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Several stories about how the contributions you sent to China through our Missionary Judith Sutterlin effect the lives of people.

(a) Prior to the provision of free medicines for villagers who could not afford to pay for them, those without the funds to pay for the medicines were afraid to come in to see the doctor. Even though they knew he/she would not charge them for the doctor visit and that he would lend them money for the medicines they needed, they feared they could never pay him/her back, so they often didn't come to the doctor when they should have. However, since we have been helping with these medicines for those in dire need, those who need to see the doctor are not so afraid to come to do so and are now receiving treatments to prevent any worsening of their various medical conditions, be they sort term or long term health problems.

(b) The father of a family in one village is handicapped to the degree that he cannot do much to earn money for the family, so they are extremely poor. Originally, they had two children, but before we began our aid, their first child died of complications of severe dehydration from severe diarrhea because they did not take him to the doctor for fear of not being able to pay a few pennies for medicines. Their second child developed the same kind of severe diarrhea after we had begun helping this village with medicines for the poorest of the villagers. This time they weren't afraid to take him to the doctor. Although the two-year old child's life was in danger, the village doctor was able to re-hydrate him enough to stabilize him and then was able to help transport the child to the county hospital for additional treatment. The child is healthy today and the parents are extremely grateful to us for the medicines we have provided and to their village doctor for the treatment he provided.

(c) A family of 9 in another village was basically on the brink of having to beg for food to feed their family when their one-year-old child developed pneumonia that became so sever that the child was experiencing congestive heart problems. Because of the medicines we have provided, the family did bring the child to the village doctor, who was able to stabilize the child's medical condition and help take him to the county hospital for further diagnoses and treatment.

(d) A 61-year-old blind woman in another village had no means of support because of her handicap and because her son had left the village and had not returned and because her daughter had married and left. Her neighbors often gave her money for food. She also had several health problems, including some heart and lung problems that needed treatment. The village doctor has been able to treat her and to provide her medicines free of charge because of your help and support. In fact she has received 200 *yuan* worth of much needed medication and

(e) In another village, a 76-year-old woman has no immediate family and lives alone. Her nephew brings her water and some other things. However,

when she got pneumonia, which was worsening she decided to go to the village doctor. Although her home was quite far from the clinic because of how scattered this particular village is, she managed to walk to the clinic. She, was, however, too tired to return home and needed more time to recover, so she was the one inpatient at this clinic. She received between 700 and 800 *yuan* worth of medicines.

(f) The mother of a family of four in another village is mentally ill and cannot take care of her family. The two children are 14 and 16 years old. The family is so poor that they cannot pay for medicines when they need them. The village doctor has used medicines that we have provided to treat them when they are ill.

(g) Another village doctor has provided free medicines for three elderly villagers who are each in their 70s. None of them have any income, and none of them any relatives to take care of them. Each of them has heart disease. They are very grateful for the help we have provided so that they can have the medicines they need.

(h) In another village the mother of a family of four has systemic lupus. She has been to many doctors outside the village and the family has spent all that have on her treatment. For ordinary illnesses, the village doctor is now able to provide treatment free for her, her husband and two primary aged children.

(i) The above are just some sample stories of the way in which the White Cross gifts of generosity have touched and made a difference in the health and the lives of many impoverished villagers in the Yuan Zhou District and the Long De County areas of Ningxia Autonomous Region in China.