

LaiLine

New Year 2009



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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

New Year Greetings! May God fill your heart with hope and your year with peace! “Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always...” 2 Thessalonians 3:16a.

Nathaniel learning to serve

We are very grateful that Nathaniel had the opportunity to serve with CCCOWE (Chinese Coordination Centre on World Evangelism) for six weeks before he flew to Australia to serve with OM’s MV Doulos. He has been to West Australia, East Timor, Singapore and Malaysia. He will pass his 19th birthday on Doulos on 13 January and finish up his ministry in the Philippines by 17 January. In some countries, they can’t share their faith publicly. Instead, they invite local people to visit the ship on open days. Please pray he will be accepted to study engineering in a university in Sydney in mid-March.



Nathaniel Graduated from high school (12Jul08, Kenya)

Launching Prayer Network

The “Prayer Handbook of New Believers” was translated into Kiswahili in November. Fan Chan, the General Secretary of Jireh Fund, and Audrey Lo, an executive committee member, came from Hong Kong to Kenya to launch this book at some pastoral meetings from 1-4 November 2008. This book will be translated into some other languages in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda and Burundi soon. Please pray that this prayer network will spread throughout Africa. Mundara Muturi, the General Secretary of Bible Translation & Literacy, George Mwita, Partnership Coordinator of SIL’s Uganda-Tanzania Branch, together with us, were invited to be involved with the prayer event and gospel rally held in Hong Kong Stadium on 28-29 November 2008. PTL that 510 people came to Christ!

Celebrations in Hongkong

We have had opportunities to celebrate Daniel’s father’s 87th birthday; the marriage banquet of the son of Daniel’s St Mark’s School alumni,

Peter & Karen Chung; the ordination of life deaconship of John Tang, Daniel’s brother-in-law and the ordination of Ken Lui and Thomas Yeung. We also spent some family time to take Daniel’s eldest sister and parents to Beijing and their home town in China. We have returned to Kenya on 2 January. We have immediately received the medical team from Canada from 2-6 January. Lord willing! Hannah will finish her senior year at Rift Valley Academy on 18 July.

Discovering New Visions

There will be several discovery teams coming from Hong Kong, Canada and USA from January through July in 2009. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us.

From 17-20 March, Daniel will be invited to attend the Planning Committee Meeting in Hong Kong for the Program of CCOWE in Indonesia in 2011. Under the theme of “Christ’s holistic gospel reaching all people,” Daniel’s task is to focus on a sub-topic on “The life of denying oneself and carrying the cross.” You are welcome to give us some ideas about how to present this sub-topic to the three thousand church delegates from all over the world in 2011. We are also planning our home assignment from next August. We may be seconded to help a mission mobilization organization to promote mission during our furlough year.

Dominica’s Parents Need Your Prayer

Dominica’s father in Sydney is still in nursing home. Her mother will have a doctor consultation on 19 Jan to decide if she needs to receive a dental surgery to take off all teeth and replace artificial teeth. She wants to avoid this surgery as it is quite risky at her age.

Praise & Prayer Summary

- Praise God for smooth progress in the translation and launching of the prayer booklet. Pray for its translation into other languages and for the mobilization of the prayer network in Africa.
- Praise God for fruitful meetings in Hong Kong. Please pray for the follow up work.
- Praise God for good health to Daniel's parents except skin allergy on abdomen and thigh of Daniel's father. Pray for good health for Dominica's parents in Sydney too.
- Thank God for Nathaniel's ministries with CCCOWE and MV Doulos. Pray for Hannah's study in her senior year at Rift Valley Academy until July, and Nathaniel's plan to study engineering in Sydney next March.
- Pray for smooth itineraries for the discovery teams in 2009. Pray for their impacts and for them to be a vision broadening experience on each team member.



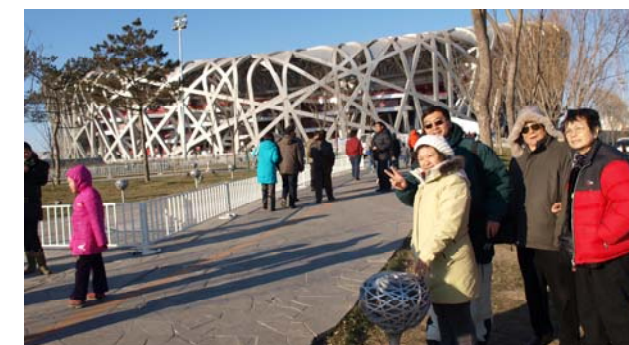
*Nathaniel blessing the land of East Timor
(Nov08, East Timor)*



*Celebrating Daniel's father's 87th birthday
(19 Nov 08, Hongkong)*



*Fan Chan of Jireh Fund sharing
at a Regional Pastors' Meeting (2 Nov 08, Kenya)*



*With Daniel's parents visiting the Bird Nest Stadium
(13 Dec 08, China)*

Serving together with your partnership

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*Dominica and Mundara Muturi representing Kenya at
the Prayer Meeting at Hong Kong Stadium
(28 Nov 08, Hongkong)*



*Hannah & Grandparents having yumcha
(31 Dec 08, Hongkong)*