

Lais of the Nile

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

How are you? Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We were shocked to learn of the bomb blasts in United Kingdom, Turkey, India and Egypt in July. Let's pray that people's lives will be transformed with peace and love by the Word of God, instead of hate and anger!

James Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, passed away exactly a hundred years ago in June 1905 in China. We desperately need models of people who show us what Jesus meant when he said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34b ESV) James Hudson Taylor is such a model. He and his early missionaries took paths that seem foolishness to many today. They denied their life not in a suicide way, but transforming people's lives with the Word of God.

2005 CCCOWE-USA in Brazil

We attended the Mission Action Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 4-8 April. This convention was organized by the Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism, USA. There were about 250 delegates from around the world to discuss the mission action among the Chinese churches. It was great to see 20 short term mission teams were formed and sent off to 12 countries after the convention. We had an opportunity to share about Wycliffe Bible Translators and Vision 2025 for 30 minutes at the convention. Many church leaders shared that this was the first time they understood and appreciated the difficulties of Bible translation for mother

tongue speakers for all language groups. Wycliffe has also started a new vision of South American Initiatives in recent years. We pray that many missionaries may come out from South America soon.

The Book of Jonah Dedication

After much reviewing by the translation consultant and the Translation Review Committee, the Book of Jonah in the Lunyole language has been completed. A dedication celebration was held at Busolwe on 20 May. The 200,000 Banyole people are located in the east of Uganda, near to the border of Kenya. It's about 5 hours drive away from Entebbe. They have been waiting for many years to have scriptures in their own tongue.

Lydia Teera's Fruitful Training in Australia

Our Ugandan colleague, Lydia Teera has finished her training program in Australia and returned to Uganda safely in June. One of her unforgettable experiences was to give a hand organizing the Journey Program, a Wycliffe's mission simulation game, at the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Sydney. She was touched when she met those who had been praying for her trip from this church. Please continue to pray for her membership with Wycliffe International.

Entity Conference at Kenya

From 18-24 June, we had our entity conference at the sea coast of Kenya. We had a spiritual retreat, election of committee and good discussions on development of our entity. Due to the expansion of more clusters and language projects in Tanzania, we plan to move the headquarters of our entity to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in the middle of 2006.

More Chinese come to know Christ in Kenya

Before and after the entity conference, we had opportunities to minister to the Mainland Chinese in Nairobi, Kenya. Three more Chinese restaurant and shop owners accepted Christ when we visited them. We also conducted the re-election of the committee of the Kenya Chinese Gospel Fellowship. They are preparing an evangelistic meeting on 20 August. This is the first evangelistic meeting they are organizing without us. Please pray for the success of this meeting and that many more come to know Christ. The speaker is Rev James Bai from Taiwan. James will be accompanied by his wife and Rev Frank Tuan from South Africa.

Specified Term Missionary come and go

The Specified Term Assistant from Hongkong, Tomson Au, will finish his term of 18 months' service and return home this September. Remember we asked you to pray for a Chinese family, Joseph and Doris Tang and their two little daughters, last year? They had finished their Vernacular Media Service training in USA. This August, they will be assigned to Entebbe for three years to start some projects in vernacular media and the Jesus Film. Please continue to pray for the Mandarin Bible study in Entebbe. We expect that Joseph will give a good contribution to this study since he was a pastor in Taiwan and is a native Mandarin speaker.

Internship in Australia & Training in US

In order to let people understand about the huge operations of Wycliffe while we promote mission and recruit missionaries, Daniel will attend an internship and attend the Regional Conference held at the National Centre of Wycliffe Australia in Melbourne from 1-11 August. We will be attending a Management Development and Orientation Course at SIL International, Dallas from 13 August to 15 December. Our mailing address will be 7250 Zuni St., Dallas, TX 75236, USA. Our e-mail addresses will remain unchanged. Daniel will share at the Chinese Mission Mobilization Conference organized by Great Commission Center International and Go International from 26-31 December. We'll make use of our time by visiting some Chinese churches in Canada from January through mid February 2006.

Handing Over of Role

After searching for a replacement to fill in Daniel's role of Operations Manager for some months, finally, he was able to hand over this role to a capable colleague in May. Daniel still has to manage the finance work for the Uganda-Tanzania Branch. Dominica has trained a national worker to manage the cashier and payroll work. However, we still have to do 70% of the finance work through e-mail in Dallas.

Children's Academic Progress and Interests

Nathaniel and Hannah did well in the Stanford Assessment Test at Rift Valley Academy. Nathaniel was in a band tour that performed in Nairobi in May. Their piano teacher is encouraging them to sit for the piano examinations in May 2006. They will both come with us to the US for a school term. Please pray for schooling options in a new environment.

Family news from Sydney and Hongkong

Daniel's 84-year-old father in Hongkong was hit by a reversing truck when he was crossing a busy road in March. He waited for an hour for the first ambulance to come. Unfortunately, the first ambulance broke down at the flyover. He then had to wait for another hour for a second ambulance to arrive. He needed 13 stitches on his left hand. A few days after that, Daniel's step-mother fell down and hurt her ribs. Thank you for your prayer! They have now made a good recovery. Praise the Lord!

Praise and Prayer Summary:

- Give thanks to the Lord for the completion of the Book of Jonah in the Luyole language. Please pray for good use of this and the continuing translation work.
- Give thanks for the fruitful conference for our entity. Please pray for the move of the headquarters to Dar es Salaam in the middle of 2006.
- Thanks be to God for the newly elected Chinese committee and new Christians in Kenya. Please pray for the preparation and follow up work of the evangelistic meeting on 20 August.
- Give thanks for the smooth hand over of parts of our roles and pray for good internship in Australia and training in North America.
- Give thanks for God's protection in the accident of Daniel's parents. Please pray for the health of our parents both in Hongkong and Sydney.
- Praise the Lord for balance, development of study and music of Nathaniel and Hannah. Pray for adaptation, family and social life in the US.

***Daniel and Dominica Lai,
Nathaniel and Hannah.***

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**Daniel shares at the Mission Action Convention
Sao Paulo, Brazil (8 Apr 05)**



**Lydia Teera and the Prayer Support Team from
Chinese Presbyterian Church, Sydney (30 Apr 05)**



At the Entity Conference, Watamu, Kenya (18 Jun 05)

***Vision 2025: We embrace the vision that by the year 2025 a Bible translation project
will be in progress for every people group that needs it.***

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