

He told them, "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 and Matt 9:38

Can you pray and help us find the doctors we need?

Can you imagine six million people in one Chinese city, over six thousand foreigners, several with children, and apart from user-unfriendly and low standard Chinese health services, only three expatriate doctors, all due for overseas leave at the same time? Can you imagine an organization with over 350 Chinese staff, many of whom, before working with us had never seen a well-trained doctor, and even now have significant ongoing health needs? Then you correctly guessed that there is immediate and urgent need for General/Family Practice and Internal Medicine Physicians, Physicians' Assistants and Pediatricians. As you know, our Health Services Centre located within a Chinese hospital, is equipped with clinical consultation rooms, inpatient wards, an operating theatre, a pharmacy, a laboratory and office, none of which can be used to capacity without the needed doctors. The on field team currently includes expatriate short-term medical, and Chinese junior medical, nursing, laboratory and administrative staff. The vacant positions involve delivery of clinical outpatient and inpatient care to Chinese (Han & minority) and expatriate adults and children at the Health Services Centre, outreach clinical care to children and staff of children's welfare centers and teaching/training of under- and post-graduates. Medical registration in China, work permits, visas, subsidized furnished accommodation, orientation, support in language learning and pastoral care are provided.

Please ask that Luke 10:2 would see its fulfillment this day, and if you know any doctors that might be willing to come short or long term, why not ask them and direct them to our website <http://www.caringforchina.org/hfc/hfc-service.htm>

Wedding Bells

On the 26th of March, Sherry (Human Resources Officer and Translator) and Samuel celebrated their wedding. They met 3 ½ years ago when Sherry was a seeker in the church fellowship. They have been dating for 18 months and decided to get married nine months ago. Here are some of Sherry's comments about their wedding.

"We had a wonderful peace and joy in preparing for our special day. It was fantastic to have all our brothers and sisters helping us. We experienced God's blessing in every area. It was also a very good experience in working together. The wedding day went extremely fast and it was a very happy day. Samuel's father shared a strong Gospel message. A very special gift on this day was that my Dad came to accept Jesus as his friend. What a beautiful wedding present. Many of our brothers and sisters cried. Our older brothers and sisters treat us like their own sons and daughters - what a privilege to be a part of a very large family. We really feel loved by them."



Sherry was very surprised that her Dad's heart was softened to receive Jesus. The following Sunday after the challenging message was given, three more adults made commitments to Christ in response to an invitation by their friends. I asked Sherry how she came to have six flower girls and two pageboys in the wedding. It turns out that Sherry is the Sunday school teacher for her fellowship and she wanted to include many of the children. She went on to say:

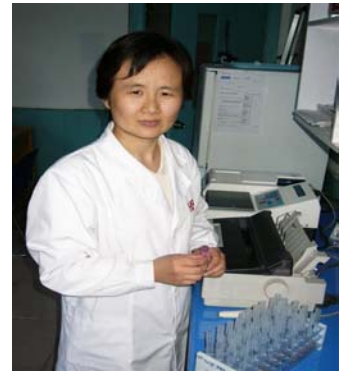
"We wanted to include the whole church, which is about 700 in number, but had no way of counting how many would come. After we prayed we were able to let the restaurant know a figure very close to the correct number!"

Beijing HIV Conference

Jo (Laboratory medical scientist / translator) recently attended a three-day HIV conference in Beijing, as well as meetings with city and national leaders in HIV. The team of speakers were from America and Jo found this time very helpful. She thanked God for this opportunity and said, "He knows where I'm weak and He strengthens me, I'm limited but our Father is unlimited."

The first two days of the conference were spent learning about HIV and how it is transmitted. Jo said that this knowledge helped "take away any fear regarding working with these patients." Throughout the program she learned how to care for patients and show them love, and the importance of treating patients in a non-discriminating way.

On the third day of the conference they visited patients in hospital. Jo says, "You can see the sadness and heavy hearts in their eyes." The challenge for nurses and family members is to help build confidence in the patients to fight the disease. In China, most of these patients and the many drug users with HIV don't know our heavenly Father. Please pray for them and the health team so that they can make a difference in these precious lives. God always has a plan to move forward. Pray for His plan in this area to be revealed.



Jo at work in the laboratory at the Health Services Centre

After Years of Preparation for Hearing Project, First Audiologist Arrives.

All who have read our updates over the years will remember we have for many years sought and prepared to commence a project to meet the hearing needs of children and adults in this part of central China. China has more than 800,000 children already recognized as profoundly deaf, with around 30,000 new cases under seven years of age diagnosed each year. Juliann, the first qualified audiologist to respond to our website invitation has come to help us and reports below:

Hi I'm Juliann from USA. I arrived in China a week ago and will be working with the health team and child care. I'm attached to the children already. They are a real inspiration. Some are so motivated and determined despite their disability. While here I am hoping to provide hearing assessments for children at Hephzibah, Hope Haven and the Health Centre. Some other tasks I can perform whilst in China include:

- *Consulting with hospitals and hearing aide manufacturers to evaluate resources available.*
- *Formulating service plans for diagnostic hearing services, follow-up & early intervention.*
- *Research funding opportunities for equipment*

I'm planning to be here for three months and then meet my sister in Korea who is adopted from there. With the randomness of traffic, I'm nervous about riding a bike to work, but willing to give it my best shot. Aside from any technical skill that I can use, I am here to serve God in response to His call to come to China. Please pray for discernment as to future direction for my involvement in missions.



Do you Dream about Dental Services?

HFC has long had a dream to provide health services outside the boundaries of a healthcare service centre. A mobile service would provide for many people otherwise unable to access such treatment due to cost or physical location. The heart of HFC is to demonstrate practical love to people who cannot afford or access satisfactory healthcare. Please pray for Dr May (head of surgical & dental services, pictured here) and all now involved in planning stages of setting up a mobile dental service to provide treatment to the childcare centers and others. May, who is soon to complete her Masters project in the area of cleft lip and palate has a vision to provide education about oral health, perform dental examinations and provide treatment to poor rural villagers and children in schools. Do you know someone else who can work with us in seeing these needs met?

To support the work and for further details and information about opportunities, please contact

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