

ELA Healthcare Update

Mu Jia He



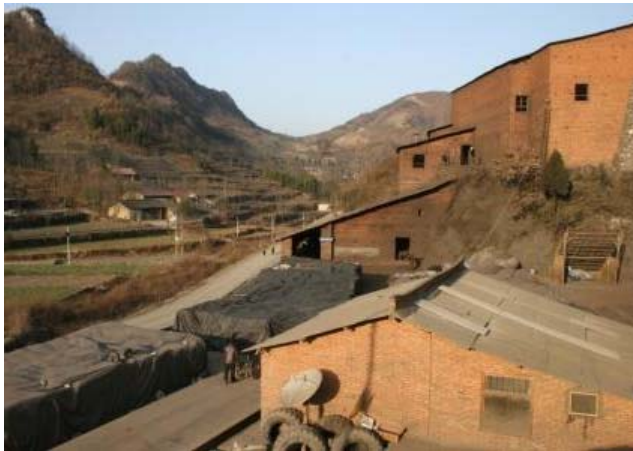
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Tucked away in the southern Qingling Mountains of Shaanxi Province, 535 kilometers from the provincial capital of Xi'an, there is a village of 180 families called Mu Jia He.

Mu Jia He is one of the poorest villages in Lueyang County. An average individual makes only 2000 RMB a year – roughly, 180 British pounds, 300 US dollars, or 440 Australian dollars.

Mu Jia He was located only 200 kilometers from the epicenter of the earthquake that devastated Sichuan Province in 2008. 75% of the structures in the village collapsed.



Medical care is one
of the most pressing
needs in Mu Jia He.



There are people in this village who may never have seen a doctor.

To have their children vaccinated, villagers go to the county hospital, more than an hour away by bus on a long, winding mountain road.

The only pharmacy, located within a minute village clinic staffed by one young doctor, is a disarray of expired Western tablets and unlabeled Chinese herbs and medicinal products.

In December, we were introduced to an official who expressed an interest in having ELA Healthcare partner with the government to improve the level of healthcare in Mu Jia He.

In early February, he led a team from ELA Healthcare to village to further characterize the medical needs of its residents and to provide a free clinic.

Here are some snapshots of our trip, life in Mu Jia He, and our hopes and thoughts for the future.



Facilities

A newly-constructed clinic built with the funds donated by another organization.



The pharmacy at Mu Jia He.



A Rare Chance to See a Doctor



Patients waiting for a consultation at the free clinic.

This ten year old girl has suffered from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis for years. She and her mother, anxious to obtain treatment, waited for hours for a consultation.



Free Clinic



The medical team had the opportunity to serve many patients through the free clinic.

Building the Foundation

ELA Healthcare met with a number of individuals interested in improving the health of Mu Jia He's residents. Please lift us up as we seek to forge a meaningful and useful partnership with these leaders.





There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us..." Ps 4:6

Please remember us as we consider how to bring light to the
community of Mu Jia He through our medical work.

