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Mary, John, Adria & Amy leaving at the airport

China 2006!



Opening Assembly- Songs, Puppets, Powerpoint



Amy sings at our Cowboy Birthday party



The children listen!



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Amy (left) and Mary (right) with the precious Summer Camp children



The Star Family was approached about doing a Summer Camp in China that also consisted of a team of certified teachers. Feeling that we could not administrate this project we contacted a friend for many years, Nancy Jones (middle next to Adria), who we knew could do the job. Being a teacher herself she had contact with other teachers and one by one the Lord put together a team.

The Star Family would do the morning Opening Assembly each day and 7 teachers with their 4 helpers would teach! Pictured right is most of the team minus Mary Star, and Jesse Spencer who were also members of the team. The Summer Camp lasted two weeks including Saturdays and Sundays. We were in China for three weeks total which gave us some time to see Shanghai as well!



Top row: Stacy Newton, Ben Bahorich, Linda Meriwether, Linda Olson, Wayne Olson, Westley Edmondson, Sam Jones
Bottom row: Becca Cook, Amy Star, Adria Star, Nancy Jones, JohnStar, Karen Cook



Here's a picture of our team after an American Cowboy theme birthday party!

Birthday cakes! We had ice cream too and piñatas full of candy!



Our adventure to China began July 25, 2006. Pictured above are four excited souls that had not slept all night before the departing flight! We had been up with the last minute preparations and packing. Mary drove in from San Marcos after she had worked all day to fly out the next morning!

It was such a miracle how Mary was able to go with us! At the last minute we had realized that Mary should be part of the team. We prayed and contacted some beloved friends and the money came quickly! Also we were able to get her passport in a little more than an hour since we had an airline ticket in hand!

Thank you for helping Mary to be

part of this team to China!

She was such a great blessing to the children and to us as well. The trip was life changing for

her. As a mother I enjoyed spending three weeks with Mary & Amy ministering together. They were good travelers and did not complain although our conditions at times were hard.

They helped with the Opening Assemblies and also were helpers in the classes.

Amy taught a dance class and her students performed at the closing ceremony!

Great job girls!

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New experiences for us!

Chicken feet and heads in the curry!



Squatty Potties!





Opening Assembly

We were responsible for the Opening Assembly each morning for two weeks. Each morning we would begin with action songs like: If You're Happy and You Know It, The Wiseman Built His House Upon A Rock, Rainbow and Jesus Super Hero from Hillsong. Then we would have a Puppet Song like "Jesus Loves the Little Children, God is So Big, Powerful God. That would be followed by a story like, Noah, Daniel, Joseph, Esther and also some stories from author Carl Sommer ie: "Ugly Caterpillar", "Mayor for a Day" and "King of the Pond". Each of his stories teach Godly principles for living.

We had a translator to translate each time we told a story. The children's favorite was the story of Noah and the rainbow and the Rainbow song!

One special Sunday we told the story of Jesus and the Children, the Lost Lamb and sang, "They Could Not" and showed the pictures of Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the dead. John also shared how once in the night an angel had visited him in a dream and told him that he needed to accept Jesus as his Savior. He told how he got out of bed and knelt and prayed. They could do that too!



Cross on the gate of the state church
Shanghai, China



Pray for the children of China!

When we had our Christmas Celebration, during Art Class, one little 8 year old boy refused to draw the Manger Scene saying, "My teacher in school told me Jesus never lived so I'm no drawing this!"

Imagine being a child in China with not brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces or nephews, no cousins. It's only grandparents, parents and you, as you slowly move up

the Bamboo Pole of a Family tree with no branches!

Let us pray for all the children of China!

Celebrations



During our two week Summer Camp with the Chinese children we had three Celebrations:

Christmas (complete with a Christmas Tree!)

Thanksgiving (including Turkey and Pumpkin Pudding)

Birthday Party (complete with Piñatas that they made in art class)

Each celebration included a story, games, crafts, activities and food.

It was wonderful to tell the children the Christmas story and the story of the First Thanksgiving! For the Birthday celebration Wayne & Linda Olson gave each one of the children a Wordless Gospel bracelet and shared the story of Salvation with each group as they came to their station! 1 Cor 3:7



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Here we are at the beautiful Wholemarks Center in Shanghai sharing the story of Daniel.

Job Opportunities Shanghai, China

We were asked to see if we could find:

1. A couple that would like to teach and oversee an ACE English Christian School in Shanghai for Korean and Taiwanese children.
2. Any full-time church workers that would be willing to dedicate an entire year and volunteer their time to work at Wholemarks. They need teachers with experience in music, rhythm instruction and creative arts. They will provide travel expenses (round-trip ticket), room and board and limited monthly living expenses.
3. English speaking workers that would like to commit one year in a large Chinese Kindergarten in Shanghai helping the children learn English. Room and Board and salary provided.



We were severely tested as John got quite sick just after we arrived in China! But the Lord brought us through! He was a strong soldier and never cried and asked to go home! He was healed and used mightily to sing and share how he accepted Christ as his Savior.



Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers and support! We appreciate it!

Angels Sing in China!

Now abideth Faith, Hope, **Love**
Now abideth Faith, Hope, **Love**
But the greatest of these is
Love

We had the above words projected large on the wall, John was leading the song on the microphone while Adria pointed to the words. As we got to "But the greatest of these is Love," all of a sudden we heard a huge children's choir singing! Adria began to weep and felt as though electricity was flowing through her! The thought came, "Oh Lord, you are so happy that these children are hearing about you!" Others heard the choir as well and thought it was background voices on our music track, but there are NO background voices on the track!!!

Later Adria asked the Lord why the angels had sung in English and not Chinese? She felt the Lord say, "So you would know it was Me and not the children themselves! Thank you Lord for sending your angels to sing with the children of China!"

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