



CHANGE FOR CHINA'S ORPHANS AND CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY, 1 BY 1

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“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.” Forest E. Witcraft (1894-1967)

I was recently reminded of this quote. How true it is! So often what we think most of is our immediate future or needs. But in the grand scheme of things, these short-term matters really don't count for much.

Thank you to our supporters who equip and enable us to serve. So often our children will say, either in a letter or when I visit them, that they really hope to repay their sponsors in some way for their kindness and generosity. Of course this is never needed, nor expected. But isn't it amazing that those who have so little often wish to be so generous.

He brought a tear to her eye

Gail recently went on a mercy team. **I LOVE** doing short term teams and have done many, **BUT THIS TIME IN CHINA**, something happened for the first time.... I cried myself to sleep one night.

A 3-year-old boy in an orphanage gripped my heart. “Why am I crying?” I had “loved on” other children in the orphanage that were beyond medical assistance & going to die, and I was coping well with that, but not this boy.

He was in a section of mainly infants with special needs & had to stay in his cot due to a pinned leg; had no stimulation of toys/interaction or explanations due to lack of staff.

It took a while to build his trust, but it happened. He smiled. Oh what a beautiful sight! Then he got braver, and lifted his good leg (which had old



dance class in Little Fish

burn marks on it) out from under the blanket and towards me so I could tickle it! What a gift of trust I received!

I don't know his name or background. But he is “My Boy!” God connected us, so that he could feel loved and valued, and so that I would keep him in prayer.

My challenge to you: Why not do a team to China and be God's “love with skin on” for these kids? It is SO worth it for their sakes!

Growing teams

In 2012 we held three mercy teams, in 2013 there were four and in 2014 we expect six will run. This is fantastic. In a team feedback meeting recently we discussed how the work of each team builds on that done by the previous teams.

Visits to schools where we are sponsoring children are a growing opportunity. Each team is spending



what impact will your conversation have?

at least one day in a school. This is building great relationships in the area and opening doors for our in-country team.

The teams are also doing a great job helping with young adults in our Little Fish program. This particular group are young adults sadly destined to spend their life in a home for the aged, as there is simply no other home available for them. Nina, one of our staff, helps them build physical skills that will hopefully develop into a small business activity for them. This will help their self-esteem levels hugely.

We have **opportunities to join our July and October teams** so please just give us a call or send an email and we will provide you with the information. Dates are on the resources page of our website.



at play in Doves Wings

of my role, work, responsibility. We need to give children intensive care to meet their needs, to protect and guide them..." "the training helped me a lot. We should not only give children their physical needs, a sense of belonging, safety and love, but also let each and every child know they are very important..."

We hope to hold more training schools in the future and develop these to help village area teachers and parents as well.

We can cater for more

Our Morning Light team do a great job helping children with various challenges to learn skills, which will help them in adult life. It's a tough area to serve in where they are located. The nature of the city is such that people do not easily understand helping children in this way. They are able to cater for more children however often, unless some incentive is given, the local hospital doesn't recommend to families that they take their child to the centre. They might recommend other centres that might give some incentives for these referrals. It's a sad situation

Prayers.
Please join us in praying for all our children in boot camp, foster homes, villages and Little Fish:
♥ For more parents to hear about Morning Light and bring their children ♥ More sponsors for village children ♥ People will hear their opportunity to come on team and impact the children ♥ More staff who are suitable to be trained in caring for our DW children ♥ The children in Boot Camp have a real sense of their self worth ♥

because the teachers in Morning Light do a great job and families who have small incomes find it much easier to come to Morning Light than pay high fees elsewhere.

We continue to be thankful.

It's only because we have many dedicated, prayerful supporters and financial sponsors that we can do what we're called to do. We passionately believe in helping bring change for China's orphans and children living in poverty, 1 by 1 and so thank you once again for serving and standing with us in this.

*David Ryan
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Training carers

Recently we were blessed to have David Goodwin, from Sydney, visit our Xian office to train many of our staff. We also invited some co-workers from partner organisations. The team found David's teaching really helpful and were full of praise and great feedback; "...it helped me know more clearly about the importance



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