

Caring for China's Children

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Prayer is Powerful...

In the past few months, we have been seeing an unusually large number of adoptions in a small period of time, especially of children at Shekinah Shalom.

Many of the children that have been adopted recently have been waiting for 2 and 3 years for this opportunity.

We can only imagine this means that many of you are praying persistently and, be encouraged, our Heavenly Father is wonderfully answering your prayers. Please keep knocking at the door for more adoptions, so that others, who are desperately needing loving care, can come in.

Just one of the little ones leaving Shekinah Shalom to be with a precious family.

Amos will have a previously adopted Chinese sister, just one year older.



Adoption of Kylee



We recently had a little girl adopted from "Hephzibah" whom we called Kylee. She was born with multiple heart complications. As her condition deteriorated, the decision was made to take her to a hospital in Shanghai where a talented team of pediatric cardiologists could attend to her.

Many people were lifting her up in prayer! One family in America, when they heard about her, anonomously gave enough money for her surgery. Once in Shanghai, Kylee was admitted to the hospital without an appointment, which is RARE! However after testing her liver, it was evident that the necessary heart surgery could not be done at that time. Though disappointed, it was apparent that the hospital staff was

moved by Kylee's situation, as they arranged for the hospital to cover much of the costs accrued during Kylee's stay! Perhaps our Father had other reasons for bringing Kylee to Shanghai. So Kylee returned to Xian without having surgery, but all were encouraged through the trip that our Heavenly Father was really looking after Kylee.

Soon after, we received news that Kylee had been matched with adoptive parents! She was adopted on Sept. 9th to two loving, Christian parents! They had medical appointments already waiting for Kylee at one of the best children's hospitals in the U.S. When the American doctors examined her heart, they were amazed that she had survived this long. With God, we know all things are possible.

Currently, Kylee is awaiting surgery. Please pray that everything goes well. The family that donated for her surgery agreed to let another child benefit from it.

Chinese National Day

October 1st is Chinese National Day. This year it was very special, as the carers and staff at "Hope Haven" were invited to celebrate with the children and local staff at the XY Welfare Center.

We have been hoping to build relationships with the local welfare center staff so this was a good opportunity to do just that! There were over 20 acts of song, dance, and performances. Zoë and the "Hope Haven" Chinese Carers performed a traditional English country dance and Liz M. performed some beautiful pieces on the piano.

We continue to pray that Father will build bridges between us and the local officials and staff.



Zoe (center) along with Ohwen, Gwyn and Dorothy at the rehearsals for the Big Day!!

The Childcare Partnership Program will be launched this month!
Will you partner with us in caring, praying and providing for a child in China?

He Set me Free...

Here is the testimony of HX, a Chinese Carer...

When I was 14, my brother died, and that made me start to think about life. Somebody came and told my parents the Good News and also a Book was given as a gift, but I did not feel anything while I was reading the book. I thought they are only some exciting stories. I still couldn't find the answer of life and I started to become down and blue, and wanted to escape from all things.

Once, when I went to a family fellowship, we were singing one song, but at the end everybody was crying and we couldn't finish the song. I tried very hard to hold my tears, but still could not. Is it true that He died on the cross for me? I was on the road of looking for Him but I fell down because I was looking at people's actions but not at Him.

Two years ago my cousin was very ill and the doctor could do nothing for her, and I lifted her up before Him, but she died and my grandpa also died suddenly. 'Father you even did not give me one time to fully believe in you, you do not love me? You do not love me! Or you are not existing at all?' When I had these thoughts, I started to stay away from Him. I felt more and more lonely and empty - even despairing but I could not cheat myself and deny His existence. The kind of thoughts like 'I am so deep in sin and He dislikes me and does not want to cleanse me, etc.' controlled me for quite a long time.

I felt empty and tried many ways to walk out, but all those ways could not help and could not comfort me and satisfy me, I had no joy and no peace.

One overseas friend asked me if I could share the worries and the burden of my heart with her, but I refused. She continued to ask and ask me to tell her.



Chinese carers at Hope Haven

In March this year, I told my story to my friend who is also my teacher. She helped me and she gave me two books to read. One of the books is 'Bondage Breaker'. After I finished reading this book, I knew that I was in Satan's trap. I thank Him for bringing me back.

That night, I confessed to Him and thanked Him for the love He gives me. I cried for a long time yet felt free after speaking with Him. He set me free. I no longer feel lonely or frightened and my heart is full of joy and peace. He is still changing me day by day.

At the end of August I was baptized. I am very excited about that. I am His daughter, nothing can stand between Him and me. No matter what will happen in the future I know that He will be with me forever.

Welcome Sally

We have been blessed to have a new bi-lingual nurse at "Hephzibah". Sally is a local Chinese professional who joined the staff in early September and has been a tremendous asset, with her ability to communicate with and care for the carers and children at the center.

Sally has a wonderfully strong relationship with Father and a vision for other Chinese to have the same. She is the lone nurse at this site, often working long days and on call at all times.



More Nurses Needed

We have a great need for experienced pediatric nurses at both "Hope Haven" and "Shekinah Shalom".

We are praying especially for those who are local Chinese, or from overseas, with work experience in China.

Zoë, our nurse at "Hope Haven", has recently returned home after a long time of service here. Anne, a long time nurse and housemother at "Shekinah Shalom" will be retiring in early 2003. We will miss them very much and trust that Father will bring others to fill their shoes!

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