

Tai and his brother were really eager to get into their school uniforms. Finally they could go to school! Jade met the two boys when she volunteered at their shelter home. Ever since he injured his spine, their father was bedridden and could not work. Their mother has to work as a cleaner at the shelter so that the family can continue to stay and their father able to receive medical care.

Jade recalls, "I didn't have any plans of sponsoring anyone. Whenever I visited I noticed that Tai and his brother were hanging about amusing themselves. I noticed how bright he was.. creating his own toys. How nice if he could go to school and be guided to take advantage of his innate abilities. I was relieved when their parents agreed to send their 2 boys to school. I then asked Dignity if they could help. Fortunately the answer was a resounding 'YES!'.

This is their second year at Dignity and Jade continues to sponsor them. When the boys first arrived, they seemed withdrawn, frightened, anxious and socially not very comfortable. They hardly spoke any English. But today the boys, aged 9 and 8, are responsive, happy, relaxed and adjusting well with both their teachers and schoolmates. They have also shown positive progress in their studies. In such a short time, they can now converse and understand English with ease.

"I love to study English and playing football." said Tai.

We are so grateful to Jade. The boys will not be where they are today without her sponsorship, love and concern.

"I work hard for my money and like everyone else would rather keep it or spend it on myself or my family. But it's really a good feeling to see the two happy boys growing up with positive values and abilities. Their parents are smiling more these days. It is refreshing to be reminded that if 'ordinary old me' can impact another's life, anyone else can also do the same. The 'money' can be put to better use instead of just sitting in the bank.

An added bonus would be to be invited to the boys' college graduation...fingers crossed!" quipped Jade

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