



Amici di Qinghai & Swiss Friends

Beijing-Minusio, in early January 2012

Activities report 2011

Dear donors

Erwin made 8 visits to Qinghai in 2011 (March 22-25, April 4-6, June 1-4, July 17-21, Oct 5-10 and 24-27, Oct 30-Nov 4, Nov 29-Dec 3), twice together with Yolanda, and always accompanied by his loyal butler Xiao Song. Furthermore, Mr. Max Vögtli spent three weeks in Qinghai to assess earlier built schools. The purpose of all these visits was, similarly to earlier years:

1. To agree on the final acceptance of projects built in 2010

Jianglong (formal opening by the donor), Duoning (formal opening by the associates of Buhler-China), Gawuang (formal opening by the CEO of Buhler-Uzwil), Nuoriguo (formal opening by the donor), Lanxiangyang (formal opening of the canteen).

2. To inspect schools under construction and accept the buildings

Guanxiu, Guomari, Yalang, Nubu and Huanquhu were all built in decent quality and ready for the start of the school year 2011-12 in September. They were duly inaugurated, some in the presence of the donors. One school, Kanze, will be completed in 2012 only, due to adverse weather conditions.

3. To discuss possible projects for 2012

Three new school projects and the modernization of the computer equipments at Nisantang were selected and approved by the board of directors of the foundation* in December.

* Avv. Eros Bergonzoli, Mrs. Isabelle Fumagalli, Mr. Claudio Metzger, Yolanda and Erwin Schurtenberger

4. To assess the status of earlier built schools.

A Chinese speaking Swiss student, Mr. Max Vögtli, has investigated as a volunteer 22 earlier built schools, together with Xiao Song in September, and proposed repair works. Moreover, he inaugurated the school at Shenaihe sponsored by his parents.

5. The discussions with the SIKA Group, were successful. The company has made the roofing of three new schools (Guomari, Nubu, Yalang) with their high-tech material, free of charge.

Updates on all the above projects have been put on the website, under a new outlook. Please visit: www.schurtenberger.biz/swiss/ Then click on the sub-chapter concerned.

The accounts and reporting of the foundation for 2010, established by the audit expert, Mr. Cristiano Botta in Lugano, were approved by the competent authorities in Berne (EDI) on November 14, 2011. The company's identification number of Switzerland-based companies (UID) remains unchanged CHE-113.998.792. The foundation continues to enjoy tax exemption.

May we reiterate that all that has been achieved in the last twelve months is the result of the many generous donors who supported the foundation's activities again, be it as a main or single donor for a specific project, be it by offering donations into the general accounts with small or big amounts. We would like, therefore, once again to express our warmest thanks to all of you for your continued support of the *Amici di Qinghai* or the *Swiss Friends of Qinghai*, and to confirm that all donations have been fully spent on the projects without any deduction for administration or the like. We also would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Erwin's colleagues at Swisstec who continued throughout the year to support the many school projects by valuable back office jobs such as controlling budgets and construction plans, or organizing the many trips, et al.

May 2012 bring to you all fortunes of this world in completeness,
above all a very generous portion of personal happiness !

Yours truly
Yolanda & Erwin



Acceptance of constructions completed in 2011, but started in 2010 already

After due controls, the *Amici di Qinghai* and the Education Bureau jointly agreed to issue the final acceptance certificate for the projects that were started in 2010, but inaugurated in 2011 only.

Jianglong Guido Cherubini Building

Formal opening by the donor
on June 2, 2011



Duoning Buhler-China School

Formal opening by the associates
of Buhler-China on June 3, 2011



Lanxiangyang Amici di Qinghai Canteen

Financed by the *Swiss Friends of Qinghai*
Formal opening on July 17, 2011



Gawang Buhler-Uzwil School

Formal opening by Mr. Grieder, CEO of
Buhler-Uzwil on July 18, 2011, morning



Nuoriguo Michelle & Linda Grieder School

Formal opening by the donor family on
July 18, 2011, afternoon



Inspecting and accepting constructions completed in 2011

Six primary schools were completed in the calendar year 2011. All buildings were accepted as being in line with provincial quality and safety standards (earthquake-safe of up to 7.5 on the Richter scale).

Guanxiu School

*Swiss Table Shanghai &
Hanna Anderson-Kaufmann*
Inaugurated on October 5, 2011
by Erwin on behalf of the donors.



Guomari School

*Built in memory of late
Mr. Laurent Schmidt*
Inaugurated on October 30, 2011,
by Erwin on behalf of the donor family.



Yalang School

Sponsored by the friends of late
Paul Calello of Credit Suisse
Inaugurated on October 26, 2011,
by Mr. Tom Grimmer and the SFQ.



Nubu Ceresio School

Sponsored by the *Banca del Ceresio* and inaugurated on October 30, 2011, by the family of Mr. Federico Foglia.



Huanhuqu Dr. Jiang Qiqi School

Built in memory of late Mrs. Zhang Yuwen & Mr. Jiang Lanchang, inaugurated on November 30, 2011 by Erwin on behalf of the donor, Dr. Jiang Qiqi.



Shenaihe Friendship School

Sponsored by the family of Dieter Vögtli and built in 2010, inaugurated by Max Vögtli on September 17, 2011.



Kanze von Solarsky School

Sponsored by the family of Mrs. Astrid von Solarsky and the *Amici di Qinghai*, and to be completed in Spring 2012.



To control school repair works or extensions, done in 2011

Gerongte Adrien School

The earlier paint has been replaced by solid tiles, and modern double glass windows have been installed, all fully financed by the sponsor of the Adrien School.

A number of small scale renovation projects has also been decided and financed by individual sponsors (Jiawugang, Nandang).



Xiabrang Primary School

Construction of a building for computer instruction and computer equipment, fully financed by the *Swissair Children Fund*, and administered by Mrs. Anne-Marie Schmid.



Zhawo Kindergarten

Renovation of two classrooms and transformation into a kindergarten, including equipment, fully financed by the *Swissair Children Fund*, and administered by Mrs. Anne-Marie Schmid.



To discuss renovation projects for 2012

Upgrandig of the computer equipment at Nisantang was approved by the Board and will be financed from the general funds of the Foundation.

A scholarship program for the students of the Quma primary school will be started in August 2012 for an initial duration of 5 years. It will be fully financed by the family Ronner, sponsor of the said school, but administered by the Foundation.

School projects submitted to the board for 2012

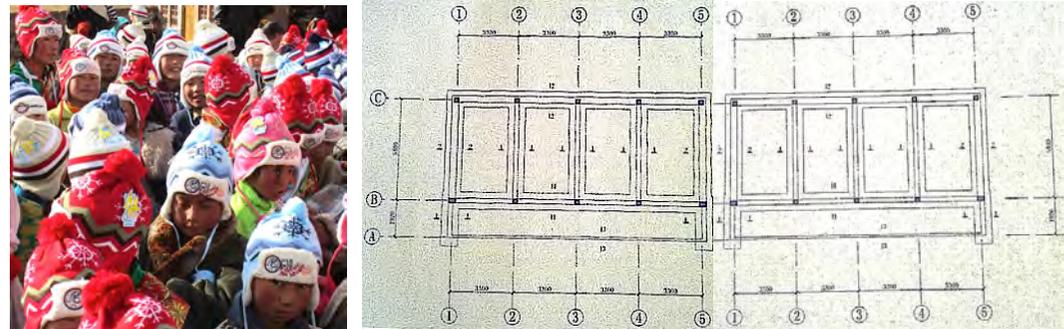
Sicun (Tongren)

The budget was thoroughly discussed by the Swiss Friends and approved by the board, and will be financed by one two sponsors.



Huanquhu (Tongren)

Dormitory for those nomad students who live more than 10 km away from the school. This meaningful extension project will be financed by Yolanda in memory of her aunt Rita.



Moving nomad school (Zeku)

This meaningful pilot scheme for nomad children in very sparsely populated highland areas was proposed by a few nomad parents, then discussed by Erwin, assessed Mr. Max Vögtli, and finally approved by the Foundation's board of directors. It will be repeated, if successful, in more highland areas of Zeku.



