

Chungba High School Campaign 2013



Support a Tibetan High School Student!

In Litang County today, with a population of about 50,000 Tibetans, there is still no high school. The Tibetan students graduating from the Chungba Middle School have no other options to continue their education locally. A high school education is vital for their future. Join us today in supporting the next vital step for these determined rural students to attend high school!

The Chungba Story

Chungba Primary School: Breaking Stereotypes

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The Chungba story began with the breakthrough success of the first class of the Chungba Primary School (CPS). The CPS is located in Litang county, on the eastern edge of the Tibetan plateau, in Sichuan. Despite being the first generation in this rural mountain community to attend a truly functional school, this first class of students quickly broke many stereotypes about the potential of rural Tibetan children.

In their first year, they placed first in the county-wide Tibetan language standardized exams. The first grade 6 graduates placed first again not only in Tibetan language but also in Chinese language tests. Eleven years later, the Chungba Primary School has become a model for rural mother-tongue based bilingual education in Ganzi Tibetan Prefecture, a region of nearly a million Tibetans.

Chungba Middle School: Advancing Tibetan Language Education



When Machik opened the Chungba Middle School (CMS) in 2008, it became the first **rural middle school** in Litang County. Today, it is one of only six middle schools in all of Ganzi Prefecture with **Tibetan language instruction** in all subjects, including maths and sciences, except Chinese and English language classes. The CMS is a top-performing bilingual school for Tibetans that has also become a regional model.

High School Education: Key to a New Life

We firmly believe education is a fundamental means to empowerment, and especially so for girls and women. Thus, we support secondary education in Tibet. As there is still no high school in Litang County, Chungba students who wish to continue their education have no choice but to study in other high schools in other counties. However, it is very costly for most local families who are farmers and herders with limited disposable income. Machik is able to support these determined students' further education.



“*When we visited Chungba, we found the CMS graduates quietly anxious. A few had written down their thoughts in long letters and silently pressed them into our hands. We told them that we'd do everything possible for them to go to high school. We told them many people faraway cared about their education — because every human being deserves an education, and also because the Chungba experience is teaching an important lesson about the prejudices that affect how we see things—and how we might learn to see better.*”

- Dr. Tashi Rabgey, Machik Co-Founder

Change the Life of a Rural Tibetan Student. Donate Today.



Above: Chungba Middle School students who entered high school in autumn 2012.

For over ten years, the Chungba students have consistently proven themselves to be eager and excellent students who also value community service. Since the start, Machik's approach has ensured that the majority of the students are girls. Together with the local community with a long-term vision, we are fundamentally changing the lives of these students and their families by

supporting their high school education. Like parents everywhere, they wish only for a better future for their children. For over a decade, we have come to know these students as committed young people who will continue to work hard so that they change the face of education for rural Tibetans.

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