

LaiLine

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has kept us for the past 11 years of our mission in East Africa! It marks another new milestone of our family and mission.

Highest Number Of Discovery Teams in 2009

2009 also marks the highest number of discovery teams we have received in East Africa. We have had 10 teams come to visit us in the first half year.

We finished the book launch of Jireh Fund's "Prayer Handbook for New Believers" in vernacular languages at the end of May. Fan Chan and Audrey Lo of Jireh Fund, Hong Kong paid their second visit to Africa for the book launch in Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya and Tanzania. They were able to network with many African pastors through Prayer Net.

In June, Cecile Lee of Central Baptist Church, Sydney, Australia came to minister to the orphans. Cecile first met Dominica in March 2009 after sharing her vision of serving the

orphans in Kenya. We continue to pray for fruit from her mission trip to Kenya. She took her leave and taught in 3 orphanages in 3 weeks. She has left her heart in Africa with these orphans! We pray that God will continue to lead her and use her in future on the mission field.

Three teams were sent from Richmond Hill Christian Community Church in Toronto this year. Nancy Cheung led a team just a few days after her wedding. Her father, Rev Joshua Cheung, even went further to Uganda. We also brought them to see the needs of the local churches and the orphanages, as well as ministering to the Mainland Chinese. They are thinking of developing a 3-5 year sustainable ministry.

Successful Run for the Bibleless

We have mobilized the Chinese congregations in Kenya to participate in the fund raising program, "Run for the Bibleless," organized by the Bible Translation & Literacy (BTL) organization on 6 June. BTL has raised about USD, 50,000 for the next year's budget. PTL that about 1/5 of the total amount were raised from the Chinese churches! The top three kids who won awards are Chinese kids.

Wonderful Dedication in Mwanza

Daniel attended the dedication of the Kiswahili comic book, CD and audio cassette of the Book of Genesis in Mwanza, Tanzania on 4 July. It was an exciting day for this community who can have more choices to understand the Bible and preach the gospel.

Fruitful Branch Conference

We have shared and reported at our annual branch conference at the coast of Kenya from 9-

15 July. Due to our home assignment, Daniel stepped down from his involvement in the branch Executive Committee. We have to say farewell to Africa and for the time our next field assignment is uncertain.

Home Assignment As Missions Mobilizer

By end of August, we will start our home assignment. We have been busy sorting out many beloved and memorable items: to sell, to give away or to travel with us. We shall be based in HK for some months since Daniel will be seconded to the Great Commission Centre International as their voluntary Director of Mission Mobilization. From mid-Sept to October, we will speak at some mission conferences at different churches in the USA and Canada. Please pray that God will use His Word to encourage more people to understand the needs on mission fields and partnership with missions.

Nathaniel's Study in Civil Engineering

After studying general engineering for the first semester, Nathaniel has decided to study more subjects in Civil Engineering. Please continue to pray for his study at Uni of New South Wales as well as his social life in Australia.

Hannah's Graduation With Highest Honour

On 18th July, we celebrated Hannah's high school graduation with highest honour, but as our son Nathaniel commented, "it was both a mournful and joyful moment." Hannah bid farewell to all her good friends, who will study at universities in many different countries. It also marks the start of another exciting period of her life. Hannah plans to take up some volunteer work in HK before starting university in Sydney in March 2010. Please pray for her wise choice

of faculty and university as she has a wide range of interest.

Dominica's Mother Waiting For Dentures

After visiting the dental clinic at Hornsby hospital 6 times, Dominica's 82-year-old mother finally had all her teeth extracted. A full denture will be made soon to fit her recovered gum and we all look forward to it.

Praise & Prayer Summary

- Thanks be to God for each discovery team. Please pray for their continuous partnership with Africa in the future.
- Thanks to God for our 11 year mission in East Africa. Please pray for our home assignment from the end of August 2009 through the end of 2010.
- Thank God for Nathaniel's first semester of study and pray for his second semester of Civil Engineering at UNSW. Thank God for Hannah's high school graduation. Please pray for her application and choices of faculty and university in Sydney in 2010.
- Praise God that there is no major health complication from the surgeries of Dominica's mother and her health is still maintained even though food intake is a bit difficult at the moment. Please continue to pray for good health.

Serving together with your partnership
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Fan Chan (right 3) & Audrey Lo (right 2) at the Book Launch of Jireh Fund's Prayer Handbook (BJM, Burundi, 22 May 2009)



"Run for the Bibleless" has raised about USD 50,000 for the Bible Translation & Literacy work (Nairobi Primary School, Kenya, 6 June, 2009)



Cecile Lee playing games with some orphans (Overcomers Orphanage in Kibera, Kenya, (9 Jul, 2009)



Hannah graduated with highest honours (Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya, 18 July 2009)



Daniel speaking at the Dedication of Genesis (AIC in Mwanza, Tanzania, 24 July, 2009)



The Uganda-Tanzania Branch Conference (Turtle Bay Resort Club, Kenya, 19 July 2009)