

And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ~ Phil 4:18

This year started with a wonderful blessing of a huge container of medical equipment from America. This has been exactly what we needed to equip the Health Services Center and provide medical and surgical services to our children. Thanks Dad! And friends!



FIRST OPERATIONS

During April a team of 12, including surgeons, nurses and health professionals came from Singapore. Twenty operations were performed over four days on children from our welfare centers. We also had two anesthetists from Beijing, Dr. Rhys, an Australian anesthetist who brought a pediatric endoscope, which we used on children, plus nine nursing staff working with us, all of whom are family members. Our own full time nurse CEE has done a brilliant job in developing the nursing service. We were also blessed with Yvonne from England whose expertise enabled us to equip the pharmacy, from which we can now provide a service to our children's welfare centers.



OPERATION ROOM

We give thanks for a large donation given by Judy and supporters from Australia, which enabled the operation room to be equipped with all the equipment necessary for the operations. Judy, Bibiana and Suan recently came to visit the Health Services Center. It was a very special day for all the team and everyone was greatly blessed by this visit.



NEW LABORATORY SERVICE

The laboratory service is up and running, with the help of Quinn (American), our laboratory services coordinator. Links have been developed with local hospitals, so the range of investigations we are able to offer is steadily increasing. The Health Team has begun to participate in battling the rapidly spreading HIV epidemic, now involving over 1.5 million people and growing by 30% per year. In March we participated in training doctors, nurses and laboratory workers at a major referral center in central China. We are now developing plans for the next stage of this project.



INTERNATIONAL VISITS

We welcome our first Brazilian doctor, **Enna**, who is with us for three months, working with both medical and surgical services. It is wonderful to currently have a team of six doctors, including Jason and Helen from Australia. Below Helen & Jason share some first impressions of China.



Two hundred years ago, there was a big flood along the Yellow River, in Shandong Province. Locals had to pack up belongings and seek refuge in other places. A surgeon's family traveled south to Shaanxi Province, found a piece of deserted land, along a river, and settled down. Life was not easy. They had to start everything from scratch. Soon afterwards, many other families also came to settle in the area. At the same time, an English evangelist



came to this family and shared the gospel with them. This family was very influential in the new village as they taught other families survival skills and helped with their needs. As the family impacted the village, so did the gospel. For seven generations now, this village grew as believers and also spread the Good News to many surrounding villages. There are five sisters in the fourth generation of this family. God touched them when two abandoned babies died ten years ago; one was in front of the local church. They started to take home the abandoned children. Now they have four orphans. With His grace, they obtained permission from the government to build an orphanage, a hospital and a school. Father brought one of the sisters to us one day. Their little child (whose name means "worship glory") was among the first to receive a cleft lip operation at the health services center. At their invitation, we visited their orphanage. Who would have thought, in the middle of nowhere, there was a group of more than ten Christian villages and people with a big vision for His kingdom and a huge heart of love for children.

~Helen

As I sit on a 10-hour train to one of the orphanages we serve, I ponder my first two weeks with the Health Team. Picture a young eager-faced Australian Chinese surrounded by the friendly chatter of Chinese all around me. The scenery consists of fields of green, dotted with farmers and young children on bicycles speeding down dirt roads that divide rice paddies and fields of wheat and rapeseed. I am a medical doctor, two years out from graduation. This is my third time in China but first time with the Health Team. The team around me is multinational (from England, China, Australia, Brazil, Taiwan, Malaysia, U.S.A.). It's simply amazing how God has called such a diverse group of people together at this time to bless each other and those around us.



Over the past two weeks, I have had the chance to visit all three main orphanages; perform medical consultations on children with a range of special needs and staff members with a wide variety of health conditions; help to design an emergency room and upgrade emergency services; be involved in the Chinese hospital system; develop and deepen relationships with local staff and learn of the needs of the many ministries here. As I ponder upon the work here, I am reminded of how the wall of Jerusalem was successfully rebuilt during Nehemiah's time. Everyone here is faithfully building up their section of the wall. There are times when such work becomes too demanding or there is need for others to help. During such times, the Jews would blow a horn. All within hearing range should come and help. In my time here thus far, I see the horn being blown but sadly too few have responded. Please join us in asking for laborers for this work. We are all one in His body. How wonderful it will be to finally see this body working together as one and responding to needs, to the glory of God.

~Jason

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