

Health for China

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Dear Friends and Supporters...

HFC continues to thank God for the progress made during this year, despite severe shortages of funding and desperate need for laborers. He has displayed His Greatness in opening new horizons for us, as we seek to make His love known in China.

Despite the pressing needs that surround us on every side we are enabled by His grace to offer a message of hope and to demonstrate practical love and care in a diversity of ways to those who He brings us into contact with.

For example Dr. Y., typical of the multitudes of rural primary health carers, (pictured below) in his rudimentary clinic, in which he serves an amazing diversity of medical problems with a sparsely stocked shelf and a desk of instruments and medicines. These photos were taken during one of HFC's rural outreaches, where we are able to encourage and strengthen links with such primary health workers, and thus affect the health of communities.



We long to touch the heart of Chinese communities with a saving message and a loving hand of healing on:

- the massive issue of air pollution from industry and agricultural fires.
- the hardship on rural women, who spend most of their days laboring in the fields and who very often cannot access health care due to financial and geographical obstacles.



- the children, like those seen here with Peter, a HFC pharmacist. Such children appear so full of life, but they will have much to overcome.



- the new and old generations of China's farmers.

- China's five million blind people, as we ask that their eyes be opened and they may see the light. HFC is increasingly seeking personnel who can help serve blind people, including approximately 2 million awaiting cataract surgery.

Training...

Throughout last year, the Training Component of Health for China has been conducting training courses for child carers in Children's Welfare Centers (CWC).

This project is part of HFC's North-West China CWC Training Project. Opportunities have also been presented to extend this training more broadly, including:

- training carers from other CWC's within the province,
- talking to managers and CWC presidents regarding management strategies, and
- teaching foster parents, located in a village about 40 minutes drive from the welfare center, how to care for 18 children with a wide range of special needs.

Supporting Foster Families



It has been marvelous to see God's hand at work. He continues to open doors and bring opportunities for the team to be involved in this exciting venture. God has been preparing the way as we have been praying for an opportunity to meet foster families. The people of the village were very receptive to us sharing information and skills with them and we were treated with tremendous hospitality and kindness.

Richard G. and May (translator) spent three days talking with parents about such topics as managing fevers, vomiting, diarrhoea, seizures, rashes, oral thrush, sleep and stimulation, growth and development, as well as nutrition and hygiene. One other aspect of care was to demonstrate



physical therapy exercises for a child with cerebral palsy in an effort to lessen the effects of high muscle tone in his arms.

The classes combined a few lectures, demonstrations and discussions. Practical skills in these areas were also demonstrated and assessed.

This was a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with the foster parents. This is only the beginning!



Imagine what God has in store, if this service is supported and grows to

expand to other villages and areas.

As a team, our desire is that we will always radiate God's love and light to the children, carers, officials, doctors, pharmacists, pathology technicians, nurses, cooks, laundry and maintenance staff along with the foster parents.

We value prayer for:

- protection over all the HFC team,
- time to meet commitments,
- good health,
- building effective and long lasting relationships, and
- opportunities to guide foster parents.

May the Chinese officials' hearts be softened too!



May, David, Richard & Simon

Who will join them?

Calling all Health Professionals!

Electronic abortion suction machines, like those pictured here, await sale.



Millions of abortions are performed each year, leaving women with trauma in their bodies and hearts.

Can you help?

May is needing a Mobile Dentistry Kit to enable her to work in the Child Care Centers and out in the community.



"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Luke 10:2)

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