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AND BENEFIT THE PEOPLE

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With this issue, we commence publication of The Amity Newsletter whose purpose is to keep friends from around the world informed about the activities of the Amity Foundation. Amity is only a few months old, but we believe that a significant new beginning has been made in our efforts towards the development of health, education and welfare in China. As a Christian-initiated Chinese people’s organization, Amity represents a new form of co-operative movement in Chinese society, whereby Christians and non-Christians, Chinese and non-Chinese, may work together for the overall humanitarian welfare of the Chinese people. This has already found expression in a number of pilot projects as well as in the proposed work which the Amity Foundation anticipates for the future.

**PROJECT INITIATIVES**

There have already been numerous inquiries from around China on possible project initiatives for the Amity Foundation. Besides previously announced plans for teacher recruitment and the establishment of a printing facility in co-operation with the United Bible Societies (see below), the Amity Foundation has, in the last few months, responded to several specific requests. A contribution of RMB 30,000 has been given to the Jiangsu Artificial Limbs Factory for its work in the rehabilitation of those who have been incapacitated through the loss of an arm or leg. In addition, the Nanjing Children’s Welfare Institute has received a RMB 20,000 contribution for the purchase of toys and equipment needed for physically or mentally handicapped children. Amity is also supporting a Christian factory worker from rural Zhejiang Province who is trying to popularize his newly developed methods to control air and water pollution. In co-operation with Nanjing’s Drum Tower Hospital, Amity is helping run a training program on nutrition science and cooking techniques for nursery and kindergarten cooks and health care staff. Initial support in each area has been raised in China, as Chinese Christians take the lead in identifying projects which are fulfilling an important humanitarian purpose.

A number of other social service initiatives for which funding will be welcome from overseas are at present under consideration. Descriptions of these opportunities for project assistance will be available later in the fall. They include support for the upgrading of facilities at selected hospitals, welfare organizations and research centers, as well as for programs in physical rehabilitation, children’s mental health and the training of nutritionists for welfare agencies. Other requests currently being studied include: support for a primary school run by Christians in the countryside of Zhejiang Province, and funding for a provincial development project in Lanzhou in northwest China. We expect that as the Amity Foundation becomes more widely known interest in and support for our work will receive increasing attention throughout China and abroad.

**WHY JIANGSU PROVINCE?**

A number of friends from overseas have asked why the initial work of the Amity Foundation should be focused in Jiangsu. Clearly, our work will not be limited to one province, but this question deserves a fuller answer.

The Amity Foundation has to begin somewhere, and Jiangsu—with a population of 62 million and an area of 100,000 square kilometers—provides a good starting point. It is hoped that our work in Jiangsu will set a good example for future developments in other areas. It is likely that a foundation such as this could not have begun in some provinces, where the combination of openness to change, the people’s support and Christians’ initiative would not have been so forthcoming. In Jiangsu, there has been enthusiastic response to the idea of Amity from all corners of society, and from the governor on down. This is no small achievement for a small Christian-initiated organization and it shows that the image of Christianity is changing in China.

The Amity Foundation is not designed to control or co-ordinate all overseas Christian initiatives throughout the country. However, we do hope that the Foundation will facilitate ecumenical sharing and international co-operation in China, not only as a channel for the sharing of human and material resources, but also more and more as an advisory and validating agency for overseas friends. We are encouraged by the response we have received thus far from all over China and from many parts of the world.
THE TEACHERS PROJECT

In late August, a four-day orientation program was held in Nanjing for 22 teachers who had been recruited from Canada, the USA, West Germany and Hong Kong. They have been appointed to colleges in Fuzhou, Nanjing, Suzhou and Yangzhou where they will be teaching courses in English and German language programs. In addition, Professor Philip Phenix of Columbia University will be lecturing on Western philosophy at Nanjing University. All teachers will be in China for at least one year, contributing to educational modernization and promoting international understanding.

The orientation program opened with an address by Kuang Yaming, honorary president of the Amity Foundation and honorary president of Nanjing University, on "Chinese Socialism and Its Future". Other addresses given during the orientation included: K.H. Ting, "Christianity in China"; Han Wenzao, "The Amity Foundation Looks to the Future"; and Xu Fuji, director of the Jiangsu Provincial Bureau of Higher Education, "China's Education and Educational Reform". In addition, discussions were held on foreign language teaching in China, living in China and guidelines for Amity teachers. The teachers taking part in the orientation, most of whom were in China for the first time, also had the opportunity for sightseeing around Nanjing and meeting new friends. Said Arba Herr, a 73 year old teacher recruited from the United States, "I feel warmly welcomed, and as I hear the commitment expressed by these Chinese people, I am eager to share in this new adventure. We at the Amity Foundation are looking forward to following the progress of the 22 teachers over the next twelve months.

The Amity Foundation wishes to thank the following overseas organizations for recruiting the 22 teachers and providing for their financial support: the Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong; the China Educational Exchange; the National Council of Churches in the USA; the Protestant Association for World Mission in West Germany; and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

It is expected that the Amity Foundation will be seeking sponsorship for up to 50 teachers for the 1986-87 academic year, mostly for English, German, Japanese and other languages. For details on this program write: The Teachers Project, Amity Foundation, c/o Nanjing Theological Seminary, 13 Da Jian Yin Xiang, Nanjing, China.

THE AMITY PRINTING PRESS

In March of this year, the Amity Foundation reached an agreement with the United Bible Societies which will lead to the establishment of a modern printing facility under the direction of the Foundation in Nanjing. This printing plant will give priority to the production of Bibles and Christian literature, but will also produce other materials of service to society. Since March, there has been an exchange of visits with UBS representatives, and the exploration of possible project sites and co-operating institutions in China.

Representatives of the Amity Foundation have now selected the Jiangsu Publishing House as partner for this new venture. The Amity Printing Press will be governed by a board appointed from both sides, but with a majority of board members selected by Amity. This turns out to be an excellent relationship, for the Jiangsu Publishing House will supply a site for the plant, as well as needed expertise in publishing.

Further discussions with the UBS are anticipated for the fall, including the scheduled visit of an international UBS delegation led by James Payne, Ulrich Fick, John Erickson and Chan-young Choi in November.

CHRISTIAN PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE

All of the various social involvements of the Amity Foundation are helping to change the face of Christianity in China, to make Christian participation and witness in society more widely known to the Chinese people. In co-operation with Christians and other organizations...
overseas, the Amity Foundation seeks to demonstrate the potential benefits of humanitarian co-operation in Chinese society. This has been an important dimension of our work from the beginning.

This point needs to be emphasized in light of the unfortunate legacy of the missionary movement in China before 1949. The relationship between the missionary movement and colonialism is a widely accepted matter of historical record, and still influences the way in which Christianity is perceived in China. Even in the 1950s, the statements of many individuals and organizations overseas inhibited the possibility of international Christian co-operation and social involvement. Since then, there have been significant changes on all sides, and the Amity Foundation welcomes a new day in social service and international relationships.

Similar to Christian-initiated social service agencies elsewhere, the Amity Foundation is not a religious organization, nor is it a division of the Chinese church. Amity is a Christain-initiated and inspired people’s organization, whose purpose is the promotion of projects of a humanitarian nature. Chinese Christians view Amity as a concrete expression of their Christian faith, in society and for society. Through this endeavor, Chinese Christians want to show that they can play a particular role in socialist modernization, and provide a contribution to a society in which there is no longer exploitation of one class by another.

Because Amity is not a religious organization and will not fund any church or church project, there is no contradiction between Amity and the Three-Self principle of the Chinese church as Christians have understood it over the last thirty years. In recent months, Three-Self organizations and Christian Councils on all levels have affirmed their commitment to Amity by contributing to it generously. At the same time, they have reaffirmed their commitment to self-support in so far as the life of the church is concerned. We hope that this spirit of co-operation and mutual support between the ecclesiastical life of the Chinese Church and the social service program of the Amity Foundation will deepen and grow.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Amity Foundation is still in the process of establishing priorities for new project initiatives, developing relationships with organizations inside China and around the world, and building up a strong and efficient staff, especially through appointing consultants in particular areas of expertise. At present, we have more than 15 people serving with us in one capacity or another.

We have received the encouragement and advice of many new friends in the past few months and this has helped us tremendously.

Some of you have also sent in contributions towards the support of our work while others have contributed your time and energy on our behalf. We are most grateful for all these expressions of support. As we look to the future, we ask that you continue to remember Amity in your thoughts and prayers.

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