Dear Professor Baker,

Greetings!

I am Miaomiao Liu, now studying in the Guoning Middle School. I am very thankful for your financial support to me. For years, you have put so much help on me, and I really appreciate your kindness and efforts. We have not have a chance to meet each other, but your kindness and responsibility to the world society have brought us together. Your efforts convey to a strong sense of social commitment and generosity, just like what ancient Chinese political theorist Mencius says, “In success, one tries to let others be benefited”, and what ancient Chinese poet Fu Du depicted in his poem, “If I could get a mansion with a thousand, ten thousand rooms, a great shelter for all the world's scholars, together in joy.”

We are little comparing to those great people, but we can do what we are able to do. Thank you for letting me understand this.

I am in a big family. It is different to have two siblings in a country where it has one-child policy. It has become an economic burden for my parents to raise my siblings and me. They tried their best to provide us a better and better life. I am currently studying in the city (county capital), and my parents also came to the city to seek odd jobs to support the family while my mom can also help taking care of me.

Unfortunately, they have to leave my little brother and my little sister in my home village as they don’t have time to take care of them and cannot afford city life/study for the whole family (most likely her grandparents take care of her siblings in the village). How hard that decision it is! Who does not want protection and support from his/her parents?

Therefore, I will study even harder. I was promoted from regular class to top-class (honored courses and class for students with better grades---also called special class). I was ranked in that class from 40rd to 30th. I am not a super smart student, and I also cannot afford tutoring. I do not want to be at the bottom. My only desire is to reach the best ending with all my efforts. I was born with hedonic characteristic, but I am now an earnest person and devote my time into study. I want my parents to see me one day become successful. I won’t let them to be disappointed.

Marie Sklodowska Curie has ever said, “Life is not easy for any of us. We must work, and above all we must believe in ourselves. We must believe that each one of us is able to do something well, and that, when we discover what this something is, we must work hard at it until we succeed.”

P.S. Could you send me a photo of your family?

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