The work of the Amity Foundation has made important progress in the last few months, as can be seen by a review of developments reported in this issue. In December of last year, an agreement was signed with Nanjing Normal University which will lead to the establishment of the Amity Printing Press on the campus of that institution. Our teachers have already completed their first semester of work, and they are looking forward to a group meeting with Chinese colleagues later this month. A Christian inventor from Zhejiang Province has entrusted to the Foundation the results of his work on the development of an "appropriate technology" for pollution control and nutrient retrieval, and initial experiments are proving to be very successful. As we continue to explore the ways in which Amity can make contributions to social service and modernization in China, we are grateful for all the support which has come from within China and from overseas. An initial listing of contributors appears inside this issue.

We were saddened by the death of Ms. Wu Yifang, honorary president of the Amity Foundation, on November 10 at the age of 93. An outstanding educator, political leader and lay Christian for much of this century, she made significant contributions to the life of the Chinese nation. Wu Yifang was an inspiration to many, and we like to think that the establishment of the Amity Printing Press at the university she once served as president serves as a lasting tribute to her.

The Amity Foundation emphasizes the positive significance of Christians and non-Christians working together for the socialist modernization of China. Although our work is still not widely known in China, we have been especially gratified by the support which has come from the Chinese Christian community, including Christian Councils, churches and individuals (see contributors). We were encouraged by the resolution passed at the January joint meeting of the Standing Committees of the China Christian Council and the National Three-Self Patriotic Movement, which among other things, affirms and supports all efforts which Christians are making towards social construction in China. That our work is being welcomed by Christians and non-Christians from within China and around the world encourages the Amity Foundation to strive harder to serve the people and make a lasting contribution to health, education and welfare for future generations.

The Amity Printing Press

On December 18, an agreement was concluded between the Amity Foundation and Nanjing Normal University regarding the establishment of the Amity Printing Press. The Foundation and the Normal University will operate the press "on the basis of equality and mutual benefit". According to the agreement: "Upon completion of the buildings, priority will be given to the work entrusted by Christian bodies for the printing of Bibles and other Christian books and periodicals. In addition, this press shall print other works for society at large." To be located on the campus of Nanjing Normal University, the press shall be under the direction of a Board of Directors composed of seven persons, four from the Amity Foundation and three representing the Normal University.

The agreement was signed by Han Wenzao, General Secretary of the Amity Foundation, and Zhang Borong, Vice-President of Nanjing Normal University. Mr. Han will also serve as President of the Board of the Amity Printing Press. Other board members representing Amity are: Chen Weinong, Vice President of the Board and director of the Amity Nutrition...
Project; Chen Guizhang, an accountant and Catholic layman; and Rev. Wang Weifan, who teaches New Testament at Nanjing Theological Seminary, where he also edits *Curriculum*, a monthly journal for lay leaders with more than 40,000 subscribers. Representing the Normal University are Mr. Zhang, who will also be a Vice President of the Board; Li Kaivang and Hu Sanan, both of whom are currently involved in printing and publications work at the Normal University.

Funding for the Amity Printing Press will be provided by the United Bible Societies, a worldwide fellowship with headquarters in London, New York and Stuttgart. Details of the project were discussed with the UBS representatives whose visit to Nanjing was reported in the last issue of the Amity Newsletter. Mr. David Thorne, a production consultant at the Asia Pacific Regional Centre of the UBS in Hong Kong, is coordinating the project for the United Bible Societies.

Amity is pleased with the progress of plans for this printing press. It will give priority to the printing of Bibles and Christian literature entrusted by church bodies and will also contribute to the publication of books, journals and educational materials for the community in general. In this way, the project will go a long way towards fulfilling all three goals of the Amity Foundation in the area of printing and publications: it will contribute to China’s social development and modernization program; it will help make Christian participation in society more widely known to the Chinese people; and it will demonstrate the ecumenical sharing of resources and international people-to-people relationships. It is expected that the Amity Printing Press will go into operation in 1987.

### Teaching In China

![Informal Gathering of Amity Teachers and Staff](image)

As this issue goes to press, the 20 Amity teachers are beginning their second semester in China, and we are preparing for the mid-year teachers meeting which will be held at Nanjing Theological Seminary between February 28 and March 2. One teacher left China early in the first term for reasons of health, and another completed his assignment at the end of the first term. All of the teachers have been well received at their institutions, and we believe they are making important contributions to higher education in China.

Amity teachers have had many different experiences in China, and judging from visits and conversations with them, they seem to be working hard and enjoying themselves. They are in a variety of teaching situations—some are the only foreign teachers at their institutions, while others have several foreign colleagues; some are teaching English majors, while others are teaching English or German to technical students, or preparing teachers and students to go overseas. This is Herta Fink’s third year in China, but she is continually struck by the challenge of her assignment, and gratified by her relationships with Chinese friends. She writes from Suzhou,

> "... a teacher who had been in China longer than I said to me, ‘A Chinese friend is the best friend you could ever have’. During my second year (in Shenyang) I felt I was beginning to make deep friendships which, I hope, will continue forever... This year, teaching with the Amity Foundation at Suzhou University, started with the reminder that teaching in China can always be a surprise. During the first two years I was very much aware of all the teaching materials I had not brought that would have been useful, so I was confident I was prepared for the third year. I had mailed a trunkful of books and over a hundred tapes (mostly TOEFL materials) from Shenyang. In the US and Canada this summer I picked up enough literature books to fill three pieces of luggage. However, when I was asked to teach ‘Introduction to Linguistics’ to young teachers, I did not have a single book. Fortunately, one teacher had Dwight Bolinger’s *Regarding Language* and another John Lyons *Noam Chomsky*, which together formed the perfect combination for an introductory course. Since then, SOS’s to Amity, the China Educational Exchange and other teachers in China have netted adequate resources. However, I was reminded again to come prepared to be surprised... And perhaps that is the reason I keep returning to China. Teaching remains a challenge in this country in the midst of modernization. The relationships formed along the way are worth the effort.”

At Christmas, Amity teachers were invited to special worship services at local Protestant congregations in Fuzhou, Nanjing, Suzhou and Yangzhou. Teachers in the Nanjing area took part in Christmas celebrations at Nanjing Theological Seminary, which included a communion service, a seminary concert and a meal with members of the faculty and seminary community.

For the 1986-87 academic year, we hope to have up to 50 teachers serving in institutions of higher learning in the provinces of Fujian, Jiangsu and Zhejiang. We have received inquiries about the Teachers Project from church-related and other institutions in Australia, New Zealand, Germany, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Canada and the USA, and we hope to have applicants from sponsoring institutions in most of these places for next year. The application deadline for next year is March 25. Further details on the Teachers Project may be obtained by writing either Ting Yen Ren, educational consultant, in Nanjing, or Philip Wickeri, overseas coordinator, in Hong Kong.
Ecology And Innovation

Zhang Pianxian, a 62 year-old inventor-engineer from Dongyang County, Zhejiang Province, has developed simple but innovative techniques for pollution control and the recovery of nutrients from waste materials. A dedicated Christian who wishes to use his techniques to "glorify God and serve humankind" (侍神愛人), Zhang has entrusted his work to the Amity Foundation, so that profits can go towards the support of health, education and welfare in China.

At present, the process is being tested by the Nanjing Environmental Bureau, and initial results are promising. One unique feature of Zhang's technique is that it can be adapted for use in the home or factory. It represents a new Chinese form of "appropriate technology", and requires no expensive machinery in its application. If successful, the process will be beneficial for the nation as a whole, and it can perhaps be adapted in other parts of the Third World.

Representatives of the Amity Foundation are working with state officials on this project, and details will be reported in the Amity Newsletter as they become available.

The Training Of Nutritionists

The Amity Foundation in co-operation with Nanjing's Drum Tower Hospital is sponsoring a one year training program in nutrition sciences for dieticians in local kindergartens and nursery schools. Thirty trainees are enrolled in the program, which is the first such project in Nanjing. The prospective dieticians take a variety of courses in a program of study which emphasizes the interaction between theory and practice.

In addition to this program, there are also plans to hold two-week short-term training courses in 1986 to meet the needs of nearby rural areas. Each short-term course will enroll twenty trainees. A textbook on nutrition sciences prepared by the Nanjing Institute of Children's Health and Hygiene and published by the Amity Foundation is forthcoming. It will be used in the training programs, but will also be available for wider distribution.

Medical Consultant Appointed

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Huang Yuanzhu, Head of the Department of Cardiology of the First Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Medical College, has been appointed Medical Consultant by the Amity Foundation. Dr. Huang will assist Amity in its work with projects related to health work, hospitals and medical institutions.

In closing, we wish to thank all of you who have offered material contributions as well as your time and energy in support of the work of the Amity Foundation. We are most grateful for such support, and we are also interested in your comments and criticisms on our work. Please continue to remember Amity in the months and years ahead.

Han Wenzao, General Secretary
Philip Wickeri, Overseas Coordinator