## **A Special Summer**

My parents and I joined a charity programme in Yunnan last summer. We stayed at a village school from 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August.

The school had a poor learning environment. The school was made of wood. It was broken. There were not enough facilities. There were not enough desks and chairs so some of the students needed to sit on the floor. Two students shared one book.

Before the trip we had collected some old books and old toys for the children in Yunnan. After we had cleaned and disinfected the books and toys, we gave them to the students. The volunteers helped with teaching the students, cleaning the classrooms and repairing the facilities. My parents and I chose to teach the students English and crafts. We taught them to make chain bracelets.

The Yunnan students felt happy when they received the gifts. I felt very happy about being a volunteer. I want to join the programme again next year. It is a meaningful programme.