



anywhere you go. There were so much road construction everywhere, employing hundreds of workers. It is not hard to see that even as remote as Malipo, China is boosting up its internal infrastructure. But right now it is causing a lot of travel delays.

- Our group (CRRS) was honored in a dedication ceremony of a new building funded by CRRS. The new structure housed more classrooms and dormitories so more students could be enrolled. From the joyful expression shared by the children and teachers alike, we all felt mighty good to be part of the team. Thanks to the generous donors of CRRS!

- The visits to the homes of the two students whom CRRS supported financially were tedious for me since struck by stroke seven years ago. I remembered having to take a long hike on a hilly, irregular-sized pebble road to get there. I was exhausted on arrival even with a lot of help from my friends. We were warmly welcomed with tea and a variety of colorful food dishes. The home was a dim-lighted small space with four blacken walls tainted by year-long smoke from the



wood burning fire stove, a center piece of the house. Basically the whole family cook, eat, and sleep in the same tiny space. These m i n o r i t y

farmers are among the poorest in China, making only about 1,200 Yuan a year on average. Dr. Ho, our group leader, handed to the family's Dad an envelope with money as a token to express our compassion. I was surprised to see a local official, dipped into his pocket and offered some money as well. The move

showed me the official is compassionate too. It is nice to learn that they do have running water supply to a central faucet at this village. Electricity is available to supply enough juice to turn on a light bulb for each household.

- During the meetings with the senior high school students whom CRRS supported in Malipo, the students stood up one by one telling us their progress and expressing appreciation for the educational opportunity we had provided them. We offered them words of encouragement and plenty of loving care. These kids truly felt our love for them and many were emotionally outburst with tears in plain view of everyone. I was wondering: a group of Christians from a world apart, showing compassionate care and unconditional support to a bunch of economic-deprived kids can indeed send everyone there, including teachers and officials, a very strong message that there were love and compassion in our faith.

- In review, the trip to Yunnan turned out a lot better than I had anticipated. The hotel accommodation was not bad at all, considering it is in the most remote and rural region of the Country. We had three meals a day and always joined in with the group of officials that accompanied us. The food was good, in terms of both quality and quantity. The dishes were mainly composed of local ingredients, a lot of vegetables. I was amazed by the variety of dishes presented to us despite of limited resources.

What I saw, felt, and encountered in Malipo strengthens my understanding of the Vision and ongoing Missions of CRRS. The founders of CRRS had learned that just giving money to the indigence is not the solution to get rid of poverty in China. Giving the desperate kid compassionate care as well as the opportunity to be educated are keys to get out of poverty and becoming a caring and compassionate citizen. With limited resources, CRRS needs a lot of devoted volunteers and financial supports to carry on its missions. The ultimate goal of a cultural regeneration in China can only be achieved when we all believe that is the right thing to do for His glory. I strongly encourage every Christian and non-Christian to participate in the mission with CRRS. My recommendation is to start off by joining the annual CRRS Exploration Tour to see CRRS in action on the frontline. The children are waiting to see you!