297**. This includes 119 particularly needy children –many are orphans or have disabled parents - at the Dege Chengguan Primary School. In the spring of 2004 we proudly watched 33 of our girls graduate from grade nine after three years of sponsorship. Even better, all 33 scored high enough on their exams that they were accepted for senior middle school. Now, in academic year 2004-5, we are sponsoring 35 girls in senior middle school, 66 in junior middle school, and 196 children in primary school.

Our Small Grants to Schools program **gave \$4026 worth of equipment to schools** scattered around Kham.

**We refurbished the entire campus of Ponru Primary School** with new paint, wall repairs, roof, weather-stripping, concrete walkway, and wiring for their classroom, two teacher apartments, and four student dormitories.

**Eight teachers who were studying under Kham Aid scholarships completed their training** and took up positions at seven primary schools and one middle school in Xinlong County.

Health

We distributed **120 wheelchairs** to the people of Jiulong, Yajiang, and Litang Counties. Our team of physiotherapists and doctors treated many of these people, as well as others who requested care.

**We trained ten women from Daocheng County and nine women from Sershul to be midwives.** With their training and equipment, they are able to provide basic maternity and family health care to their communities.

Kham Aid performed **follow-up visits and interviews of twelve previously-trained midwives** and gathered information about our program's successes and shortcomings, and the general state of maternal and child health in rural areas.

**We gave \$4,741 worth of medical equipment and drugs** to the Shangye Charity Clinic, Gyalten Rinpoche's Tibetan Medical Clinic, and the Shechen Charity Clinic.

We **financed a small clinic** for one of our midwives at Shanbeihou, in Yajiang County.

### Economic Development

**Two more families in Xinlong County were added to our greenhouse program**, receiving construction materials and training. Despite a disastrous windstorm in April, our original ten families **harvested their second crop and paid installments on their microcredit loans**.

An international team of mountaineers raised **more than \$5000 for school greenhouses** through their sponsored climb of Kilimanjaro, in Africa. The new greenhouses will be built in 2005.

We sent **one foreign English teacher** to a foreign language academy in Gyelthang, Yunnan where she taught for one semester.

### Cultural Heritage Preservation

Kham Aid Foundation **formed a partnership with Winrock International** to advise them on a broad spectrum of cultural heritage programs, under funding from USAID. Two activities that Kham Aid will be undertaking directly are (1) development of technologies for protecting traditional buildings from rain penetration and earthquakes; and (2) development of Kham's furniture industry to increase quality and outside sales.

Also, we published a survey of vernacular architecture in the towns and cities of Kham describing the state of its protection and conservation.

### Disaster Relief

We **raised more than \$5000 for reconstruction** of a burnt wing of the Manigango Central Primary School in Dege.