

# The LaiLine

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Merry Christmas and new year greetings in the name of our Lord from East Africa! May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with joy and peace throughout the year! "...all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16,17

### Our New Roles in Nairobi

By the time you received this newsletter, we are transitioning to Kenya. For more than a year, Dominica has been learning to take over Daniel's role as the Branch Finance Manager of Uganda Tanzania Branch while he is preparing his new role as Partnership Coordinator of the same entity but based in Kenya. Please pray for smooth progress of our work permit and dependant passes.

### 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Protestants in China

A lot of things happened in the last few months. Daniel attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Chinese Congress on World Evangelisation (CCOWE) in Macau from 17-21 July. It was a big celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Protestant missionary, Robert Morrison, came to China. About 2700 delegates from 57 countries & regions came, and it has broken the record of participants of CCOWE. Into the 4<sup>th</sup> decade of this movement, we developed the English track for the ethnic Chinese participants, many of them being the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation in English speaking countries like the USA, UK, Canada and Australia. We received good enquiries and response at the Wycliffe exhibition booth! May God continue to challenge the Chinese churches to help the Bibleless people.

### ReachOut Conference

In August, we represented Wycliffe at the ReachOut 2006 mission conference in Katoomba Convention Center, Australia. Our son, Nathaniel, was one of the 160 people who dedicated themselves to mission at the ReachOut conference. In early September, Dominica and Daniel helped in the first ever conference for Chinese Church For Mission (CCFM) with more than 90 participants from over 10 Chinese churches in Sydney.

### Mission Sharing Trips in North America

The triennial Urbana 2006 is from 27-31 Dec. This year is the first year Urbana to be held in St Louis, Missouri. It's an incredibly intense week of working on a team and relating to 25,000 students and recent graduates, many of whom are interested in missions. Daniel will speak on the topic of Asian context in a seminar as well as engaging students and follow-up. Please pray for health and mental ability for Daniel & his team to withstand the pressures of the event. We are looking forward to partnering with Pioneer Bible Translators and Lutheran Bible Translators to have a Bible Translation booth together. Daniel will stop over in Hong Kong and Toronto to visit some churches before and after Urbana2006.

### Missionaries Arriving East Africa

There were two discovery teams from Fort Bend Community Church and Clear Lake Community Church in June 2006. The team of mature members ministered to the Kenya Chinese Gospel Fellowship (KCGF) and the younger team went on a discovery trip with Daniel. Thank God that five Chinese accepted Christ and one young guy, Steven Tso, accepted the challenge of the role of missionary kids' teacher. He has come to teach computer, mathematics and sports at West Nairobi School from August, 2006.

After several years' preparation, Jessie Wei also arrived from Sydney. She has been helping our Regional Computer Services in Nairobi since August. Please pray for her adaptation of the life and culture of Africa.

Matthew and Iris Chau finally came to Kenya in October. They dedicated themselves to mission, when Daniel preached at their church in Melbourne, Australia in 2003. Iris graduated from Bible College of Victoria last year and is willing to adopt KCGF and form a new wholistic Chinese church soon. Another friend from Sydney, Tin Shea, will come to Nairobi from December through February. He will stay in two orphanages to help children ministry there.

### Uganda Chinese Gospel Fellowship Started

We also started the Uganda Chinese Gospel Fellowship on 15 Oct. We have about 15 people come on average every Sunday. Half of them are non-Christians. Three Mainland Chinese accepted Christ through the last few weeks. If you can collect some used Bible and evangelistic literature and Bible Study materials for us, please let us know. These will be very helpful to our ministry. Most Mainland Chinese in Uganda worked with semi-government Chinese companies. Their bosses don't like their staff to attend religious activities. Please pray for them.

### Burunge & Rangi People Groups

Here is some information on literacy needs with the Burunge & Rangi projects in Tanzania. Currently we have Wycliffe missionaries assigned as literacy workers to push forward with literacy activities by employing national workers, training them and then producing literacy materials for the Burunge and Rangi people. In light of the funding reductions this coming year we are looking to raise additional funds to top up the reduced amounts to be sure that we can move forward with these activities. If you would like to pray for them or know of any foundation or trust which are interested to adopt these people groups, please let us know. We'll send you their profiles.

### Children's School life

Nathaniel & Hannah are in Grade 11 & 10 at Rift Valley Academy respectively. They need your prayer as they started to find it hard this year. Nathaniel enjoys playing in his Jazz Band and Hannah is still very active in sports. Both of them are teaching piano to gain some teaching experience. Please pray for Hannah as she practicing hard for her Grade 7 piano examination in May, 2007. Recently, their testimonies were published in the Nov06 issue of Chinese Around The World. It is under the topic of The Potential of our Next Generation. You can read it from [www.cccowe.org/catw](http://www.cccowe.org/catw).

### Health of Dominica's Parents

We visited Dominica's family in Sydney some months ago. Please continue to pray for Dominica's 85-year-old Dad in the nursing home. Pray for his faith and his health. Sometimes he displays sign of dementia and confusion. Pray for Dominica's mother who is living with Dominica's elder sister. We spent times escorting her to visit the hospital renal unit to understand more about dialysis. She is very reluctant to go for it as she is 79. She fears that the surgery putting the catheter inside her body will lead to infection, otherwise, the procedure of

peritoneal dialysis 4 times a day at home is not too much problem. Praise for her positive attitude and faith towards God. She keeps reading the Bible daily and praying. She enjoys her church and is already looking forward to the church family camp next April.

Praise and Prayer Summary:

- Give thanks to the 160 people dedicated to Missions at ReachOut 2006 in Sydney. Please pray for Daniel's energy in Urbana 2006, 27-31 Dec, St Louis, USA.
- PTL for more missionaries from other parts of the world. Please pray for their adaptation and settling in the field.
- Give thanks for Dominica's father who is in nursing home since January. Please pray for the health of Dominica's diabetic mother, she doesn't want to do dialyze.
- Give thanks for Nathaniel & Hannah enjoy their boarding school life at Rift Valley Academy. Please pray for their study, sports development and piano examination.

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Celebrating Daniel's 51<sup>st</sup> B/D with family members in Sydney (22 Aug 06)



Daniel participate in the Pastor's Book Set Conference in Kampala, Uganda (26 Oct 06)



The Panel of Chinese Church For Mission in Sydney. Left to Right: Priscilla Wong, Daniel Lai, Desmond Chu, Steve Turner, Allan Web, Constant Chow (9 Sep 06)



The newly formed Uganda Chinese Gospel Fellowship in Kampala, Uganda (22 Oct 06)



Pastor Emmanuel reading from the book of Ruth (Burunge, Tanzania)



Gervas Simon was privileged to teach these first-time literacy participants. (Rangi, Tanzania)