



Prosthetics Report

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PROVIDING PROSTHESES FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST

Progress

In the first four months of 2016, the Bless China International prosthetics team has again travelled to remote parts of Yunnan province to provide prosthesis for those who need them most. The number of patients requiring full leg prosthesis has been more than anticipated and this has resulted in us being able to a lower volume of cases as full leg prosthesis are much more complicated and take more time.

Hong Xiang's Story



"My name is Hong Xiang and I live in Lu Shui, Nu Jiang Prefecture. Up until a year ago I was the primary supporter for our family – my husband is disabled so I had the responsibility of doing things around the house as well as finding manual labor work to provide some income for us. Things were going ok. I was always busy and tired but we had enough money to start some renovations on our house that would make it easier for my husband. I still remember that day – I

was working hard building a wall for our house when I slipped and fell. In an instant everything changed. Both my legs were shattered but the pain of the accident was nothing compared to the challenges that were to

come. I ended up needing my right leg amputated above the thigh. I spent a long time in hospital and after that was confined to a wheel chair. All of the domestic chores fell to my husband and we had hardly any income. Life was so difficult and we both had no hope for the future. I felt like my heart died.

In January this year, the Nujiang Prefecture Disability Federation contacted informed us that Bless China International could provide a prosthesis for me. I didn't know what to say, I was so excited that someone was able to help us.

It has been a long and complicated process to have my prosthesis made and fitted and I have been working hard on getting used to walking with it. I have started doing things around the house again and working with my husband on our small patch of land. We don't have much, but we do feel like we can smile again and have a hope for the future."



THANK YOU

BCI provided a full right leg prosthesis for Hong Xiang and paid for the travel and accommodation costs associated with fitting the prosthesis. Through your partnership, BCI was able to provide 6,500RMB worth of treatment and other services for Hong Xiang. It has changed her life and given her hope.

From January to April 2016 we have provided over 65,000RMB worth of prosthesis to some of the most needy amputees in Yunnan. This would not have been possible without your support.
