

Overseas volunteers currently needed include physicians and specialists who can live and work in China who are willing and able to visit to train locals in specific areas. All overseas volunteers must be self-supporting and draw no income from the organization.

CARING FOR CHINA - OUR ONGOING WORK

Our work in China is guided by an international Board of Directors, which meets regularly to review the work. A team of faithful workers carries out the many administrative, financial and pastoral duties involved in this expanding, demanding work from our offices in Central China. Overseas affiliated organizations look after recruiting, publicity, and encouraging individuals and groups to pray for the ministry.



International Board of Directors: Left to right: Larry Hill (Ireland), Gabrielle Thomas (UK), David Ling (Australia), Cyril Thomas (UK), David Newbury (UK), Jon Dietz (USA), Rhys Morgan (Australia).

We have always been international and interdenominational as we believe that in this way we can be a living outworking of the great prayer of Jesus Christ *"that they all may be one"* (John 17:21). Our vision, in all our work, is to be a living demonstration of the father heart of God through this work of compassion.

We continually look to the Lord on a daily basis for the large resources needed to maintain and expand the work of teaching in China, the care of abandoned children and development of the health care program. All overseas workers at home and in the field are self-supporting and draw no income from the work (except the teachers, who are paid a small salary by the educational institutions). Chinese workers are paid prevailing wages by our organization. We praise God for His faithfulness to us in supplying these needs and answering the prayers of faithful ones gathered around the world for this work.

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and your faithfulness." - Ps 115:1

If you are interested in applying for work in China, we accept applications from people with a wide variety of qualifications and work experience with an interest and willingness to live and work in China. Please contact Caring for China's Coordinator for the USA and Canada:

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If you are interested in contributing to the organization through financial and/or prayer support, please contact Caring for China to be added to the newsletter list. Also be sure to look us up on our web site. Please make all donations payable to Caring for China and mail to:

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"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20-21

OUR BEGINNINGS: TEACHERS FOR CHINA

The vision for teaching in China was given to a British Christian couple during prayer in 1975 when China was embroiled in the Cultural Revolution (1966-77), an event which shut that great nations' doors to the rest of the world. This couple spent the next seven years praying for God to bring into being what He had promised, and it was with great joy that the first teacher went into a southern Chinese city in 1982. Since that time, teachers from many different English-speaking countries have continued to teach in cities throughout China. Through their faithful witness and work, thousands, possibly tens of thousands, of Chinese men and women - many from minority nationalities - have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

From the very beginning, the Lord made it clear that this work must show His righteousness and emphasize the care and commitment that Jesus referred to when He said to his disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this will all men know that you are My disciples" (John 13:34-35). It is partly because of this that the teachers are often placed in team situations to show the love Jesus spoke about and to be a demonstration of the body of Christ.

Our teachers are of all ages. Some are young people, fresh out of college, while others are retired and find a ready acceptance in China where there has always been a tradition of great respect towards older people. Some have made great sacrifices in leaving the security of professional careers. We receive applications from people with a wide variety of qualifications and work experience. It is also always a special privilege to place entire families in China. Teachers are paid a small salary by the educational institution and provided with housing, usually on the campus where they are teaching. Our organization negotiates the contracts with schools and provides a short training program once the successful applicants arrive in China. The training includes preparing for life and work in China and developing teaching curriculums.

Teachers have to commit to working in China for at least one academic year but many stay longer and some even commit to longer-term involvement. A number of our teachers have become proficient in the Chinese language through part-time or full-time language study.

CHILDREN'S CARE - ORPHANAGES

During the late 70's the Lord made it clear that this work would involve ministry to children in a wider sense than just education. Most of our teachers work in colleges and universities but in the 80's a few started teaching in secondary schools and in 1984 at the primary level. In 1990 teachers in one city began visiting children in a local orphanage.

As a result of those teachers' efforts, and good relationships with Chinese officials, permission was given in 1994 to establish a model baby unit in a large city in central China. The official opening took place a year later, by which time the baby unit, **Hephzibah** ("My delight is in her" --Isaiah 62:4) was already filled with children. The work was extended to include babies and toddlers and expanded into a new building, built by the Chinese authorities, for children of all ages.

In 1996 an agreement was signed to take over another three-story building with over fifty rooms in a welfare center in a different city in the same province. **Shekinah Shalom** ("God's radiant glory and peace") officially opened in the autumn of 1997.

Again, in 2000, we were asked to renovate and open another model baby unit in the same province. **Hope Haven** was officially opened on December 24, 2001 with 10 baby girls. We are now caring for over 50 babies, and they have seen over 100 international adoptions.



Most of the babies in the orphanages have been abandoned because they are unwanted or because they are handicapped. Baby boys are only abandoned if they have physical or mental problems. Some of the young children have serious special needs requiring long-term care, while others are adoptable. Overseas volunteers have trained larger teams of Chinese sisters, who provide most of the care for the babies and children.

Since the opening of our first child care center in 1995, we have had the privilege of seeing adoptions of several hundred of our babies and young children into families all over the world. Most go to America.

We need overseas volunteers with professional training required to work with special needs children and to train the Chinese workers on how to care for these children. All overseas volunteers are self-supporting and draw no income from the organization. Our organization provides living accommodations (usually in a communal living situation) and transportation to and from the orphanage, if needed. We also provide initial orientation for living and working in China and Chinese language translators as needed.

HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT

Working with abandoned children led us into an awareness of the medical needs of those in the wider community. In 2000, we started the **Health for China** project with an intensive information-gathering field trip, when our doctors, assisted by local officials, went to assess community health needs. This effort has led to the training and equipping of several dozen healthcare clinics in rural areas where the only medical practitioner is often an unschooled part time worker with no tools and far too many health needs to be effective.

The **Health for China** team currently looks after the medical needs of the children, staff and many others in the expatriate community. They conduct training programs that benefit our orphanages as well as staff from other orphanages looking to improve their skills.



Following the devastating May 12, 2008 earthquake in Sichuan, our medical team quickly deployed to the area and administered first aid to many of the victims.