

Dear Friends,

As CEO of MBL, I would like to thank you sincerely of your support of my Sichuan Earthquake appeal during my service. I was absolutely touched by your generosity and swift response to support Sichuan children. I am also very much indebted to my volunteers who gathered together strongly with me. My memories were filled with all the stories how hard my volunteers were working together for Sichuan Children. Today on this remembering day, I would like to reiterate that my promise to the public to deliver 100% of the donations to Sichuan relief still remains.

As an immediate relief to Sichuan, we have transferred the first 4000 pounds to the Chinese Children and Teenage Fund. They have confirmed that the funds were used to purchase school blackboard, tables and chairs. To follow this up, at a personal level, I funded myself the trip from London to Sichuan last year and also volunteered English teaching in the refugee camp at Pingwu. During that period, I had a chance to gather first hand information of what was needed on the ground. Following up my research and the recommendations by a group of young students in senior middle school, we found out Nanba School which is located at the foot of mountains. At the beginning of the earthquake rescue period, it was marooned by the landslide from four sides, the bridge collapsed and there were no communication with outside world.

Again being guided by the students, we found the headmaster of Naba Centre Primary School where gathered students from different villages from the neighbouring areas. The head teacher was still in grief as he lost both his only daughter and his sister. To be a Chinese man, he tried to hide his pains. He listed key donations that the school has received from donors. We sat down together and identified the gaps for schools that would improve the “software” of the local education system. That would include teachers’ training, widening access opportunities for students and relief for poor students. It was agreed that we would call it “Stepping Out the Mountain Go and See Fund.”

Due to the change of my career path last year when I came back from China, I have submitted this proposal to the MBL trustee board who are taking full responsibility to complete the further transfer to Sichuan.

I would like to report the funding situation to you:

Project: Help Children in Sichuan Earthquake

Part A:

From May 2008 to 12th Feb 2009

1. Just Giving £19,997.13
 2. Cheques and Cash: £6034.26
- Total: **£26,031.39**

Less: Transferred to China Children Teenagers Fund 07.09.08 **£4000**

The final balance that should be transferred to Sichuan is **£22,031.39.**

Part B: Donation from a team effort from Miss Jia Cheng and Mr. Bong Choi, Legal and General (they intend to donate money to a designated school in Sichuan).

10 pound Cash Donations+ 31 Cheques (including CAF bank cheque) total = **£6005.00**

I have outlined the key points of the proposal that was agreed by the MBL trustee board in principle:

Sichuan Earthquake Release

Donor: MBL Solicited Earthquake Fund – Raised by the joint force of Sichuan Earthquake Updates

Beneficiaries: NanBa Primary School (南坝小学), PinWu County (平武县南坝镇中心小学)

Officer: 杜勇 Mr. Yong Du (Du is the family name) President of NanBa Primary School

Receiving Account: C/O NanBa Primary School via PingWu Red Cross Bank Account

Account NO: 51001658636059000035

Bank Name: MianYang Branch, China Construction Bank

Account Holder: PingWu County Red Cross

Date of Release: By 19th Jan 2009 (Before Chinese Lunar New Year)

Funded Item and Activities	Beneficiaries	Unit Price	Amount in RMB	Total in sterling
Winter Clothes 棉衣补助	720	150	108,000	9694
Student Hardship Relieve (to each students for buying study materials) 学生贫困补助	720	100	72,000	6462
Go and See Fund (for both students and teachers attending educational activities, for teaches to develop teaching methodologies by attending training and conference) 走出大山教育基金, 供教师和学生参加教育文化活动的费用, 比方说教师参加教学发培训, 会议等)			75,135	6744
Total			255,135	22900
Ref: Google online currency converter is being used for this calculation. Due to the fluctuation of currency on daily basis, there might be a slight discrepancy against each heading.				
NB: The bank transfer charge should be beard in the pool of the Go and See Fund.				

Monitored by:

PingWu County Red Cross and Physical Education Financial Division of PingWu Educational Bureau.

Due to the delay of official verification and evidence gathering, the item of winter cloths need to be revised and merged into student hardship relieve.

I hope this clarifies the current funding situation. I also believe that the fund will be in the capable hands of MBL trustee board who will deliver along with your love to Sichuan Children on your behalf.

You might be aware that MBL's earthquake 2008 appeal has now closed. Any further donations towards the earthquake should be sent to Red Cross, Save the Children or Care for Children. The 100% donation policy for Sichuan will only apply to the 2008 call during my service. However, if you feel you wish to donate any further money to MBL **in general** please feel free to do soon its justgiving website. www.justgiving.com/mbi

God Bless.

Many thanks, Wendy