



VOLUNTEER

at Bring Me Hope Camp





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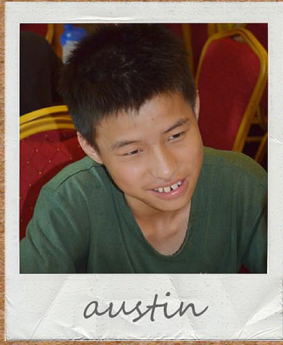
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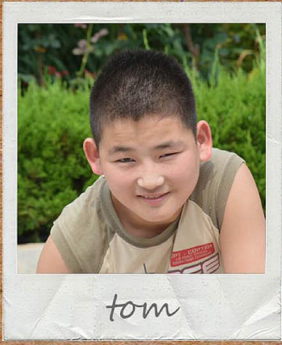
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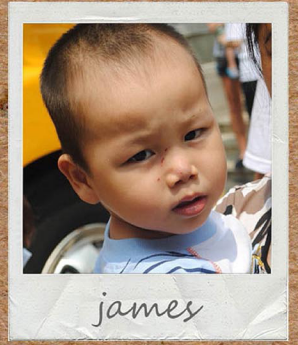
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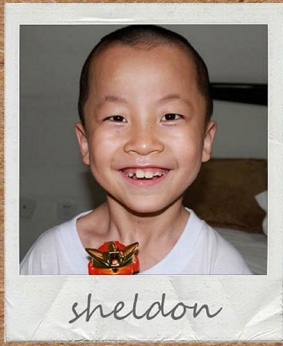
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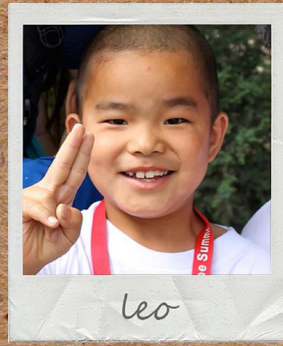
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Bring Me Hope is ministry that reaches out to Chinese orphans. Each summer we send volunteers like you, to become a family to an orphan for a week. You are paired with a translator and both you and your child become part of summer camp. Your entire week is spent loving on your child and showing them that they are special and valued. Many of our kids have special needs and have not experienced life outside the orphanage, so this experience is life changing for a child, translator and YOU, the volunteer!

A WEEK AT CAMP...

Day 1

The kids are coming! This is one of the most exciting parts of camp. Seeing the little faces peering out of the bus as they pull up to your camp location. One by one these kids, both excited and nervous, exit the vehicle and are paired with you. Their little hands slide into yours and you make your way back to your lodging and prepare for the rest of the week.



Days 2-4

Congratulations, you and your translator are now proud parents for the week with your amazing and beautiful child. Your responsibilities will consist of making sure they are bathed, dressed, fed and physically taken care of throughout the day...this of course includes a bedtime story and tucking them in.

Throughout the day you and your camp group will take your children out to experience firsts. These include swimming, eating ice cream, learning songs, coloring, crafting, playing games and of course your nightly dance parties. While this is fun and an incredible experience, it's the in between moments that change lives...the times of comforting your child when they are sad, the times of carrying them around when they are too tired to walk and moments of just listening and loving them in the midst of the days events. This is what brings healing and shows your child what it means to be loved and valued.



Day 5

This is by far one of the hardest days emotionally. It's when you have to let go and know your child has to leave and return to the orphanage. It's the day when you read aloud the letters you write each other...it's your last hugs...it's the last moment you get to say to them "Wo Ai Ni," I love you and will never forget you. Their belongings are packed up, tears are shed and you watch YOUR child drive away. You are now left with memories and a passion to do something about this. Your job is just starting...and you are responsible to make that child's voice heard.





YOUR JOB AFTER CAMP...

Most overseas volunteer opportunities end when you fly home, leaving you with memories, pictures and a life changed. But with Bring Me Hope, your job is just beginning. While loving your child from camp may be the highlight of their life, your job is now to advocate for their needs and find them a family. When you return home you will have required homework consisting of writing a paper about your child & providing different forms of media (pictures/video) for a their own special page on our sister site "Defend" (defendfoundation.org). You will also be provided with tools on various ways to get people talking about your child and potentially find their forever family. This is one of our favorite and most effective parts of Bring Me Hope.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

We hold summer camps in several locations across China. At each location, our camps consist of four 1-week camp sessions. Volunteers choose which weeks they can come to camp.

Camp Dates & Locations:

Week 1: July 7th – 11th
Week 2: July 14th – 18th
Week 3: July 21st – 25th
Week 4: July 28th – August 1st

Chongqing, China
Nanchang, China
Taiyuan, China
Yantai, China
Zhengzhou, China

Camp Fee:

\$750 for one week or \$1,100 for two weeks
\$1,300 for three week or \$1,500 for four weeks

Your camp fee includes lodging, food, camp activities and transportation during camp dates. Your plane ticket, weekend activities and spending money are not included.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due with your application.

The camp fee balance is due June 1st, 2014

Deadlines:

Application & camp fee are due June 1st, 2014

Reference forms are due 4 weeks after the application is turned in.

Volunteer Specifications:

Volunteers must be 18 years or older, or accompanied by a gaurdian 25 years or older. Please email for exceptions.

Questions?

Contact our volunteer coordinator, Regina Blankenship, at regina@bringmehope.org
or call our office (760) 723-5885