

# The LaiLine

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Dear Praying Partners in the Gospel,

Happy Easter from Kenya in the name of our risen Lord!  
**“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”** ESV Luke 24:46-47.  
His victory has overcome the enemy and brought us salvation and hope! Hallelujah!

### Mission Sharing Trips in North America

The triennial Urbana06 was held at St Louis from 27-31 Dec last year. 22,000 university students from 140 countries, of which 29% are Asian, came to seek for God's will in mission. Daniel was in the recruitment team of Partnership in Bible Translation (including Wycliffe, Lutheran and Pioneers Bible Translators). He was also invited to present on the topic of "The Shape of Mission in an Asian Context". Over 300 students attended his seminar. It concluded well by a good Q&A time.

The team passed out 1,630 prayer key tags, and came back with 240 names of people to follow up on. Of those, 40 have indicated an interest in applying and eight did a Readiness course. Daniel did some follow-up work in Toronto and Ottawa visiting churches to promote mission after the convention. A big thanks for the good coordination work by Carmen Tsin, Michael and Melody Shuen, and the warm hospitality from our friends, Roger and Libbie Krumme, Raymond and Louisa Lai, Carmen Tsin, Francis and Peggy Chung, Charles and Fanny Mak and Julian and Freda Louie during this trip.

### Missionary Permit in Kenya Rejected

Kenya is limiting the number of missionary work permits now. Daniel's application for a missionary work permit was rejected but his professional Class A work permit was approved in December for two years. We thank God for that even though the professional work permit is eight times more expensive than the missionary Class E!

### Project Funding and Finance Workshop in Kenya

We participated in a Project Funding and Finance workshop at a conference center outside Nairobi at the end of January. It went well except a Swiss facilitator twisted her ankle at a ball game. There was no doctor in the village hospital, so we sent her to a hospital for surgery in the capital. She has been recovering and learning how to walk.



The Project Funding and Finance Workshop in Kenya (22 Jan07)

### Guest Helpers into East Africa

Tin Shea from Lindfield Evangelical Free Church of Australia came to help in two different orphanages from last December through January. He has a chance to go to the Digo people group to visit a Bible translation project there. Tin's father and Daniel taught at the same secondary school in Hong Kong 32 years ago.



Pastor Mary Gakembu (L1) and senior staff farewell Tin Shea (L2) at Bethlehem Center, Kenya (7Feb07)

Daniel is busy in planning some discovery trips for several guest helpers and teams from May through October. Those parties including: Grace Cheung from Vancouver, (daughter of Rev. Daniel Cheung, Dominica's ex-pastor in Saskatoon in late '70s), a team from Fort Bend Community Church from Houston and the TV production team from Showers of Blessings Evangelistic Ministry of Toronto. The Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelisation (CCCOWE) is organizing the Chinese Missions in Africa- Consultation and Action in Kenya from 3-11 April 2008. We expect about 200 mission leaders from Chinese diaspora churches will come. Daniel is responsible for an important role as the strategic action planner for the whole Africa after the conference. If you have expressed your interest to visit us but never done so, this conference should make a good reason to fulfil your wish.

### Chinese Missionaries Support Group

We had a good kick start for the first gathering for Chinese missionaries and ministry leaders in East Africa at our house on 27 Jan. Ten people from different mission agencies/churches came. Please pray that this monthly gathering and individual contact could be a good supportive system among our fellow missionaries.

### Chinese New Year Outreach in Uganda

We had a good outreach event with the Uganda Chinese Gospel Fellowship on the first day of Chinese New Year. Over 40 Mainland Chinese came for celebration. Daniel led some games and shared an evangelistic message on the Beatitudes with some positive responses. Please pray for Pauline Ho from Dallas, Daniel's ex-student 31 years ago, who will come to Uganda to minister to Mainland Chinese for three weeks this April.



The Chinese New Year Outreach of Uganda Chinese Gospel Fellowship (15 Feb07)

### Open Day of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BTL

The Open Day celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bible Translation & Literacy Center on 10 March was successful with good speeches, open panel and exhibition. Let us continue to pray that what was shared during this important day will continue to resound in the minds and hearts of all those who attended the function and go on to bear fruit for the sake of Bible translation ministry.



**The Open Day of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BTL, Kenya (10 Mar07)**

### Security & Vehicle in Nairobi

We heard of more armed robberies happening near our area in 2007. PTL that no one got hurt. It prompted us that we need to purchase a secure and reliable vehicle for travel. After taking three vehicles for a serious mechanical inspection, we purchased a suitable one. It is hard to believe the price of this 8-year-old jeep is three times the price of the one we sold in Uganda. We were just in time to get this jeep a day before Dominica's birthday for celebration!

### Kenya Chinese Gospel Fellowship

Beside the usual Bible study and worship, the Kenya Chinese Fellowship has had several activities such as visiting orphanages, outings, and movie outreaches. Dominica also started an English Conversation Class for them. Together, we have opportunity to celebrate Dominica's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Chinese buffet. Dominica liked the big birthday card Daniel bought so that everybody could sign it. It saved others' money for buying cards and also was environmentally friendly.

Daniel compiled a surprise powerpoint presentation which showed pictures of Dominica over the past 50 years. Many people were amazed by the places we've been to and we were blessed by encouragement greetings from all over the world. (Thank you for your congratulations.) Dominica received about US\$200 in cash as birthday gifts so we were able to donate it to the Burunge literacy project in Tanzania. Please pray for that project which has been lacking in funding.

### Health of Dominica's Mother

The doctor confirmed that Dominica's mother in Sydney needs dialysis. Her creatin level had reached a dangerous level. She had surgery on 20 March and stayed in the hospital for two days. Please pray for a speedy recovery. She will be taught how to perform peritoneal dialysis for an intensive two weeks very soon.

### Children's School life

This second term, Nathaniel had a wonderful formal banquet and a bike trip while Hannah's RVA school team won the Intersvasity Soccer Championship! We haven't settled our accommodation in Kenya yet. We have to move to another apartment temporarily for our children's term break for four weeks between March and April. Daniel will take Nathaniel and Hannah to Uganda for the Bible Exposition Conference from 16-20 April and Dominica may consider flying back to Sydney to see her sick parents.



**Nathaniel is helping in some woodwork for the Drama Banquet, "Around the World in 80 Days" at school. Kenya (3Feb 06)**



**Hannah's RVA school team won the Intersvasity Soccer Championship, Kenya (14 Mar07)**

### Praise and Prayer Summary:

- Give thanks to the Urbana06. Please pray for the organization of various discovery trips and the Chinese Missions in Africa- Consultation and Action organized by CCCOWE in April 2008.
- Thanks be to God for the successful BTL Open Day. Please pray for Daniel and the children's trip to Uganda for the Bible Exposition Conference this April.
- Thank God for protecting Dominica's mother who finished the surgery for dialysis. Please pray that she can adapt well for the daily dialysis process and Dominica's safety trip to Sydney to see her sick parents.
- Praise God for Nathaniel and Hannah enjoying their boarding school life at Rift Valley Academy. Please pray for their academic study, sports development and piano examination.

### **Hallelujah to the Lord and King!**

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