

## SUMMER UPDATE

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The momentum is building... but the needs are still great

- With so much to do and so many opportunities and requests, HFC needs health related personnel of most specialties.
- The running costs of HFC's services, while very low by overseas standards, do need support.
- China's vast rural population has huge health needs and threats.
- Who will hear the heart-cry? Who will go? Who will pray? Who will support? Who will advise? What is your role in this critical time in history?

## VISITING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PIONEER NEW GROUND & EXPAND SERVICES DURING SUMMER



It has been an action-packed summer of exciting ministry opportunities in central China, as visiting teams have assisted China-based long term staff achieve valuable new breakthroughs. Doors are opening rapidly as China thrusts itself into the world market in an era of unprecedented change. We wish to thank all who have supported the health work in prayer over recent pillar-building months.

HFC has never been in a

better position to address some of the massive health needs confronting this largest nation on earth. More than ever, HFC values your

prayer and support. HFC has many positions available to a wide diversity of health professionals, both short and long term.

HFC is a multifaceted health programme with numerous growing projects in central China, imparting to Chinese health professionals skills, knowledge and

support in the love and compassion of Christ.

As more health services take to their wings, HFC hopes you will join us in participating or supporting. This update provides some glimpses of the variety of ways you can be part of the answer for this country in which the vast majority still live in great need. If you are not receiving our monthly prayer points or would like more information, please contact your national HFC coordinator.



## CHILDREN'S WELFARE TRAINING SERVICE COMPLETES THIRD COURSE WITH PRAISE

HFC's child care training courses are imparting skills to those that care hands-on for abandoned babies in child care centres. In one location over one hundred Chinese women have been

trained in most aspects of care for healthy children and those with special needs. This brings with it opportunities to share the love and truth of Christ in practical ways. HFC is

gearing up for a 'Train the Trainers' course in which we seek to multiply the effectiveness of our work by raising up Chinese trainers to reach hundreds or thousands more children.

## VISITING HAEMATOLOGIST A HIT IN LARGE HOSPITAL



Dr Caleb C's visit was received with great enthusiasm. Dr Caleb lectured on DNA vaccines for hematological cancers at one of the major city hospitals in central China. Great interest was shown in his lecture by the specialist doctors who attended. Dr Caleb was then consulted about numerous inpatients with difficult-to-treat

malignancies. In a visit to the hematology department of another of the major city hospitals, the low cure rates of children with leukemia was discussed. Many parents of children with leukemia simply cannot afford the treatment and thus have to watch their child die. HFC has a vision to establish a children's leukemia center in cooperation with that hospital and to



sponsor children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, which should be at least 85% curable. HFC seeks sponsorship for this exciting endeavor. Your support can save lives.

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## RESPIRATORY FUNCTION SERVICE LAUNCHED BY AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIST

HFC is very grateful to Patrick S and his family for their encouraging and ground-breaking visit this summer. Patrick, a clinical scientist specializing in respiratory function testing brought his experience and equipment allowing

HFC to establish this important service. While here, Patrick performed lung function testing on numerous Chinese adults including some government officials. He trained the Chinese staff in the use of the equipment. His

willingness to leave equipment in China has meant that the service can continue. It is hoped that the service will be extended to overseas and Chinese staff as well as a mobile village outreach project in the future.

## DENTAL SERVICE CUTS FIRST TEETH

HFC celebrates the commencement of dental services for Chinese and overseas staff. Dr May, a Chinese dentist with overseas experience has launched this service. Though the equipment is simple, the service is already serving Chinese adults

and children in a number of locations. HFC seeks Chinese speaking dentists to join the team. Much remains to be done, especially in rural areas where many people have never received any dental assessment or treatment at all.

## EAR, NOSE & THROAT TEAM ACCOMPLISH MUCH IN VISIT



The visit this summer by ENT team Dr Martin S and nursing sister Joan C was a packed and varied schedule from lectures in major teaching hospitals to clinics in child care centres, visits to Chinese countryside villages and a school for deaf

children. Both Martin and Joan participated in a lecture to over 200 Chinese nurses and Martin lectured doctors on hearing and hearing aid appliances. The team were consulted by many of the staff (both teachers and child care workers) from overseas and several of the Chinese staff from all three child care centres. The team visited a number of Chinese hospitals, being consulted by both paediatric and ENT specialists including spending

time in the operating theatre. Martin's interest in head and neck cancer was warmly welcomed with enthusiastic consultation, and discussion about surgical techniques. Martin brought medicines and equipment which will be of ongoing use.



## HEARING SERVICE; THE FULFILLMENT OF TWO YEARS OF VISION AND PRAYER

After two years of prayer, HFC's dream to improve the situation for children with hearing impairment in China has begun to come true. The first visit to a Chinese school for deaf children occurred during the American ENT team's visit this summer. In a second visit hearing

assessment was performed on around 40 children and adolescents, aiming to identify those who can be benefited by hearing aids. HFC is committed to choosing the most cost effective way of providing and maintaining hearing assistance for

Chinese children. HFC is aiming at early detection of hearing impairment, services for the deaf and screening for children in schools and villages. Opportunities exist for audiologists, hearing, speech and special educationists in this exciting venture.

***“HFC is committed to choosing the most cost effective way... aiming at early detection...”***

## WOMEN'S HEALTH: A PRESSING NEED

With the recent return of Dr Grace from Australia after the seven month training experience arranged and sponsored by HFC, the women's health service is off to a fresh advance with Dr Grace being consulted by women who previously have had little access to medical care. She finds that she is being

trusted in an unprecedented way by Chinese women, who seek understanding regarding the health needs of themselves and their children. The women's health service, though still needing improved equipment and resources is benefiting women with significant unmet health needs.



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Health For China is a coordinating programme, supporting multifaceted health and community development services and administering a diversity of outreaching health service projects in China. HFC has chosen the 12 core values of sovereignty, servant-mentality, necessity, equity, accessibility, sustainability, quality, reproducibility, indigenosity, community, continuous discovery and accountable responsibility. HFC is now building a team of committed professionals with a wide range of medical and health related skills, wisdom and experience. HFC has vision and opportunity for partnership with Chinese professionals and for extending training of local people. HFC has been invited by government bodies to take responsibility for significant health works including training, treatment and rehabilitative services. In numerous locations within China, opportunities for effective service are being opened to us. HFC welcomes you to learn more about how you can support and be a part of the services.



## **MEDICAL CONSULTANCIES DIVERSIFY AND GAIN MOMENTUM**



New doors have opened to a major teaching hospital with opportunities for input into several departments.

At another major hospital, relationships with doctors and nurses are deepening as weekly shared ward rounds generate trust and friendship.

HFC's input is increasingly being sought by colleges, training institu-

tions and child care facilities. Visiting professionals have opportunity to attend operations and have hands-on input into patient care. Perhaps more im-

portantly for China's mainly rural population, service opportunities to rural areas are opening. HFC seeks to expand its ability to provide consultancy and relief services to China's vast countryside and to deploy a growing team for community based rehabilitation, immunization and preventive education. HFC welcomes your

enquiries and applications. If you have a heart of love and skills related to health, you could be an integral part of the health team, whether for a fortnight, a month or a year or more. If you do not currently receive HFC updates or would like more information, please contact the national coordinator in your country.

