



Monthly Commentary

We have paid close attention to the situation of the disaster and prayed for the victims. Although we sometimes feel helpless at this time of great tragedy, every little bit counts, so we decided to make a collective donation to the survivors of the earthquake. The combined donations made by our staff reached 1,750RMB in total.

Jim Stent (Director of CHP)

"The immensity of the tragedy of this earthquake is overwhelming, but I am moved by the outpouring of sympathy, support and aid from the Chinese people, and I am impressed by the speed and effectiveness of the response of the Chinese government. We all hope for speedy relief for the affected communities of Sichuan."

Matthew (Managing Director of CHP)

"Culture will not be carried on without people. We lament the dead in the Wenchuan earthquake sincerely."

Doreen (CHP Project Officer)

"Warmth will last forever whilst the wounds are healing and tears are drying. Sunshine will last forever whilst the fear is fading and clouds are going away. I believe there is love behind all lives."

Ji Lei (CHP Volunteer)

"So many pictures are flashing in my mind and reflecting how fragile our life is. Let us empower our life ship with the warmth from all the hands and the resonance from all the hearts!"

Li Zhenhao (CHP Volunteer)

"I just hope everyone does what he or she can do, more or less doesn't matter, because we are all Chinese."

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Articles

2008 Chinese Cultural Heritage Day Events

For three consecutive weekends beginning Saturday, May 31 until Saturday, June 14, we will conduct 7 Heritage Research trips to the 10 historical and cultural preservation districts outside of the Old City. We plan to reach out to the local people and tourists about the historical and cultural district preservation laws, and will make a record of the conditions of buildings and structures through scientific, systematic and subjective observation. Based on the data, we will produce an investigation report which will be used to evaluate the preservation condition of these districts. We have invited several experts who have a deep understanding of the historical significance of these districts. They will provide a fascinating insight into these areas as we are investigating

them. Reporters and journalists will also be invited to record these events. The final report will be publicized through these media.

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Project Updates

Menmga Archive

Hot off the Press: “Menmga Archive”

CHP formally began the Dai Cultural Revitalization Project in 2005. After three long years of research and interviews, we have finally completed the “Mengma Archive.” This manuscript, a compilation of works written by Mengma villagers in Yunnan Province and coordinated by CHP, has finally been published into a complete work. This book was significant not only because it was written by a group of local villagers for their neighbors, but also because it genuinely reflects the current situation of cultural heritage protection of a minority group in China, and confirms our thoughts that this methodology is successful.

The publication of this book has been a huge encouragement for us and also a very wonderful milestone for the villagers and leaders of Mengma County. To share this joyful event with everyone, we have posted the introduction and afterward in our website and included it in this month's newsletter.

[Introduction of “Memgma Archives”](#)

[Afterward of “Memgma Archives”](#)

If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact us by phone or email (librarian@bjchp.org or 86-10-64036532). There are two volumes of the book: one written in Chinese and one in the Dai Language. Both have many pictures and illustrations. The publishers' price is RMB176, but for our volunteers it will be RMB100, excluding postage. The profits from the sale of this book will go towards the second phase of the Dai Cultural Revitalization Project.

Thank you for your attention and support!

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CHP events

NGO Day

On Saturday, May 24, CHP participated in the NGO and Charity Networking Day held at The Bookworm. CHP had a table at this event, along with 11 other small NGOs and charities. Three CHP staff members (Chia-Li, Lily, and Carla) spent the morning introducing CHP to other organizations and interested individuals. They had an incredibly interesting morning where they promoted CHP's current projects, including the Cultural Heritage Day events. They signed up 20 new people to our online newsletter, and recruited some new volunteers to take part in

the Cultural Heritage Day events. This NGO day was a beneficial experience for us, as it gives us an opportunity to see what other NGO's are doing, as well as finding new volunteers who are interested in becoming a part of our research projects.

Happy Hour

In May we began holding weekly 'Happy Hour' meetings on Friday afternoons. Happy Hour is an opportunity for our staff team to get together and talk about strategic issues, discuss any ideas or concerns we might have, and brainstorm to work towards solutions.

Our first meeting we discussed 'staff training'- what skills we felt we needed to develop individually and as an organization. At the next Happy Hour meeting we discussed CHP's mission and what we thought our organizational 'vision' should be. This meeting proved to be an excellent topic for discussion, so had another meeting the following week and invited Mr. He to discuss what our individual organizational 'visions' were.

Happy Hour is an excellent opportunity for us to take the time to discuss some of the 'bigger issues' we face as an organization. Stay tuned for further information as we develop our vision for CHP!

Media mobilization

[Archaeological Legacy Institute](#)

[Time to stop building cities without souls](#)

['Untouched'-an artist's talk and film screening](#)

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