The Amity Foundation will bring back its tradition of publishing a regular electronic newsletter. This newsletter informs about Amity's work, provides a more diverse picture of China and presents developments in China. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the Amity Foundation.

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This edition of the newsletter is focusing on Amity's disaster relief efforts in Ludian, Yunnan. On 3rd August, 2014, an earthquake of 6.5 magnitude on the Richter scale struck Yunnan Province, Southwest China. On the same day Amity staff rushed towards the seismic area and initiated a large-scale disaster relief project. The latest updates, photos and background information in the form of two interviews and a report about a participating volunteer can be found in this newsletter.

**Features**

**Survey & Research**  - Interview with Li Juan -
Li Juan, a member of Amity's Earthquake Relief Team, gives an interview about her experiences during the emergency relief work in Ludian, Yunnan. She talks about the necessities of continuously doing surveys and researching during the disaster relief operation. As the situation on-site is also rapidly changing locally and temporarily, the survey&research approach is essential to serving the actual needs of the affected people.

**My Countrymen need me**  - Report about a volunteer -
This story is about Guo Taiqian, a local young man from a Ludian township that was severely devastated by the earthquake. When the disaster occurred he rushed immediately from Kunming, the capital of Yunnan where he was working, to his hometown. Having found his home destroyed and his family living in an emergency shelter, he and his friends joined in Amity's disaster relief operation. They are volunteering and experiencing the spirits of charity and responsibility.

**To pass on the spirit of philanthropy in the seismic area**  - Interview with He Wen -
He Wen, director of the Project and Development Department and leader of Amity's rescue operation in Ludian, is talking about the characteristics of this disaster. He also tells us more about Amity's approaches to help the affected people in a holistic and sustainable way and about being in consistency with ethical and international standards. Having provided disaster relief for 25 years, Amity can draw on abundant experiences of carrying out disaster relief in China.

**Amity News**

- **Ludian Earthquake**  - Amity's disaster relief project
- **Chinese church seeks to establish a Chinese Theology**
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