



Global Giving
2016/2017 Proposal

Who we are...

At Bethel China, we envision children who are blind or visually impaired living life to the fullest, becoming independent and equal, contributing members of society. Launched in 2003, Bethel is a not-for-profit organization, which focuses on empowering the visually impaired Chinese orphan community by providing foster care, education, therapy, and livelihood opportunities. Bethel China is currently operating three project sites providing around the clock services for over 50 children. On a national level, Bethel's outreach program provides training workshops to families with blind children, orphanages, and learning institutions. Since its creation, Bethel has provided care for over 500 visually impaired orphans, performed national training workshops (representing thousands of children), produced and distributed original Bethel education materials to thousands of people, and has been one of the leading influencers in advocating and promoting awareness opportunities for the blind and visually impaired population.

What we do...

Bethel China's physical's project sites provide the children with three advantages that current social welfare institutes and orphanages cannot match. Bethel focuses on providing each of our orphaned children with medical care that is both preventative and comprehensive. Bethel believes that each life matters, and that every child should be entitled to the necessary care they deserve. Bethel's second advantage is the environment the children live in. Bethel China is not a foster care center, it is a home where each child is given the opportunity to succeed in a safe and loving environment built on respect and care. Along with a loving home, Bethel China is also a school to the children. Each child is given their own IEP (Individualized Education Plan), in which our teachers can identify both strengths and weaknesses in each child to help them reach goals that would (unfortunately) otherwise be unavailable to them. Bethel China is seeking support for 2016 to help fund Bethel China's schooling department.

Who we support...

Blind and visually impaired Chinese orphans are the target group that the project focuses on. The direct beneficiaries are the 50 children that are currently living at Bethel's project sites and are currently receiving Bethel's services. Indirectly, Bethel China will seek to reach more than 1,000 children through Bethel China's national outreach quarterly trainings.

How much it costs to educate our children...

The requested funds will be allocated to support Bethel China's school system for one year. Bethel China has fifty children under care, which require the school to have 12 teachers and aids. Because the number of children Bethel receive will not fluctuate, the current number of 12 staff will always remain the same. Supporting Bethel's teachers will also support the outside blind community as our teachers lead national outreach trainings and classes at our Dou Dian project site. The financial support will provide our teachers and students with the appropriate educational materials that are needed. Materials include Braille textbooks and writing kits, computer screen reader software, and orientation and mobility equipment. Financial allocation will also support external therapy classes and field trips. Bethel must raise: 506,400 RMB Per year (which equates to approximately 79,125 USD,) which fully funds the Bethel School and gives each child the education they deserve. Finances below (in RMB) depict where the funds will be allocated.

