

## Update on Wangdrak Rinpoche's Yushu Earthquake Orphans



▶ Rinpoche with 'Anyuk Chunga', the youngest among the 27 orphans under Wangdrak Rinpoche's care. The mother died while holding this child in her arms and the father also died when their house collapsed.



◀ Rinpoche passing clothes out to the orphans and their extended family.

▶ Some orphans in front of the government tents that they are temporarily staying in.



◀ All that remains of these children's home is this stove which they are now using to boil water on for food.



▶ Standing in front of what used to be their home. Some of these kids were outdoors, on their way to school when the earthquake struck. The smallest one in the foreground survived when her grandmother brought her to the outhouse while her parents died.



All of these 27 orphans (most of whom are between the ages of 6 and 13) who lost both their parents are now all living in smaller separate groups, overseen by a trustworthy member of their extended family. Now Rinpoche is using your donations for their emergency basic needs.

At present they are still living in government tents. Rinpoche is committed to overseeing that each of these children will eventually be settled into homes and be given a solid foundation of education. After they are educated, some of these children may want to become monks or nuns. All of this is possible due to your kind support. We will continue to update you with photos and plans as their future unfolds.