



# Mission Matters

## Pearl S. Buck's Legacy in China

Despite the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Pearl S. Buck Research Association in Zhenjiang continued its work to promote Pearl Buck's legacy and brand. To that end, Lu Zhangping, President of the Research Association, attended the 2020 Zhenjiang Foreign Publicity Work Conference and participated in a forum organized by Zhenjiang Social Science Association, focusing on building Pearl S. Buck Cultural Street, and developing Pearl S. Buck cultural tourism. The Pearl S. Buck Culture Street will help better tell the story of Pearl S. Buck in Zhenjiang by integrating cultural and tourism elements such as relics and scenic spots related to Pearl Buck's life there. The Pearl S. Buck Culture and Art School and the Pearl S. Buck Art Troupe were also established. On June 26, a cultural event was held in Pearl S. Buck Cultural Park to commemorate the 128th anniversary of Buck's birth.

The Pearl S. Buck Research Association also continued its key mission of promoting Pearl Buck research. It successfully held its annual conference



and academic seminar in January 2020. Awards were given to 11 Pearl Buck research projects. In addition, the first summer study camp for young scholars of Pearl S. Buck was held featuring an editorial exchange and online activities with famous Chinese researchers. The camp attracted 80 teachers and graduate campers from 13 universities. More than 150 people at home and abroad studied and interacted online every day.

The Pearl S. Buck Research Association continues to be devoted to providing charity assistance. Some members and volunteers of the Association regularly go to nursing homes and centers for the disabled to provide companionship, psychological comfort and material help to vulnerable groups. They provide disabled students with tea art and Camellia training and help them learn life skills.

Even though the pandemic forced the school to teach classes remotely, the Chongshi Girls School students still had a good year. The girls studied hard and adapted well to the online

classroom. To help alleviate some stress the school encouraged the girls to read more books, especially books by Pearl S. Buck and books about strong women in history.

The school focused on the physical health of the students by encouraging each girl to participate in sports activities such as yoga, floor hockey, and kick boxing. Emotional health was also a priority for the students, especially during these trying times of living through a global pandemic virus.

Chongshi Girls' School participates in an exchange program that enriches the student's lives by broadening their minds and helping them develop better communication and language skills. The girls have visited the United States, Spain, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

Thank you to all the child sponsors and program donors who support Pearl S. Buck International's work in China, Pearl Buck's second home. Thanks to your generosity, her legacy there will continue for years to come.



# Sponsor a Child in Kenya



During her lifetime, Pearl Buck advocated and took action to help impoverished and marginalized children in need both abroad and at home, and Pearl S. Buck International continues that outreach through its work and mission in countries throughout Asia. In keeping with this longstanding cross-cultural and humanitarian legacy that all children deserve an education, food security, and a chance at building a better life, Pearl S. Buck International is thrilled to announce it has expanded its International Programs operation to include child sponsorship in Kenya.

The children in the Kenya child sponsorship program live in Ogada Children's Home just outside the city of Kisumu. The children living in the home come from surrounding rural villages because either they no longer have an adult to care for them or because they are homeless. The home is clean and accommodating and the children are well cared for and go to school.

This addition to the International Programs child sponsorship is made possible through partnership with two Montgomery County-based mission-oriented entities—the

non-profit charity Chariots for Hope, which works in Kenya, and Bethlehem Baptist Church in Spring House, whose senior pastor, the Reverend Charles W. Quann, is a Pearl S. Buck International Board member—the church has been the main sponsor of children and funder of projects at Ogada Children's Home the past few years.

By sponsoring a child in Kenya, you will provide the same support given to the children in our other country programs—nutritious meals and food security, a clean and safe place to live, and the ability to stay in school and complete their educations.

Children in Kenya start nursery school at the age of 3 or 4 and continue up to 8th grade. Many children score high enough on placement exams to continue on to secondary school.

For those kids who go to and complete high school, college or trade school are also options.

More information is available in the Kenya child sponsorship booklet on the Pearl S. Buck International website. You can also see on the website some of the children from Ogada Children's Home hoping to be sponsored. Both can be found at <https://pearlsbuck.org/sponsor-a-child/>. Your generosity and support has already changed the lives of children around the world. With your help, Pearl S. Buck International will be able to bring that same hope and help to more children than ever before. 