BRIDGING HEARTS THROUGH EDUCATION

"Let Her Fly, Set Her Free"

FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE
GIN: A GIRL'S DREAM

EDUCATION IN CHINA

CURRENT SYSTEM

- Primary: K-6

- Middle: 7-9

- High: 10-12

- **9 years of mandatory education for all but not achieved**

- Investment in education accounts for about 4% of total GDP in China.

  - *Gov. only spends $31 billion in education, while US spends $972 billion

SITUATION OF **BOYS**

- Having boys is seen of obtaining a sort of pension system as they bring income to the family while daughters leave when married

- Confucian Belief: Carry on the family name, take care of family spirits

- Boys look after property, inherit land and **have more opportunities ahead in life**

SITUATION OF GIRLS

- **Treated Unfairly**

- Four critical areas of inequality between men and women

    Economic opportunity,
    Educational attainment
    Political empowerment
    Health and survival.

- **Chinese Parents are reluctant to spend money in educating their daughters** (especially in rural areas)

- First 9 years of schooling compulsory, after the age of 14 high **enrollment rates drop** and discrimination in spending for girls education becomes evident (gender gap evident)

WORST CASE SCENARIOS

ON STREETS

FACTORIES

RESTAURANTS

PROSTITUTION

UNESCO stated that in China it is...

- "Necessary to articulate a strategy to improve girls' and women's participation, retention and achievement in education at all levels," and that education should be "seen as an instrument for the empowerment of women."

SHAOGUAN

SHAOGUAN PROJECT

- CWEF

- Girls are carefully selected through an application process

- **Chosen based on** merit and their desire to learn and their ECONOMIC STATUS

22 Next year there are girls without sponsors

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DO YOU WANT TO GIVE THE GIRLS OPPORTUNITIES?

CAN YOU CHANGE THEIR FATES AND CHANGE THEIR LIVES?

Yes.

SPONSORSHIP

3 year-commitment

$1 a day (2450 RMB/year)

46 girls

Help sponsor a girl yourself! Contact AISG GIN representatives

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Please remember…
"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

-Aesop

THANK YOU