

Message from the founders:

Many thanks to Jon Dietz for sending us the attached photo which was taken on Lamma Island, Hong Kong in 1981, shortly after we moved there from England in response to our call to China.

We were probably the first Westerners ever to live in the south of the island, which is very beautiful with hills, remote beaches and seafood restaurants.

We took our first teacher to Nanning a year later. The team there grew within a few years to about a dozen people and within five years or so the work had spread to Guangdong, Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, Beijing and Shanghai with the first teacher being placed in Xian Foreign Languages University in 1986. Lanzhou, Guiyang and Sichuan opened up in the early 1990's.

The 1990's also saw the launching of the work among children with the opening of the first childcare centres followed by the beginning of the healthcare department. With the new millennium there has been further expansion with training programmes and a centre in North West China to assist drug rehabilitation.

All our children are now married with families of their own. Gareth, our son, works for HSBC in London; Natasha, his twin sister next to him, is a nurse and has recently returned with her family to the Southampton area; Sian, our youngest on the far right, plans to move soon with her family from Ireland, where they are very active in the work of CFCC to Seattle. Our eldest daughter, Kayti (not in the photograph), and her family live in Prague where she and her husband are both teachers.

*He is faithful.
Much love.....Cyril & Gabrielle*



This article about the work in S.W. China is written by one of the local staff. The detail given below gives some idea of the degree of understanding and professionalism now demonstrated by the staff under the leadership given by Martin and Sue. Our hearts are full of gratitude and joy as we count the grace He has given us. We feel so glad that we are able to share this news with all our friends about the progress each precious one has made and the needs, which are still expected to be met...



**Rachel: 4yrs old
Cerebral Palsy**

Rachel used to come to the center with tears and leave with tears. But now she has become very happy! She enjoys being with teachers and peers. She has made progress in walking, which is the long-term goal for her. More confidence in walking and moving about is still hoped for. We had a pair of splints made for her a few months ago, which helps her to correct her feet posture.

Please pray that her parents will insist on putting the splints on her every day.



**Hope: 3yrs old
Developmental delay. Epilepsy.**

Hope used to have serious fits which caused damage on both sides of her brain. But after Sue took her to the hospital and the doctors changed her medicines last January, the fits have been controlled to a certain extent (approximately twice a month now). Hope is getting better and everywhere, she's following

better: she's walking

instructions, she's taking turns to roll a ball, she's becoming aware of squatting, she's putting on more weight and she's much more alert and joyful! At the moment we hope her speech will come soon because she isn't really speaking. And we hope the fits will continue to be controlled and reduce to a zero rate.



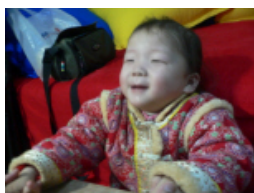
**Lily Joie: 4yrs old.
Cerebral Palsy.**

Little Lily only comes to the group session every Tuesday. She continues to get exercise every day at home. The exercises are to assist her mobility, muscle control and speech skills. She keeps making progress in her walking, Her foster parents are away at the moment, but she is gaining new social confidence & independence within the family of a teaching colleague, for which we praise God.

**Chloe: 1ys 5month old.
Developmental delay.**

As her name tells, she's a baby full of vibrancy and joy! We all love her wonderful chuckles!! As her body is quite floppy, the long-term goal Hannah, her teacher sets for her, is head holding-up, rolling, sitting, and play skills. Chloe is making progress she sits very well now; and also has become more active in exploring toys. However, we still hope the rolling will come soon and that she can get more muscle strength!





Wendy: 2 ½ yrs old. Developmental delay.

Considering her good progress, we have stopped little Wendy's class in the centre from August and we only visit her home now and then to make sure the exercises are going well. Her parents have been helping her very

well and now she's walking everywhere confidently!

Priscilla: 2yr 4 months old Developmental delay, Hydrocephalus, (already repaired) and blind.

According to the doctor, owing to the damage the hydrocephalus (although it's been repaired) has made on her brain, Priscilla's motor and learning skills are vastly affected. However, although it is slow and difficult, she has made lots of breakthroughs in many areas. She can lift up her head well, she's reaching out to explore toys, she's gradually becoming alert and active, she can take out objects from a container, and she can pull off the cloth from her face when playing Peek-a-boo, and so on. Priscilla is a very sensitive and lovely child who's very content when being hugged and talked to. We expect more progress to come and also, a more active and happy Priscilla!



Harry: 10yrs old. Cerebral Palsy.

Harry is a very obedient and co-operate child, he works so hard in every session!

We started working with him last May. Owing to the continuing fluctuating muscle tone, it's very hard for him to control his body movements, and because the wrong postures have been formed for ten years, it's very difficult for him to correct them. Also, it's very hard for Abby and Amber, his teachers, to move



him, for he's so heavy. At the moment the family have made two sand bags, which they tie on his legs to help him to bear more weight, and a pair of ankle splints have been fitted to correct his foot posture. We hope for a true breakthrough for this boy.

Michael: 3yrs old. Visual Impairment.

Michael is a new comer and he has just finished his fourth session in the centre. As the photo shows, Amber, his teacher, is teaching him to take objects out from the box for touching and feeling different textures. He enjoys this a lot. Michael is a very bold and optimistic child, which surprises us.



He's very humorous as well: he hums popular songs while doing tasks and he keeps laughing about it! Amber is going to teach him further touching skill: touching dots to prepare him for future Braille study.

Anna: 5yrs old. Learning difficulty, speech impairment.

It seems Anna prefers living in her own small "world" than playing with others. We are working on her communication skills at the moment, to express her needs and feelings in an appropriate and acceptable way and to interact with people. We started using PECS (a method that encourages communication by using pictures) a few weeks ago. This is very new for her and she's not used to it. We hope the breakthrough will come soon. It's such a joy when you catch the moments when you see the true "little girl" that lies inside her, when she suddenly smiles at you, hugs you, or when she sings and acts out songs.



Abigail: 22yrs old. Mental retardation. Learning difficulty.

Abigail has been working with us from the very beginning and now she's become a beautiful lady. It's so precious to hear from her mum that a work colleague has noticed a change in her. She's much more confident and always so joyful. We find she's quite good at knitting and playing chess! There's a sweet loving and caring nature in Abigail, which is so precious.



Rebecca: 21 yrs old. Learning difficulty & other special needs.



Rebecca joined us last March. She shares the sessions with Abigail at the moment. The purpose of this is to encourage them to learn together and thus to encourage their interaction, communication, and other social skills. Rebecca has been exposed to a lot of suffering since her childhood; therefore, she has many needs both physically and psychologically. We are trying to help her to build up self-esteem and confidence, and

give her place that she can feel loved and secure. We pray for complete healing for this girl. Please pray for her especially.

We praise God that our teachers Abby, Julie, Amber, and Hannah are becoming more experienced and have learned how to be increasingly dependent upon God. We count it a privilege as a team to be able to work with these children and their families and we are so grateful for your support.

***With All Our Love From,
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