

## **Ms. Monita Mo Sponsored Programs**

### **“Training for Village Doctors in Sichuan Disaster Area”**

In order to improve medical treatment for the Sichuan disaster area and to strengthen village doctors' diagnostic and treatment abilities, the Practical Skills Training Center for Rural Women organized several training courses for village doctors in Sichuan disaster area. The training was aimed to help the doctors in disaster areas or depressed areas and focus on courses such as health history documentation, general medical education, contagious diseases control and prevention, nursing for elders etc. Each program lasted for a week and taught by qualified professionals. Ms. Monita Mo sponsored two sessions of training once she heard of this program.

The first session of training was held from Aug 26<sup>th</sup> to Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mei Shan city of Sichuan province. More than 40 village doctors from Hong Ya county attended the training. Contents of training course included management and development of healthcare in rural communities, health education, health care for women, therapy and prevention of endemic disease, nursing service for elders, contagious diseases control and prevention, as well as mediation of family and marital relationship.

Ms. Mo went to Sichuan on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She visited the training classes and interacted with attendees warmly. When the training was over, Ms. Mo went to see 7 healthcare stations in Hong Ya county. She was surprised to see the development of these stations: “China has done a marvelous job in providing basic healthcare to rural inhabitants. I am amazed to see these service stations in such a remote area and these village doctors are filled with passion, love and dedication to their work. This is impossible in America. It is very convenient for people to see the doctors. I would love to visit again.” Attendees were affected by her words and expressed that they will try their best to improve the treatment techniques and medical knowledge to safeguard the health of farmers and this is their way of repaying sponsors for their generosity.

After returning to Beijing, Ms. Mo carried out a lot of promotion work for this activity. She tries to recruit sponsors for this training program so that it will help many more village doctors and healthcare practitioners in rural area.



Picture of Monita (at center of the first row) and village doctors from Hong Ya County.