

### Qinghai Earthquake Relief Report (May 2011)

A 7.1-magnitude earthquake which hit Yushu County in Qinghai Province on 14 April 2010 had caused tens of thousands dead and injured. Thank you very much for your generous support and prayers for the quake victims. Your contribution has enabled CEDAR's partner to purchase and transport relief goods to affected families, elderly, sheep farmers, school and hospital in Long Bao Town, an area located at the epicentre of the quake.

Relief items sent included 128 tents, 300 metal stoves and 31,700kg of tsampa (roasted ground barley flour, the main staple diet of nomadic Tibetans). Over 634 families / groups received tsampa, 300 families / groups received stoves and 128 families / groups received tents.

Our beneficiary families find the stoves very useful for providing good heat for cooking with lesser fuel. Furthermore, the tents are very light and easy to pack. They are very convenient for nomads who need to travel with their animals.



A beneficiary and the metal stove.



This lady has lost her husband and two children in the quake. She is now living with four other children between the ages of 7 and 13 years old. They received food, tent and stove with the support from CEDAR.



Mr G with family members outside their tent. They are very grateful that people far away were willing to help them in the difficult situation.

Almost all buildings in Longbao Town were seriously destroyed in the quake and the local government is responsible to rebuild the town which is estimated to take three years. Please pray for the recovery and rebuilding process. CEDAR is now developing long-term rehabilitation and development activities with another local partner in quake affected area. We will keep you informed once details are finalised.

### **Two Months After Qinghai Earthquake - Walking With the Victims (26 June 2010)**

The 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit Yushu County in Qinghai Province on 14 April, causing tens of thousands of dead and injured. CEDAR's partners have

been serving the Tibetan nomads communities in Qinghai for many years and were able to provide relief immediately after the quake. We have shared below here in past two months how our partners have demonstrated their commitment to walk with quake affected victims:-

- **Medical Camp in Yushu**

Two weeks after the quake hit, one partner setup a medical camp that treated between 120 and 240 patients per day, for a total of more than 1,200 patients. They also established a "Samaritan Fund" so that individual patients needing further care can be assisted if and when they travel to Xining.

- **Caring for Patients in Xining**

In Xining, nearly 300 patients under the care of several provincial hospitals received care packages, with items ranging from toothbrushes to new clothing, with the help of many volunteers in town.

- **Emergency Relief Supplies**

Relief supplies have been purchased and distributed in Yushu, including items such as large tents, beds, cooking utensils, solar powered electric lighting and thermals (clothing). Such household supplies can greatly enhance people's living conditions in the new relocation camps.

- **Water Supply and Purification**

Potable water is a necessary commodity, especially in relocated communities. Assistance was given in the start-up phase for a national project to expand water services in Yushu town, and now additional plans are under review to trial and demonstrate a low-tech (appropriate technology) system developed following the Sichuan earthquake, providing clear drinking water to victims there.

- **Training Workshops about Caring for Traumatized Children**

The workshop was held in June, teaching local medical and counselling workers how to communicate with children---children who are distressed or upset, bereaved children besides providing guidance on different approaches to serve the traumatized people, especially children.

## **CEDAR's Reponse**

Thank you for your prayer and support to victims in Qinghai earthquake. Your donation has been used to support partners to deliver emergency relief supplies to affected families in Yushu. In coming weeks, we are going to support partners to deliver another truck of relief supplies, including tents, beds and stoves for cooking, to help a nomad community with 8,053 population made up of 1,988 families, which have not received any relief assistance after the quake.