



Working with children and people with disabilities in Yunnan

Autumn 2019 News



Working remotely.

Remote working is becoming more and more common - when you work for a company but you don't have to physically be there to do the job. As a family we've been in the UK for the last 3 months. We've also still been working. During that time we've been struck by 2 truths; distance isn't that important anymore, partnerships are.

Working remotely...works. In a globalised, connected world the distance lessens. But this is only true because of the people physically in Yunnan. The same is true for those of you who are part of Sunrise's work and projects. We're so grateful for the work accomplished - usually remotely. As before and for always (because it will never stop being true) thank you for being part of this with us!

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Our primary projects - A brief overview of what Sunrise does:

1. Early Years care room in Kunming Municipal Children's Welfare Institution. Aims to create as family-like an environment for the 15-30 special needs children in our care.
2. Young Adult Care Leavers. Aims to help young people successfully transition into mainstream society and find work and accommodation.
3. Rural 'Left Behind Children's' Community centres. Aim to provide a centre for activities and education for children in remote rural areas who are cared for by grandparents/siblings while their parents are migrant workers in cities.

Did you know? Last month was Mid-Autumn Festival [zhōng qiū jié] - a time for Chinese people to appreciate the full moon and pass on traditional stories to younger generations. The word for round sounds like the word for reunified, so it's an important time for people to come together.



New family, precious keepsakes

Exactly 1 year ago we relaunched the Early Years Room of Kunming Government Orphanage. We were able to restructure the room from rows and rows of cribs to smaller family units. One of the changes we brought in was baby journals and handprint frames marking the little ones' milestone moments. This week another of our little ones went to his forever family with these special treasures.



New partnership opportunities

In 2020, we have the opportunity to start 2 incredible new projects; a summer football training camp and a period poverty scheme in rural areas.

If you're part of a group interested in having an influence in difficult-to-access areas AND making a tangible difference in kids' lives let us know! We're looking for 2 partners to fund the projects and consider sending short term teams to support the projects. [Click here for more info!](#)



McBrides: Personal news and updates

- **Nic** returns to China next week to prepare for some big Sunrise events.
- More changes in China's policies mean **Sarah's** new visa isn't guaranteed but we're going through the process hopeful for a good outcome
- **Ayla and Seren** have had a wonderful summer learning to swim, catching up on English homeschooling and enjoying the UK
- **Hana** has had her first surgery and is about to have her second. She's handled it SO well.
- 1 new foreign family moved to our city last month and have already dived into life there. So grateful for the extra hands!