



Elder Li, the man on the right, is the leader of this church in rural part of Henan Province. Many of the farmers in this area are quite poor. Most of them grow wheat on some small plots of land. A family might have one or two acres of land to support themselves. At harvest time, they pay about \$30 per acre for a crew to come in with a machine to cut the wheat. Then the local farmers winnow the wheat by hand.

In the early 1990s, some illegal blood buyers came to this area and convinced many adults to sell some of their blood. Unfortunately, the blood buyers did not properly sanitize their equipment and because a previous donor was HIV positive, tens of thousands of people in this area also became HIV positive. Many of them were parents who have now died of AIDS. Their children are now AIDS orphans.

The AIDS orphans often live with a very poor relative who loves them very much but doesn't have much income to support them. Some are at risk of having to drop out of school. Some are at risk of malnutrition.

Working with our partner, the Amity Foundation, Elder Li and his congregation are reaching out to the AIDS orphans and helping them. . .

We (American Baptists) are using some STEP (Student Tuition Education Program) funds and some OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing Offering) funds to give some money to the Amity Foundation to help AIDS orphans stay in school and to enable them to have a little meat to eat and to stay healthy.

1. If you were Elder Li, how would you feel?
2. What would you do? Why?
3. How is helping AIDS orphans to go to school and to have a healthy diet a Christian witness?
4. If you had a chance, what are some ways you could help Elder Li and his church show God's love to the AIDS orphans?.