

LaiLine

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Dear Partners in our Missions,

Calvary greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ! 2008 marks the 10th anniversary of our faith mission in Africa and Daniel's 30th anniversary in full time Christian ministry. Although this is not an easy road, through your prayer and support, our whole family can do all things through Him who strengthens us. (Phil 4:13) PTL!

Chinese Mission Convention 2007

Our family visited Charlotte, Orlando, Philadelphia, Washington DC, New York, Rhode Island and Boston in December 2007 and January 2008. It was great that we could meet up with some old friends. We were invited to share at CMC 2007 organized by Ambassadors for Christ in Philadelphia. Thank God that we received positive responses from the audience. Please continue to pray for more mission minded people to prepare for missions. Due to the unrest in Kenya after the election, Rift Valley Academy postponed the resuming date for about three weeks. It turned out that we could celebrate Nathaniel's 18th birthday as a whole family and we could share with more churches in the US. Thank you for your prayers for peace in Kenya. Please continue to liftup this country to God!

Chinese Mobilization Conference in Malaysia

In March, Daniel went to Malaysia for the first ever Wycliffe's Chinese Mobilization Conference for recruiting in Asia. Over 20 Recruiters came from Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the US, Canada, Thailand, Korea, Australia and the Philippines.

Please pray that we can have more opportunities to share our experiences in recruiting missionaries. Daniel also spoke at the annual mission convention of some churches in Hong Kong and Sydney. He also received good responses.

Chinese Mission in Africa 1-12 April, 2008

Thanks be to God that the Missionary Retreat, Discovery, and Chinese Mission in Africa - Consultation and Action, that was held in Kenya went well. It was organized by the Chinese Coordination Center on World Evangelization (CCCOWE). Although the registration was affected by the unrest in Kenya, we still had 90+ participants from 20+ countries joining us. At Daniel's invitation, Shower of Blessings Ministry came to Africa last year and have produced a video clip for the opening ceremony. You are welcome to browse it with English subtitles: http://www.cccowe.org/content.php?id=1638&content_kind_type=5&change_model=content_detail. Daniel also organized all the Chinese congregations in Nairobi to worship together for the first time in a combined worship on that Sunday. They also offered a song at the commissioning which was conducted by Daniel. The discovery trips to North, East, South and Central Africa were the biggest discovery action in the Chinese church history in Africa. The trips covered similar culture and cross-cultural ministries in big cities, small towns, villages and remote areas. It also involved evangelistic ministries, theological training, missionary kid education, tent-making business in Creative Access Nation as well as Bible translation work. Thank God for His protection. Despite the riots in Nairobi and a plane crash in Democratic Republic of Congo where a team of ours travelled, and a Chinese person was killed in an armed robbery, our participants remained safe.

Below are some comments from the participants. We cannot list them all. Please browse our website:

[wysite.org/sites/Lai](http://www.wysite.org/sites/Lai)

"My conviction as well as my ministry is to call upon the Chinese churches to make the best out of the current mission opportunities in Africa." Rev Philip Leung from Canada, Executive Director of Chinese International Missions (Canada)

"I appreciated your support before, during, and after conference. It was so impressive." Elder Daniel Huang

from New Zealand, Information Management of CCCOWE

"...this was the most touching, inspiring and thought provoking conference I have ever attended." Rev Jonathan Chiu from USA, Speaker of Opening Ceremony, International Director of Care Ministry International

Farewell to Jessie Wei

Our colleague from Sydney, Jessie Wei, has finished her two year term with Eastern Congo Group (ECG). She has been helping the ECG director and helping with computer support based in Nairobi. She came to visit us in 1999 and as a result considered stepping on this mission road. She will return to Sydney to study theology this July. Please pray for God's guidance for her future plan.

Pastor Ministering to Uganda Chinese

We established the Uganda Chinese Gospel Fellowship (UCGF) in 2006. Thanks be to God that a two year stipend was raised by some Singaporeans and Malaysians in East Africa. A pastor and wife have arrived from Asia on 11 April to minister with UCGF. Please pray for their adaptation and ministry.

Children's Growth and Development

Nathaniel passed his driving test in April. He said it was as easy as driving around a tree! Pray that he would drive carefully without accident. His graduation ceremony will be held on 12 July at Rift Valley Academy. He will miss his childhood friends of the last 10 years in Africa. We plan to take our children to Sydney for university shopping. He is applying with Operation Mobilization (OM) to help with the Gospel ship *MV Doulos* for some months when the ship visits Perth in October. Then he will start his study at university in Sydney in January 2009. Please let us know if you would like to sponsor his ministry. Hannah loves playing on the school soccer team, which won the Sportsmanship Award in the varsity league. She is taking Grade 8 piano examinations in May. May God bless her with music to serve Him!

Interesting Program in Hong Kong

The Watoto Choir from Uganda visits Hong Kong again. They will perform from 23 Apr – 18 May. This is the most impressive children's choir we have ever seen. Their itinerary is short and free e-tickets will not be available for long. You may consider to be on the waiting list or help

out as a volunteer. Booking is essential. www.watoto-hk.org

Creation TV broadcast a program about Wycliffe Bible Translators on 3rd May on Cable TV (Channel 15) and Now TV (Channel 545) and Broadband TV (Channel 719). SOBEM also produced some features for East Africa and our testimonies which has been airing since Feb through Oct in Canada, LA, San Francisco, Hawaii, NZ, Europe and Taiwan. You can check their program on www.sobem.org

Praise and Prayer Summary:

- Give thanks for several mission conferences in March and April. Please pray for good vision sharing opportunities by the participants and for God to bring more mission minded people to the field.
- Give thanks for the pastor & his wife who have come to Uganda. Please pray for their adaptation and ministry.
- Praise God for the growth and development of Nathaniel and Hannah. Pray that they can choose a suitable course for tertiary study in 2009.
- Give thanks for Dominica's siblings in Sydney looking after her parents. Pray for the health of Dominica's mother at home and her father in nursing care.

May God bless those who are mothers on Mother's Day!

Serving together with your partnership

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Nathaniel got a surprised 18th birthday cake at our host Ken & Flora Kwong's home in Philadelphia (13 Jan 08)



After worshipping at a slum church with Daniel Huang (L1), Pastor William & Grace (L3-4), Doris Huang (R3), Christina Ting (R2) & Angus Chu (R1), Dagoratti Corner, Kenya (30 Mar 08)



Carol Chu & Dominica were leading ice-breaking game with David Chi, Morley & Sophie Lee dancing at the Missionary Retreat in Kenya (1 Apr 08)



Daniel in the first ever Combined Mandarin Worship in China Center, Nairobi (6 Apr 08)



With Jessie Wei at the Chinese Missions in Africa, Nairobi (7 Apr 08)



Together with James & Antonio Hwang, we assist Morley Lee with Holy Communion (7 Apr 08)