



"I am the Door; whoever enters through me will be saved." John 10:9

The Keyhole

Opening doors of opportunity for the children of China.

BRING ME HOPE

January 2010

Sharing Our Vision

Just this month we had an incredible opportunity to get together with a group of our Chinese friends and tell them about why we are living in China. With Bryn and Andrew in our arms, we explained that we had been sent here to take care of children who had no parents, no opportunities, and no hope. We painted a picture for them of what it meant to be an orphan, and that not only do these little ones have created intrinsic value, but also a special place in God's heart.

Our friends were blessed by this message of truth, but they were also challenged! The stark reality for most Chinese is a mixture of tough economic circumstances, a mandatory child control policy, and a steady dose of humanistic Darwinism. All of these make for a skewed view of the true value of human life, and a license to throw a baby away if it doesn't bring mom and dad honor in the eyes of family and community. So by Chinese standards, Bryn and Andrew, are a social and financial problem. And this is what even Chinese Christians struggle with.

Well, our friends wanted to be involved. They know that the orphan problem is more than a financial or even social problem. It's a spiritual problem. They asked us to come back and speak to a group of friends from all over Kunming and give them ideas as to how they can be part of the solution. This will be a great privilege for us as we begin to share and work together with like-minded Chinese friends.



Our visit to the school for orphans



Ella was pretty nervous to have her ears pierced!



Christmas 2009

Although Christmas is indeed the most wonderful time of the year, Christmas 2009 proved to be a new kind of wonderful. Not only were we able to have our whole family present with us here in Kunming, but we also had the unique privilege of sharing this holiday with 4 Chinese orphans: Bryn, Andrew, Spring, and Ella.

Bryn and Andrew were busy removing all the ornaments from the bottom 3rd of the Christmas tree, and eating wrapping paper off the floor. They are both crawling, standing, and scooting around the house making it difficult to keep things organized. As one of us was fishing a random "something or other" out of Bryn's mouth, Andrew was busy taking the phone receiver off the hook and knocking the phone onto the floor. These little visitors in our house were a constant reminder that Jesus also came to us as a babe and was probably just as rambunctious and lively as they are.

Spring and Ella are also orphans from Zhengzhou, but far from being babies. They are both 18 years old, and brought a whole new dynamic to our household this Christmas. These girls were both abandoned early in life, and are obviously old enough to understand their situation. They speak only Chinese, and had just recently given their lives to Jesus. So as brand new Christians, they spent their very first Christmas with us. We had a wonderful time with them, and they blessed our whole family. We ate Christmas dinner together, exchanged gifts, talked, and played games. Ella had asked Amy if she would pierce her ears, and Amy told her she would do it on Christmas Day. When the time came, Ella was really scared, but she finally let Amy do it. The girls were at ease in our home, and it felt like they had become part of our family. It was humbling and exhilarating all at once. Our family also went with the girls to visit a school for low income and orphan children. Here we were able to see some of the kids who came to our BMH summer camp. What a fabulous Christmas!

Hedden's Contact Information

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成绩单 (School Report Card)

学生	笔试 (60分) Written examination	口语 (15分) Oral examination	作文 (15分) Composition	出勤 (10分) Attendance	总分 (100分) Summation
Tim	54	12	13.7	9.5	89.2

Tim's Chinese Study Report Card