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## Earthquake at Surmang

and new housing for our doctors

By Lee Weingrad

In June, after Yushu, we went to Surmang to assess the damage at the Surmang clinic. It seemed like everyone in Yushu County was living in blue government-issue tents. No one dared to sleep in a permanent structure. According to engineer Gary Swenson our second building, our inpatient facility, had suffered irreparable damage and had to come down. Both Phuntsok Dondrup's and So Drogha's families were living in tents.

Phuntsok's family has three small children (counting their orphaned nephew) and Drogha one. Because I couldn't imagine asking their families to spend the winter in these tents, when we got back to Beijing we contracted with a company that makes very high quality temporary buildings, guaranteed for 25 years.

The company manufactured the buildings according to the design of architect Ralph Allen and on October 7<sup>th</sup> 5 engineers brought the parts out from Jiangsu Province and assembled them at the clinic. I am very happy to say that our two doctors, our local heroes, will have good, warm housing this winter.

