



This 14-year-old boy lives in the stark and barren hills of Yuzhong County in Gansu Province. This area has little rainfall. In fact the water evaporates four times faster than the rainfall. It is difficult for families to grow enough to eat. Most families are very poor. They want their children to go to school, but often cannot afford the 170 yuan/year (about \$20) for school fees and books for the year. So they have to drop out of school.

Because his family was too poor, this boy hadn't been able to start school at 6-years-old like most children. He and others like him had often hung around outside the school watching and trying to listen through the open windows.

When he was 13, our Chinese partner, the Amity Foundation, helped him have the chance to start school. He had to start in the first grade. In this picture, he is 14 years old and in the second grade. He is still much older and taller than most of his classmates.

1. If you were this 14-year-old boy, how would you feel?
2. If you were this boy, what would you do?
3. If you were this boy, what might be your hopes and dreams?
4. How is helping children go to school a Christian witness?