Spring is about to get started.. So it is time for the 1st quarterly newsletter of 2017. Gyendsen, Nyima, Adrun and Mike have shared an overview of the highlights of the past quarter at the Braille Without Borders projects in Lhasa and Shigatse.

Lhasa

Nyima and Yudun became parents for the second time
On January 22nd Yudun has delivered a baby boy with the name Tenzin Wangdu. Yudun is Nyima’s wife and both are former students of BWB preparatory school. Nyima leads the school and Yudun is taking care of both of their children. The BWB team congratulates both with the birth of their baby.

Students winter vacation:
During January and February the students returned home to celebrate the Tibetan new year which is called ‘Losar’ with their families. The school has officially started again in March and we always look forward to hearing the stories of the students. Every student has its own activities in their hometown. Some of the parents came to Lhasa to bring the students back to school and they told us that they are very happy because their child is much more active in daily life and more confident than before. Dorjie Tsering is a blind student from Gansu province. His parents are divorced and he went to meet his father and his step mother. He shared the following, “My step mother always treated me badly and discriminates me for my blindness, also my stepbrother excluded me from the family.” A few days before the New Year, Dorjie saw that his step brother was struggling with his English homework and none of them in his home could solve the problem. When Dorjie discovered that this was something he already learned at BWB, he took the initiative to assist his step-brother. He was very shocked and also impressed with Dorjie. Since then the step-mother and step-brother asked more questions to Dorjie. Dorjie assisted him not only with English, also with Chinese and mathematics. The blind student which they used to discriminate was the only one to solve the problem. Dorjie reads Braille in the dark, he also speak good English to the foreigners. This has brought new impact in his village and the circles of his step mother. Dorjie proudly shared the news in detail and said “I am very happy! Now I am not being discriminated at home and in my village anymore.”

Medication for Tsering Dondup
Tsering Dondup has done first surgery for his foot in September 2016 and had a follow up check in January 2017 in Chengdu. The doctor suggested doing the second surgery in March and now we have managed to send him to Chengdu. The cost of his medication is donated by a Tibetan lady this time. Volunteer Jampa accompanied Tsering from beginning till now. We sincerely thank Jampa and all other
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