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TO ALL NATIONS..."

CHINA PROJECT – LOOKING FOR PARTNERS

As a small ministry with limited resources, Christ for Humanity chooses the organizations with which it partners for special projects very carefully. Once CFH establishes a working relationship with a reliable ministry and its field missionaries, continuing to support their work for the advancement of Christ becomes a priority. Below is information regarding a current project undertaken by CFH staff and board members. The real names of our partnering mission organization and missionary have been withheld in the article below for security reasons.



Background: In 1997, a Chinese couple from Inner Mongolia approached BI, an international mission organization, with the idea of printing Christian materials in China rather than transporting them to the mission field across borders - the normal practice for most mission groups involved in training pastors. Though such a practice was risky, particularly under the Maoist regime, "Happy" and his wife felt God's calling to this particular ministry, and BI decided to partner with them. For the past 14 years, Happy and his staff of 12 "volunteers" have produced and delivered at least 500,000 courses, commentaries and helps for Chinese pastors - materials not for sale in China but necessary for the growth and health of an exploding church.

In 2009 CFH embarked on a special project with EV, a veteran BI missionary serving in China. Our ministry provided funds to cover the printing cost for 2,000 copies of *Ryrie Basic Theology* - materials desperately needed by Christian pastors to teach their small, underground congregations the rudiments of the faith. The success of this particular project encouraged Christ for Humanity to contact our missionary friend again this summer, as she happened to be in Tulsa on furlough. When we asked how our ministry might help the current

evangelism effort in China, EV mentioned that funds were needed to up-grade the printing operation for her Chinese co-worker.

EV related that Happy's aging print shop is located in the country, well off the radar of Chinese officials. Several years ago, a building boom began in the city near his operation. Happy realized that purchasing an apartment in one of these new constructions could be a marvelous business opportunity; however, he did not have the money for the down payment. He decided to approach his American co-worker for a loan. The money he required was the sum total of EV's retirement savings, and she hesitated; however, God continued to tug at her heart. Stepping out in faith, she gave Happy the money he needed, requesting that the load be repaid in two years. She then turned the entire situation over to the Lord.

Two years to the day, Happy arrived at our friend's door with the money he borrowed in hand. He told his sister in Christ that he sold his apartment for a substantial profit, making enough money not only to

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THE KALMYK REPUBLIC

Another area of the world receiving continued Christ for Humanity support is the Kalmyk Republic, a former Soviet Union satellite country, located on the northwest shores of the Caspian Sea.

In 1992, CFH founder Mark Rollins visited Kalmykia's capital city Elista, delivering Christian materials and humanitarian relief to a beleaguered Baptist church supported by the Slavic Gospel Association. The ministry later partnered with missionary friends associated with Athletes in Action (AIA) to promote Christ to the Kalmyk people (primarily Buddhist of Mongol descent), using the national sport of wrestling as the lever for meeting people and establishing relationships. Over the past 17 years, Christ for Humanity has provided Athletes in Action humanitarian relief on a number of occasions to enhance its outreach to the poor in the Kalmyk Republic and elsewhere across the globe.

At an AIA event in the city of Tsaganaman, Kalmyk heavyweight wrestling champion Sanjek Kykeeyev received Christ, becoming the first Christian in his city. After completing Bible school, Sanjek remained in Tsaganaman to establish a church and to bring Christ to surrounding communities. When *Phase One* of his evangelism strategy was successfully completed, Sanjek moved his family to Elista, where he felt he could spread the Gospel to a larger population and conduct outreaches to rural areas south of

the capital - places suffering from both physical and spiritual darkness.

Christ for Humanity first became aware of Sanjek's ministry to his people in 2007, when AIA representatives approached the ministry for funds to purchase food for one of his outreaches to impoverished villages around Elista. The success of that joint venture lead CFH board members to approve funds for a more personal need - the purchase of a own home for Sanjek and his family. The growing Kalmyk church in Elista was meeting in Sanjek's tiny rented apartment. He needed a larger place, where he could safely hold ministry meetings and host visiting Christians from around the country.

Sanjek and wife Elsa continue to impact the Kalmyk Republic positively for Christ. This fall he and his team received permission from the administrators of a number of area schools to organize "Kid's Games" in their institutions. The program centers on PE and art activities; however, the underlying message is Christian in nature. Our ministry believes that reaching the younger generation for Christ is one of the best ways to evangelize a people group. CFH decided to help Sanjek with this project by providing the necessary funds to purchase the requisite P.E. equipment, supplies, and



One of Sanjek's Bible study groups.

t-shirts for the team leaders, as well as to cover team transportation costs to the participating schools. Due to the success of this program in countries like Mongolia, our staff has high hopes for a rich harvest as a result of the "Kid's Games" program.

When foreign missionaries visit countries like the Kalmyk Republic, their goal is to lead men and women to Christ. The real blessing comes when believers from their harvest study to become missionaries to their own people. When a Kalmyk Christian approaches native unbelievers, he is better able to impact those lives for Christ because he understands the culture and traditions of his people. For this reason, our ministry supports native missionaries like Sanjek and Elsa, who are struggling in a hostile environment to see names added to the *Lamb's Book of Life*.

CHINA PROJECT

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repay his loan but also enough to purchase a large format printing press, which could produce huge quantities of materials very quickly. Unfortunately, Happy did not have the financial resources to purchase an upgraded collator, cutter and binder, resulting in a bottle neck at the end of the printing process. The cost of the final piece of machinery was \$16,000.

Christ for Humanity has earmarked \$10,000.00 toward this project. Our desire is to allow other interested parties to partner with us to purchase the necessary upgrades, allowing the Chinese printing operation to produce more materials in less time. Upgrading the system will allow this Christian printer to achieve greater independence and reduce his dependence on the West for support.

Christ for Humanity's staff and Board of Directors request that those individuals reading this newsletter prayerfully consider supporting the China Project. To date CFH has raised \$1,000.00 of the additional \$6,000.00 needed to purchase the equipment. We hope to be able to wire all of the money to China in November. If God so pricks your heart, partner with us to bring as many Chinese men and women as possible into a saving knowledge of Christ and to help those who have accepted Him as Lord and Savior grow in their faith. II Corinthians 5:10 states: *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body . . .* What joy there would be in that day to hear our Lord say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things: I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"* (Matthew 25:21)

MINISTRY BUILDING DAMAGED BY FREAK STORM

This summer Oklahoma and Texas suffered extreme heat and drought. Tulsa experienced 100+ temperatures for weeks on end with little chance for relief. Imagine our excitement when on Saturday, August 6th, the forecast for Northeast Oklahoma called for rain; however, none of us realized that the cooling moisture would be accompanied in places by 70 mph straight winds - sheers that tore away much of CFH's western façade, dropping debris on the parking lot below.

Though little structural damage occurred, much of the character of the building was destroyed. After surveying the damage, Bob Ashinhurst, CFH's Director of Local Outreach, pointed out that God's hand had protected the ministry's handicapped lift-bus, box truck and storage containers, located behind the facility. The wind blew directly from the south, throwing everything onto the north parking lot. Additionally, the event occurred on a weekend evening, when no cars were parked in front of the building.

Our staff saw God moving in other ways immediately following this unexpected event. CFH has a flat roof, which is coated with a special material to prevent leaking. On Monday morning, as Camille prepared to call our roofing

company, who should appear at CFH's door but Jason, the company's contact person. He just "happened" to be in the neighborhood, saw the damage and immediately stopped to see if he could help. Within days the roof was repaired. A contractor friend also "dropped by" that morning, inspected the damage, and began putting together an estimate to restore the building to its former appearance.

Christ for Humanity's facility was originally built in the late 1970's. The original wooden details, western style balconies and unique clock tower had rotted over time. Our staff often patched the façade, striving to keep the building's original look. As meeting the needs of the poor worldwide is priority #1, precious ministry dollars were rarely budgeted for building upkeep unless a gift was designated for that purpose. God, realizing the potential danger our aging façade posed to ministry staff, volunteers and clients, made a way for CFH to make much needed repairs. We are praising Him that our insurance will cover most of the restoration costs and that our building will once again be a safe place where people can come to have their physical and spiritual needs met.



“He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; Who makes lightnings for the rain; Who brings forth the wind from His treasuries.”

Psalm 135:7

Christ for Humanity Building

Before and after the storm



"I HAD TO LOSE MY SIGHT IN ORDER TO SEE CLEARLY"

In 1987 Suzette Roirdan was a busy mother with three young children; however, a moment in time would change her life forever. Suzette's car was hit broadside by an uninsured motorist who ran a red light. The impact knocked one of her eyes from its socket, threw shards of glass into the other eye and caused permanent paralysis on the left side of her body.

Suzette spent years in a rehab facility, struggling to learn to live with disabilities that would break most people. Not only was she nearly blind and immobile, but she also lost her family, ultimately relinquishing custody of her children to her mother and stepfather.

Having hit rock bottom, Suzette turned to the Lord for a strength and comfort. She began bathing herself in God's Word, memorizing scripture and storing verses in her soul to help during the difficult years ahead. She decided to move from a total care nursing home to Murdock Villa, a Tulsa Housing Authority (THA) facility geared for handicapped residents, and began living independently with help from visiting nurses. With time, Suzette started to view the seeming tragedy of her life with new eyes. The accident opened the door for her to be a blessing to others in her sphere of influence – people

struggling with terrible trials much like her own. Though nearly blind, Suzette is the first to say that now she sees clearly the plan God had for her life – to be His witness in the Jerusalem of Murdock Villa and at CFH's *1st Steps* program.

Christ for Humanity first became aware of Suzette when Fellowship Bible Church joined the ministry's Adopt-a-Facility program. When CFH purchased its handicapped lift bus in 2007, the opportunity arose to bring severely disabled individuals to Christ for Humanity's in-house *1st Steps* program. Several years ago, Suzette began attending Monday's discipleship program. She has blessed many class members with her Biblical insight, and the ministry has been fortunate to bless Suzette, as well.

God's timing is always perfect. A year ago, Suzette's electric wheelchair broke. When she called the ministry for help, God had just provided a wonderful chair, which we hoped would meet her needs. Given her specific disabilities, our staff had to jerry-rig the wheelchair to make it work for Suzette. How grateful she was to be mobile once again! But God wasn't finished blessing His faithful servant. In August of this year, CFH received a donation of a brand new electric wheel-



Suzette's new wheelchair is an answer to prayer.

chair, specifically designed for a paralyzed person. CFH exchanged chairs with Suzette, giving her first chair to another person in desperate need. To our delight, the new chair perfectly matched Suzette's disabilities. Praise be to God for His goodness to those who love Him!

"O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 25:1

FROM THE CFH MAIL BAG

Dear Christ for Humanity,

My mother lives on a fixed monthly income which doesn't meet her monthly necessities. Your organization kindly donated a toilet riser. I contribute to my mother's income with my husband, but we aren't always able to keep up with Mom's extra necessities.

Thanks to your donation, Mom has a toilet riser and potty chair for her bedroom. She isn't always able to make it to the riser in her bathroom, the potty chair is necessary.

*Many thanks!
Elise*



Dear Jan and Staff of Christ for Humanity –

Thank you so much for the shower chair and pull-ups. I appreciate it more than you know.

I have no family or anyone really to help me, so your generosity is much appreciated. It is hard for me to ask for help, so I appreciated you treating me with dignity.

Sincerely,
Andrea

Internet Offering

A true story written by a missionary doctor in Africa . . .

“Before They Call, I Will Answer” ~ Isaiah 65:24

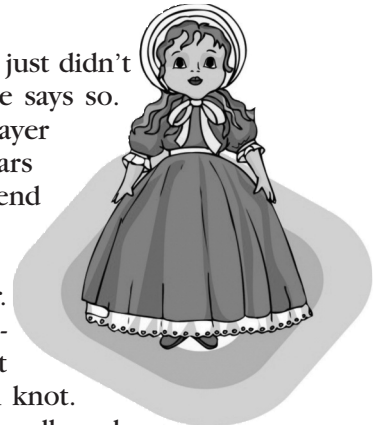
One night I had worked hard to help a mother in the labor ward; but in spite of all we could do, she died, leaving us with a tiny, premature baby and a crying two-year-old daughter. We would have trouble keeping the baby alive, as we had no incubator or electricity to run one. Although we lived on the equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous drafts.

One student mid-wife went for the box we kept for such babies and the cotton wool in which to wrap the child. Another went to stoke the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She returned shortly in distress: the bottle had burst during the filling process, and it was our last one! “All right,” I said. “Put the baby as near the fire as you safely can and sleep between child and the door, keeping him from drafts. It is your job to keep the baby warm.”

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with any of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions for prayer and told them about the tiny new-born. I explained our problem regarding keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle, and said the baby could easily die if it got chilled. I also told them of the baby’s sister, crying because her mother died.

During prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt conciseness of our African children. “Please, God,” she prayed, “send us a hot water bottle today. It’ll be no good tomorrow, God, as the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon.” As I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added, “And would you send a dolly for the little girl, so she’ll know You really love her?”

As often with children’s prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say, “Amen?” I just didn’t believe that God could do this. Oh, yes, I know that He can do everything; the Bible says so. But there are limits, aren’t there? The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending me a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost 4 years at that time, and I had never, ever, received a parcel from home. Anyway, if anyone did send me a parcel, who would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator.



Halfway through the afternoon, a message arrived that there was a car at my front door. By the time I reached home, the car was gone, but there on the verandah was a large, 22-pound parcel. I felt tears pricking my eyes. I could not open the package alone, so I sent for the orphanage children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focused on the large cardboard box. From the top, I lifted brightly colored, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then there were knitted bandages for the leprosy patients, and the children looked a little bored. A box of mixed raisins and sultanas emerged next that would make a batch of buns for the weekend. Then, as I put my hand in again, I felt the . . . could it really be? I grasped it and pulled it out. Yes, a brand new, rubber hot water bottle! I cried. I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that He could.

Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, “If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly too!” Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully dressed doll. Her eyes shone! She had never doubted! Looking up at me, she asked, “Can I go with you and give this dolly to that little girl, so she’ll know that Jesus really loves her?” “Of course,” I replied!

That parcel had been on the way for five whole months, packed by my former Sunday school class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God’s prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. And one of the girls had added a doll for an African child – five months before – in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to provide it “that afternoon.”

“It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer . . .” Isaiah 64:24

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our All Knowing, All Seeing God

The account on page five illustrates one of God's many attributes - His Omniscience. God knew the missionary's need before the need existed and took steps to answer the fervent prayer of a believing child. Recently, Christ for Humanity staff members learned of a similar situation involving foreign aid provided by our ministry.

More than ten years ago, CFH began sending containers of humanitarian aid to Bob and Judy Van Sant, missionaries who founded a church for both hearing and deaf people in Simferopol, Ukraine. The Van Sants decided to undertake the involved process of receiving cargo containers from the U.S., as they wanted to use the humanitarian aid to gain favor for the cause of Christ within their community.

The first container CFH shipped to the Van Sants contained pallets of clothing and shoes. Many Christian volunteers worked in CFH's warehouse, sorting and boxing men's, women's and children's clothing. The shoes were also paired and boxed. Single shoes were thrown in a large box to be discarded.

When the Van Sants received the CFH container, to their dismay the first box they opened contained single shoes.



Inadvertently, the discard box had been placed in the container and shipped. This gave them cause for concern regarding what else might be part of this first container. Much to the relief of all, the remaining cargo was very usable, and the church began its outreaches of Christ around Simferopol.

Several days passed, and a representative from a local orthopedic hospital dropped by the church. The visitor told the Van Sants that the hospital had heard the church was distributing clothing and shoes. Rather embarrassed, the man then made an unusual request: *By any chance did the church have some single shoes to give away, for the hospital worked primarily with amputees?* Bob and Judy were stunned. The box of "junk shoes" suddenly became a blessing and a powerful example of God's love and omniscience. From that moment forward, Bob and Judy never questioned anything they received as aid, however strange the item seemed, for God had a plan to use the aid for His glory and man's good.

"I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done." Isaiah 46:9

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