

Make Your Own Team

I'm just one person... When your help is added to other's the outcome is great! We have many supporters who sponsor children or give for wherever the needs are most. But another way you might make a difference is to gather a group of at least 8-10 people (depending on the type of work you feel led to be involved in and form your own team.

If you have a group who would like to come you could even just ask for opportunities at the time that works for you! In a nutshell we want to provide you with ***opportunities to Experience Mercy in China.***

One child's story

It's not only officially orphaned children who are in need. We spent time with one young 10 year old girl (not pictured) during her lunch break from school. She is doing well in class and in her sports with a number of awards proudly displayed by her father. There is no mum in the family, it's a very sad tale to bear and one that to most of us won't make any sense.



A man and his wife and two children were travelling to a new area. On the way they came across a newborn baby girl dumped on the side of the road. Just lying there... no possessions... no explanations. Many others saw the child but just ignored her, walked around her, and left her on the roadside. So he scooped her up & brought her with him. But his wife was not happy. They had two children, what on earth was he doing bringing a third into the family...and a dumped girl at that.

More @ www.amccsm.org/aday.html

China's literacy rate for girls is approximately 15% lower than Australia. In the big cities education is often easily available, but what about the majority of children living in very rural environments? Some of them are walking two hours to get to school. It's too far to travel each day so they have to live in and then return home on the weekend to help their parent (often only having one) work their meagre plot of land growing crops for a small income.

It's not unusual for rural families to be earning less than \$AUD100 per month. How can we NOT help these families?

It's not about the statistics & numbers though... ***look in the children's faces... the numbers become alive!***

The needs are huge and we thank our supporters for helping us make a difference.

Support financially

Not everyone is able to come on a team. But many people still wish to help provide care and make a difference in other ways. If you would like to sponsor a child or support our work in China simply complete the form below or visit our web site.



For more information ask the person who gave you this flyer or contact our office

AREA OF MERCY MINISTRY SUPPORT, PLEASE CIRCLE:

Education / \$40 Monthly Sponsorship / Where needed most

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY DATE SIGNED

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Please complete this form and return to the AM-CCSM office

in your country or contact them for other ways to support

financially. Address details are at

<http://www.amccsm.org/contact-us>

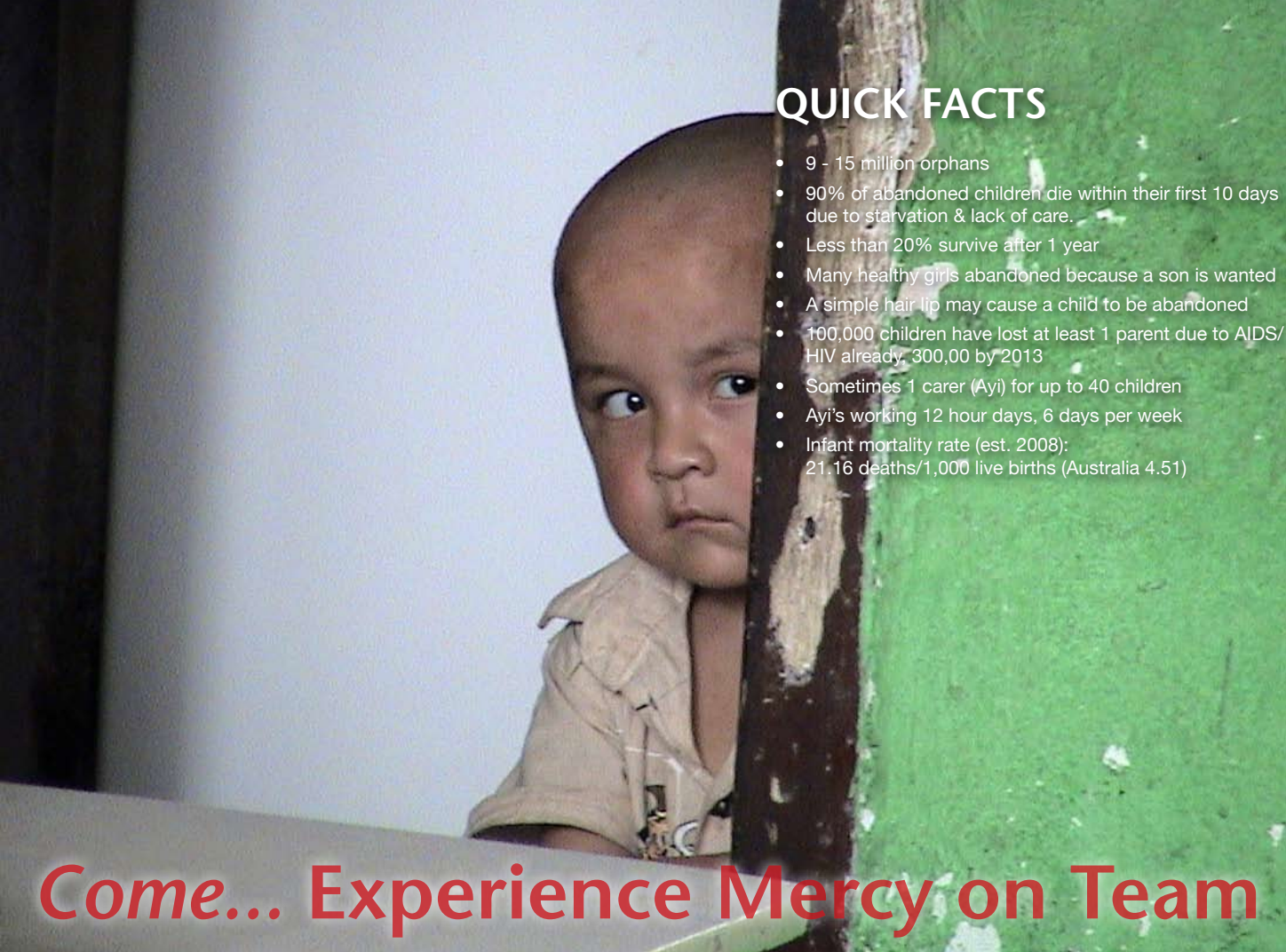


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Experience Mercy Team

Love & compassion in action
for the poor, needy and
orphaned in China



QUICK FACTS

- 9 - 15 million orphans
- 90% of abandoned children die within their first 10 days due to starvation & lack of care.
- Less than 20% survive after 1 year
- Many healthy girls abandoned because a son is wanted
- A simple hair lip may cause a child to be abandoned
- 100,000 children have lost at least 1 parent due to AIDS/ HIV already, 300,00 by 2013
- Sometimes 1 carer (Ayi) for up to 40 children
- Ayi's working 12 hour days, 6 days per week
- Infant mortality rate (est. 2008): 21.16 deaths/1,000 live births (Australia 4.51)

Come... Experience Mercy on Team

Serving the poor, needy & orphaned

A child is born in China every 1.5 seconds. China has been called the world's factory, but its children are hurting.

An **Experience Mercy** team will open your eyes to the many needs faced by the poor, orphaned and their carers in China today. There are opportunities for you to be a part of the solution.

It's not uncommon for children to be abandoned on the street or at the gate of an orphanage. The average orphanage has too many children and not enough carers (Ayi's). Many orphans are healthy little girls who simply weren't wanted. Many have minor disabilities such as a hair lip or cleft pallet.



The conditions they live in are often dismal due to under funding. The government may be trying to bring change but the task is huge. While you've been reading...

30 children have just been born in China

Not Only Orphanages

What do you say to the grandparents caring for their 8-year-old granddaughter whose father died in an accident when she was 1 and whose mother committed suicide shortly afterwards? **She has dreams too...** and your support could help her achieve her dream.

One of our partner projects is with a school in a rural part of China. The children (many of whom live in the school because their homes are so far away) live in very poor conditions. Leaking buildings, no running water in dormitories, no library, little sporting or science equipment. We heated the children's dormitory in time for winter but we're specifically seeking supporters for future stages of this project.

There are children living in "camps" for periods extending from 3 months. They are taught to deal with relationship problems with families and other children, education difficulties and things such as Internet additions.

Impact through Experience Mercy Teams

You can make a difference! Come for about 12 - 14 days and experience reality for these children and their families. If you're open to feel what these children feel, you won't go home the same person. Travel to a selection of our projects and see, experience and contribute to making a difference in these lives.

- Share your love in an orphanage or school and let these children know they are loved and special
- Specialists can use their skills... tradespeople...therapists... special ed. teachers... speech pathologists... etc
- Just speaking English with children in the camps
- Spend time with our physically & intellectually challenged children in our training centre
- You might visit a family living in a very rural location
- Support our in China workers as they serve

Passion...

We believe our role is to put love and compassion into action as we care for the poor, needy and orphaned, where we stand out as a light shedding love over their plight. God calls us to defend the weak and the fatherless; and to maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

Under 5 year old mortality rate
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