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Hello Friends!

Here at the Children's Medical Foundation, we've ushered in the year of the Rabbit with tons of activity, and are looking forward to sharing with you another year of progress and growth!

CMF is embarking on an ambitious 5-year plan that will see us open an additional 10 Neonatal Care Units (NCUs) and bring our Comprehensive Neonatal Health Project to 13 different sites in 3 different provinces in Western China. This year, we will be expanding our Comprehensive Neonatal Health Project to 2 additional sites in Western China, as well as initiating the set up of an additional 2 NCUs in Guizhou Province.

It is because of your generous support that we've been able to help save the lives of thousands of babies in China – and with our pilot project expansion set for 2011, we [need your support](#) more than ever. Your donation will help us provide training, equipment and set up programs that will improve the quality of healthcare available to newborn babies in rural China. It will also help us improve access to this care for those cannot afford it.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the latest update on CMF's work and look forward to a busy year ahead!

Happy reading!

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## Locks of Love with Lots of Love

It is a tradition in some parts of China to cut the hair of a newborn baby once it has reached one month old. In China, hundreds of thousands of newborn babies every year cannot live this tradition because they do not survive the 1st month of their lives. Many of these deaths are preventable. On Sunday, March 13th, a team of brave volunteers in Hong Kong will be cutting their hair in solidarity with children.



Part fundraiser, part performance art, Locks of Love with Lots of Love will see volunteers cut off 10 inches of their hair, or shave their heads while raising money for the Children's Medical Foundation and raising hair for Locks of Love, a US based organization that creates wigs for children suffering from diseases that cause hair loss. Participants will be participating in a photo shoot which will showcase the generosity and emotion involved in this act. An afternoon tea reception will take place at 3pm for volunteers, sponsors and donors. For more information, to donate or to post messages of support to our volunteers, please visit the event website: [www.locksoflovewithlotsoflove.com](http://www.locksoflovewithlotsoflove.com)

You can [hear](#) us talk about the event on RTHK3's Naked Lunch with Sarah Passmore.

We are grateful for the generous support of the main organizer, Maria Fan as well as volunteer, Phillip Forsyth, and our sponsors, ii Hair and Nail, Paul Gerrard and Little Sheep.

## Building Capacity in Guizhou Province



The last weekend of February saw our partner NCU hospitals in Guizhou Province host their 3rd session of training in neonatal resuscitation and emergency care. Here are some photos and stories from the training weekend.

The Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Hangtian Hospital told CMF that she was excited for this great training opportunity. When she received the invitation for the training session from Zunyi Hospital, she did not believe that training would ever be offered without any cost to her hospital, so called her friend at Zunyi hospital to confirm. In addition, she told us that the hands on component of the training was a great surprise to her and was appreciative of the opportunity to practice with teacher supervision. This has made her much more confident that she could apply what she learned from the training, and if she has any problems, she now has a healthcare professional she can contact for guidance. She was very thankful to CMF.



An Obstetrics and Gynaecology doctor from a township level hospital told CMF that this was the first time she had ever received training in neonatal resuscitation and emergency care. In the past, if there were any complications during the birth of the child, the hospital would send the family to another hospital or have to call in a pediatric doctor to provide emergency care. With this training, she feels she will be able to save precious time in an emergency situation and improve the quality of care for the newborn babies. She was very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the training session.

## New Year, New Offices!



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