



Wendy's walk With Timothy...

This is what Wendy, a recent team member, said about her afternoon walk with Timothy.

Timothy is 3 years old and has Down's syndrome and possibly some autism. He is a smiling, happy, and a peaceable little boy but he does not speak. He loves to hold your hand and play on the playground equipment and listen to singing. As we walk along the boardwalk, he runs his little hand over the chain and posts that make up the fence keeping us from the river. He periodically looks up at me and smiles his big smile. If we drop hands, it isn't long before he picks mine up like "I" might get lost. What is he thinking?

He appears so peaceful and happy, enjoying the present moment like nothing else matters in the world. Rather than me doing something for him at this moment, he is ministering to me in such a profound way. He appears to know something I don't.

Thanks Wendy. We're certain Timothy not only enjoyed his riverside walk with you but was equally blessed.

Doves Wings The family is growing

Recently our children in Doves Wings began swimming lessons. In China this is amazing for two reasons:

1. finding a very clean heated pool was such a surprise to us
2. taking babies swimming is just not done in China

Our Ayi's even went swimming with the children! We are so happy about this and they loved the water as much as the babies, it is so good to see them laughing and enjoying the water, splashing, and learning to cope in the pool. It just fills our heart with joy to see the normalcy the babies are living in. Especially when two of them were not expected to even survive.

Jonathon is coming along in leaps and bounds. He is standing with help and learning to walk. A little reluctantly but he is learning. Jonathon is developmentally delayed and has been diagnosed as autistic. He is very happy to just sit and rock, but we want more than that for him, so we are encouraging him to learn.



Once Jonathon has learned a skill he is a very happy little man. This month he has had his large cleft palate repaired, and is still recovering from that. We had a medical team from America come to the Xi'an Children's Hospital and two of our children had operations.

Jacob had his cleft lip repaired, and what a handsome boy he is now. Jacob is a boy on the move, he is very curious about everything and loves to explore. He is almost crawling, and when he takes off we will have our hands full keeping up with him. He is the happiest little boy. When he reaches 18 months we expect Jacob will also have his operation to repair his cleft palate.

Faith is almost walking. What a difference a bit of loving and good food has made to her. She is such a happy little girl, she crawls exceedingly well and loves to stand and walk along holding hands.

Lily is now 6 months old. We're trying to see her approved for her Spina Bifida operation. A medical group will help with this, including financial help. But there are many hurdles so please pray permissions are granted and funds are available. Lily is a very healthy little girl, who loves company, loves playing with toys, loves standing on her feet and *loves her swimming.*

We will shortly have 2 more babies in Doves Wings. We haven't rushed this growth but now see that the time is right to grow our family again.

Dr School A lollipop did the job...

It took about 3 hours to travel to the school this trip because we had to use public transport. It's really tiring making trips like this in China but it was a little better than we expected. We had to change buses and we were lugging around a guitar, craft supplies and our overnight bags. But all was well.

The year 5 and 6 classes were very unsettled this week. Their teacher seemed to think that when we're teaching then it was break time for themselves, so none of their teachers were present to help quiet them down. Towards the end I really wanted them to pay attention to the story about Noah's Ark, so we told them "The group that stayed the quietest will receive stickers".

And more than just stickers... if they listened and were able to an-

swer the questions correctly they'd get a lollipop". *That did it! Silence.*

At the end, even when the school siren had gone, all the children sat quietly listening and correctly answered all the questions. *We gave away many lollipops.*

Breath of Life Thank you so much

Breath of Life Music Ministry is a Sydney based team, many are members of WIC Church in Ryde. They have again blessed us through the sales of their Mandarin Worship CD special project.

Your ongoing support in this way is really valued and a great blessing, *thanks to the whole team!*

To enquire about their music just send an email to breathoflife@gmail.com



Whats it like when our child team visits one of our children?

The fourth family we visited today is Miao's. She is one of the children in the Dr School. We were a little delayed in our travel but her father waited for us to arrive. We spent about an hour talking with him about the many varied life issues. They are an extremely poor family.

He told us about what life is like for him & his family. They have a fridge & big nice TV. But the reason they have these things is because his manager at the company where he works did



not want to pay his salary. So they gave him those things instead of salary. Then we talked more and shared many things with him. He is a good father. He likes to talk with us.

Meet Leena... A great helper



We would welcome any opportunity for David to share a personal picture of our experience and China-

Leena serves in our Sydney office. She is married to Philip and has two wonderful girls. Leena has been a real blessing as she helps with our accounts and the financial matters.

Leena works in David's business, however one day each week her role is to do the accounts and other administrative work in ChinaHeart. Leena & her family have attended Southside Christian Fellowship in Miranda for approximately nine years.

ChinaHeart We love to share...

Recently I watched 2 girls paint, though computer and light technology, the multi-story facade of the MCA building in Sydney. There was no physical contact, only a computer scanner that followed their movements and lights that splashed "paint" up the multi story building. The colours were amazingly vivid. I was speechless when I realised they were painting such a personal eye catching picture and that no two pictures were the same.

Heart's passion to care for poor, needy and orphaned in China.

If you would like us to visit and share such a picture with your church, small group, community club or business it's easy, especially if you're in Sydney. But if you're not in Sydney it still may be possible.

Simply fill in the "request a speaker" form at www.chinternational.org or phone us in Sydney on the number below.

If you're a person of prayer we would value your prayers for our children's safety and protection from harm. And of course for our team; Daily we face problems that stretch us and cause us to cry out for wisdom. And please pray for China as they seek to provide the best care possible for the millions of orphans and those living in severe poverty.

Blessya!
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