

## Tzu Chi Holds Winter Distributions in China

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Since mid-December, the foundation has begun its annual winter distributions in China. This year they will be held in 30 counties in 13 provinces and autonomous regions, benefiting a total of 173,000 people.

The areas are Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Hubei, Anhui, Hebei and Hainan provinces. This is the first time that Tzu Chi has held distributions in Shanghai and Guangxi. They will help 173,000 people, including low-income families, the disabled and elderly people living alone.

In addition, they will include Tzu Chi's aid and long-term care recipients. In Kunming, capital of Yunnan, the aid will be given to the families of low-income students who have migrated from the countryside to the city.



In Pingchang County, Bazhong, Sichuan Province, the goods distributed include rice, cooking oil, cotton clothes, comforters, blankets and kits of daily necessities. The kind of items are adjusted depending on the needs and customs of each region.

As they present the goods to the needy families, the volunteers bow with gratitude. They are giving not only items the families need but also the love of the Tzu Chi family around the world.