

June 2007 Newsletter – Orphans

Dear Friends of Judy Sutterlin,

Greetings! The Sutterlin Mission Partnership Team would like to share information with you about the work Judy is doing through ABC International Ministries and the Amity Foundation to help HIV-Aids orphans in Henan Province in China.

Many of you may have read about the orphans in one of the recent issues of the International Ministries UPDATE. In the late 1990's poor farm parents in Henan Province were enticed to sell their blood to illegal blood purchasers in order to make money to help their families. Unfortunately, the needles used were not sterilized and many parents died of Aids. There are as many as 4000 - 6000 orphans left with grandparents or other relatives who are unable to provide more than the most meager existence. Christians in Henan have become concerned about the welfare of the children and the Amity Foundation is striving to help them.

ABC International Ministries has pledged to help 75 orphans for three years using STEP and OGHHS development funds. Judy and Ben Chan would like to increase American Baptist support to 100 children. Judy hopes the support for these children would continue through their public school years. The support ABC IM sends provides some meat for their diet, clothing twice each year and school fees. Several churches and groups are sponsoring some of the children. Thirty seven children have support through June of 2008. For 36 of the children support goes only through June of 2007.

The Sunday school children in one ABC church are corresponding with a second grade girl. When Judy visited her she ran to bring out the postcards and pictures she had received from the Sunday School children to show Judy. The Sunday school children are also corresponding with a middle school boy who wrote to the church to say that now that he has support to help with school and clothes he feels like he is not such a burden on his grandparents and is more comfortable in school.

To help raise money for the orphans, a musician from this church had a benefit flute concert to raise funds for other orphan children. Below you see several pictures of the children with Judy and their families.

If you or members of your church would like to help a child you can find more information at [www.sutterlinmpt.org](http://www.sutterlinmpt.org)

