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**Message from the General Secretary**

China still faces many challenges in poverty reduction and social development.

Accompanying the sustained, double digit growth in the economy was an alarming rise in economic inequality. Statistics from National Bureau Statistics of China show that in rural areas at the end of 2007, the number of people who lived under the poverty line is 43.2 million, including 14.79 million absolute poor population and 28.41 million low-income population. In fact, if we take the internationally accepted poverty line, which is set at one US dollar per day, there are 173 million people in China living below that level. This is more than twice the total population of Germany. Consequently, poverty reduction in China has a long way to go, along with considerable challenges ahead.

The inadequacies of national land management and property laws, along with the lack of institutions and policies that address issues of rural-urban migration have created more social problems with further inequality in urban areas. At the same time, the shifts in social dynamics in China has also brought opportunities. To address these new changes, a strategic planning workshop was conducted at Amity’s Nanjing headquarters early in the year to refine our own management in different aspects. There was a re-affirmation of long-held values such as people-centered development, sustainability, environmental awareness, gender equality and respect for traditional culture and indigenous knowledge.

In Nanjing itself, Amity will develop social service centers to address the rising numbers of children affected by mental disabilities and autism. The Amity Home of Blessings in Nanjing aims to provide training in life skills for young people with mild to profound mental retardation to help them adapt to society. It is our hope that the Home will also gain the attention of the greater community in a positive way, so that this special group of people will be recognized as equally valuable human beings and respected citizens of society.

More disasters associated with global warming and climate change seem to be hitting China. During 2007, Amity had to respond to several disasters. It will increase efforts to protect the environment through advocating the use of renewable energy. Wider use of biogas and solar energy will be promoted. Reforestation and grassland preservation are also priority areas.

In our collaboration with churches, the year saw more involvement in development and HIV/AIDS-related projects. Regarding the latter, the progress in HIV/AIDS training among local churches has led to some inter-faith cooperation between Muslims and Catholics. It is hoped that more of this can be done in the future.

In 2007, our domestic publicity and fundraising efforts really started taking off. Though it is still a fraction of our total income, compared with the previous year, there was a 77% increase in funds raised from domestic sources. It is more crucial for resource sustainability. New, creative strategies are being developed to involve
the general public – including the corporate sector – in philanthropy and awareness raising so that we can continue to respond to needs in project areas all over China. At present, most donations are coming from sources within the Yangtze River delta region (Jiangsu, Shanghai, Zhejiang), with 54% from within the greater Nanjing area, where Amity’s headquarters is located. Efforts are also being made to raise social awareness in Hong Kong and to expand our network of partners.

Our fundraising efforts in Nanjing and Hong Kong have fostered an ever-widening circle of supporters and volunteers. We hope that even as we enlarge the number of local supporters, our very important network of overseas partners will not shrink. It has been their support over the years that has given Amity its unique character of being both Chinese and international. This is even more vital in a shrinking world where we must seek global solutions to global problems.

On behalf of Amity, I wish to thank all our partners and supporters, in China and overseas, for their heartfelt concern for those who are deprived and disadvantaged. It is only through our combined efforts that we will be able to build a cleaner, greener and more sustainable future for all.

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of Income

Distribution of Expenses
Integrated Development Work

Community Development
In 2007 there were more than 50 activities in integrated community development, under the categories of agricultural production, ecological management, community service facilities, capacity-building, community cultural development, and community-based autonomous organization development.

The aim of these projects is not only to meet basic needs of disadvantaged people, but also to facilitate the participation of the beneficiaries in their own community development management – especially in decision-making processes – so that they are invested in building their own capital: physical capital, human capital and social capital.

Physical Capital
Infrastructure for remote rural communities (usually inhabited by ethnic minorities) is lacking, due to decades of neglect. The facilities in place for irrigation and the drinking water supply are fifty-year-old systems that have been poorly maintained. These communities have so far been left behind by China’s economic development. Agricultural credits provided by the government fall short of meeting the actual needs.

In response, Amity is initiating activities such as forest cultivation and pasture improvements to bolster natural resources; water conservancy projects, irrigation and potable water projects to revive the basic infrastructure; and micro-credit operations to establish a stronger capital fund for the poor.

Human Capital
According to the statistics in 2005, the illiteracy rate among adult laborers in nationally targeted counties for poverty alleviation was as high as 12.7%. Illiteracy and a lack of technical training plague China’s rural development. Amity Foundation has persistently taken education and training to heart in addressing the demands of rural development, to increase people’s self-capacity and potential.

Social Capital
In China’s socialist market economy, policies have tended to favor the urban economy and state owned enterprises, so that the development gap between urban and rural sectors of society is always there. Alongside the overall success of reform and opening – including China’s entering the WTO – there are challenges to be faced continually. Amity has long been trying to explore ways to cultivate community organizations that foster, for example, technical cooperation in the context of the existing household contract responsibility system. These efforts aim at seeking to build up the farmers’ own competence to adapt to the larger market and promote the sustainable development of agriculture where government regulation is lacking.
Community development related projects in 2007 were carried out in Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Hunan, Shanxi, Sichuan, Qinghai, Gansu, Ningxia and Jiangsu. These projects included the following activities.

### Physical Capital
- Mountain forest enclosure and conservation (4,402 ha)
- Pasture enclosure and grass planting (500 ha)
- Addressing erosion with ground cover bushes (500 ha)
- Tree planting (462 ha)
- Introducing improved breeds of plants (i.e. more prolific or pest-resistant) (30 ha)
- Soil improvement (lime application) (300 ha)
- Fodder growing (109 ha)
- Introducing income-generating plants/trees (e.g. peanut, walnut, rape) (140 ha)
- Village road construction (47 km)
- Bridge building (6)
- Rebuilding farmers’ houses (411 families)
- Biogas system installation (704 sites)
- Solar stove distribution (500)
- Reservoir/dam construction (2 sites)
- Irrigation ditches (44 km)
- Slope terracing (40 ha)
- River regulation for flood prevention (18 km)
- Drinking water project (22 sites)
- Water conservancy (2 sites)
- Deep wells (4)
- Village school construction (17 sites)
- Primary school teacher training (615 persons)
- Desks/benches for village schools (130 sets)
• Bed frames/mattresses for village school students (50 beds)
• Township hospital construction (1 site)
• Village clinic construction (25 sites)
• Village medical worker training (196 persons)
• Equipment for clinics (5 sets)

**Human Capital**
- Public education about infectious diseases (3,962 person-hours)
- Rural community activities planning (6 events)
- Village activity rooms (2 sites)
- Reference books (700) for village activity rooms
- In Inner Mongolia, sponsoring for traditional arrow making and yurt building for tourism
- Gender equity education (500 person-hours)

**Social Capital**
- Rural labor skills training for 50 persons
- Agricultural technical training (68,330 person-hours)
- Farmers' technical organizations (24)
- Revolving fund loans for 1,246 families
- Revolving fund training (120 person-hours)

**Environmental Protection**
Environmental protection/development efforts have focused on encouraging community resource management, utilization of renewable energy, and practicing eco-friendly agriculture to promote integration between environmental protection and community development.

**Community resource management**
Since the start of the household contract responsibility system in the late 70’s, the management and use of forest and grassland resources has been rather indiscriminate in many poor areas, at the expense of local ecology. It now becomes very important to encourage communities to participate in the management of their natural resources, thus realizing a sustainable development cycle.

**Renewable energy**
The fruits of modernization and development needn't be necessarily accompanied by increased pollution and compromise of the global climate, if we could properly manage our efforts and refine the utilization of alternative, renewable energy sources. The Amity Foundation has long been promoting renewable energy through promising technologies such as solar energy, biogas and micro-hydroelectricity, building awareness about wise management of the environment, and also helping to relieve some of the economic burden related to energy costs in poor areas.

**Eco-friendly agriculture**
The Green Revolution and modern agriculture techniques, including chemical fertilizers and pesticides, have dramatically enhanced food security in the 20th century. But now we see costs in the form of dwindling agricultural biodiversity and growing contamination issues. Addressing these challenges, Amity has been promoting eco-friendly agriculture practices like agriforestry and organic farming to help with the sustainability of soil quality, biodiversity and related issues.

Environmental Protection related projects in 2007 were largely carried out in sixteen counties within Qinghai, Inner Mongolia, and Ningxia, and included the following activities:

**Community resource management**
- Farmers organizations (12)
- Community management training (1,500 person-hours)
- Literacy training (400 person-hours)
- Revolving fund loans for 500 families
- Drinking water conservancy (100 sites) and water-
saving trickle irrigation (67 sites) in northwest regions.

- Irrigation water conservancy (15 sites) and drinking water supply (10 sites) in southwest regions.
- Deep wells (200)
- Land reclamation (33 ha)
- Tree planting (653 ha)

**Renewable energy**

Biogas system installation (3,570 sites)
Solar stove distribution (3,000 sets)
Training with renewable energy facilities (9,200 person-hours)

**Eco-friendly agriculture**

- Agricultural technical training (10,700 person-hours)
- Chicken raising (25,000 chickens)
- Sheep raising (900 sheep), and sheep pen construction
- Fodder growing (866 ha)
- Equipment for crop and fodder processing (10 sets)
- Pasture enclosure and grass planting (3,033 ha)
- Addressing erosion with ground cover bushes (667 ha)

**Public Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care**

According to a mid-term assessment report on the China Rural Poverty Alleviation Outline (2001-2010), 80% of farmers were not satisfied with their medical services. Medical health service has increasingly become a central social issue during recent years. The Amity Foundation has always promoted ideas of community based healthcare development, bolstering the service capacity of doctors and health workers in remote areas and helping rural communities raise awareness about disease prevention, especially to combat HIV/AIDS, among other infectious diseases.

**Capacity building of rural grass-roots medical service**

After China’s reforming and opening to the outside world, the barefoot doctor system came to an end as an institution, replaced by new village doctor requirements. While rural medical workers are now better trained than before, there are as a result fewer village clinics on the whole. Farmers in remote areas have to travel longer distances to get access to medical facilities. One case in point is Mr. Aershenqian, an experienced Yi Minority doctor in Liangshan Autonomous Region, Sichuan. He treated a young girl named Little Qieshamerizha, who had a bad fever. After treatment at his clinic, she recovered swiftly.

Saving trees and eliminating smoke; solar stoves are playing a bigger role in the lives of farmers.

Participants in China’s livestock revolution.

Little Qieshamerizha was carried by her father for more than an hour to Aershenqian’s clinic. She had a bad fever. Visiting Amity staff witnessed her swift recovery after treatment.
areas, therefore, often remain stranded far from adequate healthcare. Addressing this need over the past ten years, Amity has trained over 20,000 village health workers, helping them establish new village clinics. Further, we are providing continuing training courses for health workers to further build their service capacity.

**HIV/AIDS**

Although the rate of HIV/AIDS infections generally dropped in 2007, its trend is still threatening. For the first time in China, sexual intercourse was identified as the dominant transmission route (44.7% of cases), slightly ahead of intravenous drug use (42%). In China, though we are making progress, we are still facing huge challenges in objective management, assessment, advocacy, anti-discrimination, support and awareness-raising. The social stigma on people living with HIV/AIDS is still strong, and so is the potential for the ongoing spread of HIV/AIDS transmission.

**Prevention and Control**

Because there are no effective public monitoring systems in place for this work, it is difficult to locate HIV infectors and those living with HIV/AIDS. Follow-ups, home visits and support services are likewise challenging to execute. Yet, slowly, public awareness is rising. Since 2006 Amity has been contributing by introducing community prevention and health care programs at the grass-roots level. We continue to strengthen the work based on this concept, assisting village-level communities to set up disease prevention and control systems, addressing social discrimination. provinces, making use of leaflets, prevention knowledge training, individual interviews and home visits.

**Other Health Issues**

**Iodine Deficiency**

Iodine deficiency is common in the remote western areas of China, contributing to many physical and mental maladies. Lack of iodine in the diet is a major contributor to the prevalence of mental retardation. Currently in China, there are 11.82 million people with mental disabilities, with 136,000 new cases annually. There has been progress made in supplying iodine in many areas where it is needed, however western areas are still in great need of help. About 2 million newly born infants in the country face the threat of iodine deficiency every year. It is a long-term task to eliminate diseases caused by this iodine shortage. Furthermore, health education is needed in order to
encourage local people who are not accustomed to iodized salt to choose to use it and to take other steps toward good health.

**Organic phosphorus poisoning**

Organic phosphorus poisoning from pesticides is another very prevalent occurrence in rural China, as in other Asian countries.

**Health care for women and children**

This category of work addresses mortality rates of infants and pregnant or lying-in women. The objective is to further reduce these rates through education, treatment and bolstering the service capacity of county or township level hospitals and clinics. The women need to be encouraged to have their children with doctors attending, and the medical facilities and their personnel also need more training.

The following project activities under Public Health were carried out in 149 counties of 18 provinces.

- Basic training about infectious diseases (321,742 person-hours)
- Basic training about non-infectious diseases (87,300 person-hours)
- Prescribing medicine (213,226 cases)
- Gynecological checkups (34,600 cases)
- Gynecological treatment (1,876 cases)
- Health worker training (4,862 persons)
- Pamphlet distribution for health care education (51,096 copies)
- Medical equipment provided (660 sets)
- Revolving fund loans for 200 households
- Village clinic construction (26 sites)
- Medical aid for clinics (14 sites)
- HIV screening lab construction (4 sites)

**Education**

For rural education, as in 2006, Amity continues to focus efforts on the housing dilemma for primary and secondary students who must now attend school at a greater distance from home. This is one consequence of the central government’s otherwise very beneficial “Two Waivers, One Subsidy” policy.

In 2007, Amity implemented education projects in 77 counties of 13 provinces. These included Rebuilding Collapsing Schools, Back to School Project, Project Torch, and the Voluntary Teaching Project, involving college graduates who made themselves available to teach in ethnic Tibetan communities in Sichuan for two school terms.

- Assistanceships for primary/middle school students (68,500 students)
- Scholarships for college students (387 students)
- Social service work by college students supported by Project Torch (1,354 person-times)
- Graduate volunteers in Sichuan (8 volunteers: 2 school terms each)
- Primary school teacher training (200 teachers)
- Rural school building construction (36 sites)
- Teaching equipment (5 sets)
- Rural Orphan Fostering Project: In 2007, a total of 5,590 children benefited from the rural orphan fostering project in 8 provinces/autonomous regions including Henan, Anhui, Jiangsu, Ningxia, Yunnan.

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**Life-and-Death in Ningxia**

Mr. Huang Ming, director of the Gao Zhuang Township Hospital of Ping Luo County in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, is a graduate of one of the first training courses we ran on phosphorus poisoning prevention. One day in June, 2007, while Mr. Huang was on duty in the hospital, a man suddenly entered, carrying a woman on his back. Recognizing her condition, Mr. Huang immediately set out to save her. After two days and nights of emergency work, she was finally out of danger, and in five days the patient left the hospital. The couple’s story was that they had quarreled so bitterly that the wife tried to commit suicide with pesticide. Mr. Huang then called the local Amity project office to tell them of his success. He said: “I could successfully rescue this patient because of the knowledge I gained in your poisoning prevention and treatment training class. Before that training, I effectively administered atropine and protopam chloride with IV drip, but I neglected liver protection and detoxification medicine. I am very happy that my rescue technique is improved; I have a feeling of self-achievement.”
Church-run Community Development

Putting Love into action by collaborating with the local church, the aim is, on the one hand, to motivate the church to be actively involved in social service while on the other hand improving society’s understanding of the church and her mission.

Traditionally, our project work in this category has focused on clinics and senior homes, exemplified by the Eye Hospital in Shandong and Fuyin Hospital in Henan. Offering free medical checkups has been a key activity in reaching out to many beneficiaries.

More recently, activities have expanded to include more community development work and also AIDS-related endeavors. We have witnessed in Henan Province how HIV/AIDS prevention work has become a common platform upon which Christians and Muslims can work side-by-side to address dire needs, and so progress has been made in inter-religious cooperation.

The following activities were implemented in 30 counties/cities of 4 provinces in central/eastern China.

- Awareness campaign on epidemic diseases (34,090 person-times)
- Training of trainers for disease prevention (3,063 person-times)
- Gynecological checkups (800 cases)
- Biogas system construction (115 sites)
- Revolving fund loans for 57 households
- Equipment for clinics (4 sets)
- Desks and chairs for students (100 sets)
- Drinking water projects (2 sites)
- Equipment for senior home (1 set)
- Deep well (1)
- Kindergarten building construction (1 site)

Disaster Management

In 2007 more attention was paid to integrated management when confronted with large-scale natural disasters in the country, namely, taking the initiative in preventative measures and reducing the loss of disaster. While rehabilitation work continued for flood- and earthquake-struck communities from 2006, relief work was put in motion for flood victims in Chongqing and in Sichuan Province, and for the earthquake victims in Pu’er, Yunnan Province. Amity also conducted field visits in some areas of Hunan and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region where flood disasters are frequent.

- Waterproof cloth distribution (96,000 m²)
- Rice distribution (82,725 kg)
- Cooking oil distribution (5,520 kg)
- Quilt distribution (5,390)
- Sheet distribution (2,990 sets)
- House construction (252 households)
- Rural school building construction (9 sites)
- Greenhouses for vegetable cultivation (7 ha)
- Village clinic construction (3 sites)
- Drinking water projects (2 sites)
- Dams and reservoirs (2 sites)
Courage Towards the Future

Zeng Shiming, a 56-year-old villager in Shiyuan Village of Bishan County, Chongqing, finally has a triumphant and hopeful story to tell after the tragic floods which plagued his region in the summer of 2007.

Zeng, who has for many years suffered from heart disease, lives with his wife and son. Their son, although mentally handicapped, is recently married, and so the young wife also lives in their house. The household’s only income has come from the 0.2 ha of farmland, managed solely by Zeng’s wife. They have accumulated a debt of CNY 15,300 in medical costs.

Zeng’s small house was constructed in the 1970s with poor materials. Now after thirty-plus years, the house had become so fragile that he knew it had the potential of collapsing.

From early July, heavy rain began to fall on Shiyuan Village, preventing the family from going out. Finally, on the morning of July 17, the nearby river banks could no longer hold back the flooding current. Local authorities had organized an evacuation of the area, and families sheltered in the primary school while their homes were filled with water and mud. For a period of time the villagers were sustained with instant noodles and some vegetables, mourning their losses. They returned to homes that were in ruins, but with no other options, they inhabited them again.

Amity staff soon arrived in Bishan County, interviewing local villagers and exchanging ideas with local authorities. The decision was made to help the 60 most vulnerable families with the reconstruction of houses, allotting CNY 5,000 per house. Zeng’s house was one of them. As soon as Zeng heard the good news, he could hardly believe his ears. In mid September, facilitated by the County Overseas Friendship Association, the construction team came and began to put in the foundation. Zeng’s wife contributed her labor, and Zeng himself summoned his strength to help out with whatever he could do. They anticipated moving the family into their new home as soon as possible. The work was completed in January, 2008, and on January 27 the family moved into their whitewashed new house, 936 sq ft. in all, just in time for Spring Festival. Standing out front, Zeng expressed his deep gratitude with the following words, “The disaster was terrible, but our courage towards the future is boosted now by so many warm-hearted people living around us!”

Adding to the joy, Zeng has now learned that with the support of the local government, his son can work in a furniture company and earn CNY 500 to 600 per month. Helping people to help themselves is a truly powerful thing to witness.
Social Welfare

Orphanages

These projects are child-centered and they support development by promoting the physical and psychological health of orphaned children. Through holistic rehabilitation and education, The Amity Foundation works to improve the quality of the lives of orphaned children and provide them equal opportunities to enter society. Amity is now cooperating with more than 65 social welfare institutes to expand this holistic approach to development. This takes place through a variety of projects including: Amity Grandma’s, foster care, education sponsorship and medical support. Orphans with disabilities are a special focus of attention. Amity projects aim to provide these children with:

1. Care from loving families and communities (937 children in foster families);
2. The opportunity to attend community kindergartens or special education schools (417 children);
3. Financial support for medical needs & basic daily necessities (i.e. surgeries for hare lip, club foot, heart disease, and equipment such as incubators, washing machines, air conditioners, milk formula and clothes);

Hopeful Heart

Hopeful Heart is a volunteer group of foreign women in Nanjing, dedicated to raising funds that make the medical treatment of children with congenital heart disease possible. In most cases treatment implies an expensive scenario of heart surgery and special care. Hopeful heart makes it possible to give 20 children a future and bring them hope in 2008. Sixteen of the current cases are children from poor families, and the other four are from orphanages.

Children with Cerebral Palsy

Treatment of cerebral palsy requires long-term multidisciplinary rehabilitation, but rehabilitation science is still an emerging field in China and current techniques are still far from advanced. The lack of qualified staff and resources are in great conflict with the increasing numbers of children who suffer from CP. Many of these children don’t have access to effective rehabilitation services, and as a result they lose the opportunity to develop daily living skills that would allow them to lead a quality life with mobility and dignity. This, in turn, leaves families with great financial and psychological burdens to bear. In order to introduce advanced rehabilitation concepts
and techniques to China and to provide CP children with better access to rehabilitation services, Amity invited American professionals to train domestic medical staff and provided support for two rehabilitation centers in Hunan (Changsha) and Sichuan (Luzhou), equipping them to provide free rehabilitation service to local children with CP.
- In 2007, 73 cases were handled.

**Leprosy Victims: Rehabilitation and Economic Development**

Leprosy victims suffer not only physically, but they also suffer great social discrimination. Amity cooperates with the Centers for Disease Control in Jiangsu and Hunan in order to improve the living environment and quality of life for leprosy victims, as well as to educate the public and address discrimination. In 2007, these services included the following:

- Village doctors training and public education in Huai’an City, Jiangsu, and in Guzhang, Yongshun and Baojin Counties of Hunan Province. (1,130 doctors)
- Reconstruction and renovation of leprosy villages in Chuzhou and Huai’an, Jiangsu Province. (27 houses, 2 bathrooms and 1 public toilet)
- Technical Training and micro-credit loans to the families of leprosy victims in Yongshun County and Huaihua City, Hunan Province. (200 families)
- Basic education scholarships to children from poor families having one or more leprosy victims in Huaihua (20 middle schoolers and 10 primary schoolers)

**DEAF EDUCATION: THE SIGAM PROJECT**

**Bilingual Deaf Education (BDE)**

The SigAm Project is a cooperation between Amity, the Jiangsu Provincial Professional Committee For Special Education and the Signo Foundation of Norway, for the purpose of promoting and pioneering bilingual education for deaf children in China. This project aims to promote multifaceted research on contextualization of BDE theories for Chinese society and culture.

In practice, deaf children will use Chinese sign language (CSL) as their first language, and then based on CSL principles, children will learn written language that gives them access to further scientific knowledge and further educational opportunities. The project aims to ensure that deaf children enjoy educational opportunities equal to that of their same-age peers from pre-school through the period of compulsory education. These advanced concepts will promote reforms and strengthen the quality of deaf education in China, benefiting both the deaf community and the nation at large for generations to come. There are currently 12 schools involved in the project.
SigAm in Jiangsu
This project is being implemented in 4 schools in Jiangsu province, and 2007 was its third year. The deaf teacher team is strong and professional, and it has been encouraging to see that the thought processes of students are developing in accordance with the standard requirements of elementary education.

SigAm in Shandong
This project provided 40 parents with free training in Chinese sign language, and it subsidized the pre-school education of 40 deaf students. It also provided funds for 10 teachers to attend one round of bilingual training in Suzhou and Changzhou.

SigAm in Western China
The SigAm Bilingual Deaf Education projects were extended to Guizhou province and Sichuan province in 2006. There are 4 project schools in these areas. In order to build on the foundation of pre-school education, teachers were sent to Suzhou and Changzhou to participate in discussions and view model classes related to deaf education at the primary school level. This is in preparation for launching bilingual deaf education at the primary level in western China.

- 3,000 copies of the SigAm newsletter were distributed to project schools and also other deaf schools in 2007, as well as 3,000 copies of the SigAm 2008 calendar.

Deaf Children Rehabilitation Project in Hunan Province
Three training classes for parents of deaf children were held in 2007 and 74 parents participated in the classes. Lectures were given by a professor from the Hunan Provincial Hospital, an expert from Hong Kong, and teachers from the rehabilitation center. Attention was focused on visiting the parents; meeting to encourage communication among the parents of the deaf children, and promoting better communication between the fathers and mothers of the deaf children.

COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION (CBR)

Cataract Surgeries (PBL, Prevention of Blindness Project)
China’s second “National Sample Survey on Disability” shows that of the 12.33 million people who are visually impaired, 6.6 million are blind. Cataracts are the number one cause of blindness, accounting for nearly 50% of all the cases. Though cataracts are curable, in China the total volume of cataract surgeries per year is fewer than 800 thousand. There are two major reasons for this – one is the high cost of cataract surgery, and the other is lack of relevant surgical training among surgeons in most county hospitals, especially those in the poor middle and western provinces. Continuing its long tradition of promoting sustainable development, Amity carried on its blindness prevention and relief work by strengthening local capacity to treat cataracts and by ensuring that cataract surgery would be available to the poor. Ophthalmologists and eye care workers of different levels were given relevant training alongside the provision of consumables and necessary ophthalmic equipment for project hospitals. Amity also advocated for the establishment of a multi-level price system, making affordable, accountable and accessible cataract surgery possible for poor patients.

- In 2007, 9,855 surgeries were performed throughout 8 provinces (Hebei, Jiangsu, Anhui, Hunan, Sichuan, Yunnan, Gansu and Ningxia); 16 people received ophthalmology training in county hospitals; about 500 village doctors, health workers and cadres received grassroots level eye care training.
Early Childhood Care and Education Project for the Visually Impaired Children (ECCE Project)

Initiated in September 2005, this was the first early intervention project for the visually impaired children in China. Three ECCE Centers were established in Nanjing, Nantong and Lianyungang, respectively. Experts from Perkins School for the Blind have been invited to China four times to give training to the teachers in three centers, and these trained teachers have been paying regular home visits to the families of the visually impaired children ever since the project started. Parent training and parent-child group activities are also regularly held in the centers. This year, the project was evaluated and the results were quite encouraging. Notable improvement was visible in all aspects of the lives of the children who have received this intervention; parents' awareness of the benefits of early intervention for their children increased significantly; and there was an obvious rise in acceptance of visually impaired children and their families by the surrounding community and schools.

- In 2007, there were 48 cases of early intervention for visually impaired children in Nanjing, Nantong and Lianyungang;
- 9 teachers and 6 rehabilitation workers received ECCE training;

Integrated Education for Visually Impaired Children in Inner Mongolia:

Amity continued to provide scholarships for 500 visually impaired children in Inner Mongolia giving them the opportunity to finish nine-year education in regular schools.

Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students in Special Education Schools

This project was implemented in 15 special education schools of 6 provinces in 2007. Scholarships of 1000 yuan per person per school year make it possible for visually impaired children from poverty stricken families to continue their study in these schools.

Orientation and Mobility Training

O&M training is a very important part of rehabilitation for blind people. In 2007, training courses were held in Nanbu County of Sichuan Province. Relatives of the blind, community volunteers and blind people themselves received training, 60 people in all.

Chinese Version of Community Eye Health Journal

This journal was translated and published in cooperation with the Amity Foundation and distributed freely to the following: hospitals at and above the county level, blindness prevention organizations, and individuals working in this field in China. It helps eye-care workers at the grass-roots level acquire a great deal of useful and practical information on blindness prevention. 10,000 volumes (2 issues) were published in all.

Monthly for the Blind Produced

An audio cassette edition of Monthly for the Blind was created and offered free of charge to provincial blind people's associations and major blind schools in China. Total 5,040 (12 issues x 70 sets x 6 cassettes per set)

Advanced Training for Special Education Teachers in Western China:

Aimed at improving the teachers’ capacity in the special education schools in western China, this three-year program includes: courses in special education, a course to encourage scholarly reflection and writing, opportunities for local practice teaching, and a challenge to consider what participants can do to broaden the scope for special education within their own schools. The training in 2007 focused on the education for the blind, the deaf and the mentally challenged. New concepts such as early intervention for visually impaired children, bilingual education for deaf children and IEP for the mentally challenged children were introduced. Response from teachers who took part in the training was enthusiastic.

- In 2007, 11 teachers from 11 schools participated.
Amity Library Building for Special Education Schools
To meet the shortage of reading and teaching materials in some special education schools in western China, Amity continued to supply books and reference material aimed at creating a better reading environment for the students as well as the teachers.
- In 2007, 8,000 volumes of books were donated and distributed to 7 special education schools in Jiangsu and Shandong Provinces.

Rehabilitation Project for Polio Victims
Amity partnered with Zhenjiang 359 Hospital, to help polio victims from poor families to receive combined medical rehabilitation including surgery, therapy and orthotics. This project has helped prevent deformity, and has improved the ability of polio victims to function in daily life.
- In 2007, 21 cases were handled.
Amity Home of Blessings

The Amity Home of Blessings in Nanjing aims to provide training in life skills for young people with mild to profound mental retardation to help them adapt to society. It is our hope that the Home will also gain the attention of the greater community in a positive way, so that this special group of people will be recognized as equally valuable human beings and respected citizens of society.

In 2006, the Home suffered from lack of resources, and numbers of staff and clients declined. However, in 2007, with the persistent support of Amity staffers and the leadership of the board, some resurgence was experienced. Now the Home of Blessings seems to be in a renaissance period, thanks to effective advocacy and increased participation of parents.

Capacity building of teachers
In 2007 there were 2 social workers and 2 special education professionals on staff, as well as 5 teacher/caretakers who have received some training in nursing care, rehabilitation for adults with mental disorders, rehabilitation for children with autism and early education. The group represents a good cross-section of ages, from experienced elders to freshly graduated young people.

A set of rules and regulations have been set up on teachers’ job responsibilities, attendance, preparing lessons, finance management, reimbursement, office management, volunteer management, etc.

Case evaluation and management
The Home of Blessings has set up a preliminary system of case evaluation for adults with mental disorders, including an interview process, examinations and rehabilitation.

A varied curriculum is provided for the clients, incorporating music, dance and art lessons, daily life training, adjustment to society and community service courses. Also involved are job trainings such as handcraft and baking. Focusing on self-management and participatory management enabled the clients to bring their own initiative to the process. By the end of 2007, the number of clients had increased from 7 to 21.
Great progress has been experienced in clients’ self-abilities in 2007. All the clients could brush teeth and wash faces independently, and 80% of them could recognize vegetables, cook meals, clean the dishes, etc. Courses such as role playing and sex education enhanced their ability to adapt to society.

**Parents’ involvement**
Amity Home of Blessings organized two lectures and three activities for the mothers’ group, 15 parents meetings, 15 family home visits and completed a community survey of 18 households.

At the beginning of 2007, many parents were late or absent from the parents’ meetings. Thanks to consistent and effective advocacy from the Home, this trend reversed until during the second half of the year parents’ enthusiasm in participating in activities was lifted quite evidently. Actively joining in the Home of Blessings community became a higher priority in their lives for the sake of their loved ones.

**Resource development and management**
The volunteer enrollment and assessment system has been established with the initiation of training brochures, QQ communication groups and a dial-in bulletin board system (BBS) for volunteers. In 2007, Amity Home of Blessings recruited 900 volunteers total, and carried out 9 charity sales and 7 weekend activities. Many of those volunteers gave private lessons to a total of 22 clients in 13 sessions. Twenty three volunteers from England, the U.S.A., Germany and Japan provided service for Home of Blessings over the course of the year.

**Church ties are bolstered**
Amity Home of Blessings gained even closer cooperation with YMCA/YWCA of Nanjing in 2007. They co-designed two activities and shared their volunteer resources. Meanwhile, the Home drew upon volunteers from Jinling Seminary and the local church.

**Cooperation with business partners**
Under the support and help of the Amity Foundation, Home of Blessings has carried out public education and fundraising activities with Zhongshan Mansion, Dacheng Culture Communication Corporation, the taxis team and Xi’an Johnson Corporation, etc.

**Support from temples and schools**
Amity Home of Blessings went to Linggu Buddhist temple and Qixia Temple for autumn outings and received warm welcomes and sponsorship.

The Home signed an agreement with Zhongbei School of Nanjing Normal University on providing an internship base. Cooperations with the Sociology Department of Nanjing University and Nanjing Technical College of Special Education are still under consideration.

Cooperation was set up with university student groups to conduct social PR activities. Amity Home of Blessings worked in collaboration with student groups at Nanjing Normal University, Southeast University, Nanjing Agriculture University and other schools in Nanjing to provide weekend activities for the Home’s clients, combined with opportunities for charity sales to be carried out by the clients and their student friends, promoting more awareness and philanthropy among college students.

**Publicity and Advocacy**
The Home has been actively involved in publicity activities with help from the media.
Extensive reporting was done to cover the ‘One Yuan One Heart’ charity concert on Children’s Day, and the autumn outing to Linggu Temple. Publicity gained by the Home proved very effective in raising awareness in the city.
National Helping-the-Disabled Day
In connection with this special day of recognition for those who are disabled, staff and clients from the Home helped organize and conduct a neighborhood survey on the public’s knowledge of disabled people. Handicrafts made by the clients of Home of Blessings were also sold for charity.

Amity Home of Blessings actively advocated for the right of people with mental disorders through submitting proposals to Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference of Jiangsu Province.

Job training
There is an urgent need for vocational training for developmentally disabled people in China. A great number of them have spent basically all their lives at home, which not only leaves them less able to develop skills and interact with other people but also adds to the economic and emotional burden on their families.

The Home of Blessings bakery was initiated with the intention to provide these people with some valuable work experience that they can take into society. Preparations for the bakery started in March 2007. In September, Chu Chaoyu, the director of the Home of Blessings, started looking for a professional baker to do the training. The requirements were quite high: applicants must have excellent professional skills and plenty of experience; they must be happy to work with developmentally disabled people and preferably already have relevant experience. Mr. Li, who was finally hired by Amity after a one-week trial period, previously worked for a supermarket bakery and has worked with deaf people.

In November the bakery started its first test runs. The Home of Blessings clients were very eager to start working, carefully implementing the strict hygiene rules they had practised and washing their hands in seven steps, as Mr. Li had taught them. This kind of training also unconsciously improves people’s ability to look after themselves. According to Director Chu, “The work environment at our bakery is in many ways similar to real-life workplaces, and it gives people who work there the opportunity to develop useful skills. In the future, we will be able to recommend our clients to other employers, so hopefully even with our limited resources we can make quite a big difference in terms of integrating developmentally disabled people into working life.”

Today more than 20 different kinds of breads, cakes and cookies are produced at the Amity bakery. Most of the production is sold to students at the nearby colleges and to the general population. Chu says that the bakery project is having a good affect on perceptions toward developmentally disabled people.
Need for More Space
The Home of Blessings bakery has also organised “Happy Bread Angel” recruitment events, inviting people to take part in bread making on weekends. On these occasions, those who learn vocational skills at the bakery turn into teachers and show others how to do each of the steps from preparing the dough to wrapping the baked bread or cake. Interacting with the developmentally disabled, participants in these events find that the developmentally disabled are just as good as anybody and there is no reason to look down upon them. Programs like this have attracted a lot of interest, but it also highlights a dire need for the Home of Blessings project. The need is for more practical space. The “Home” is actually divided out into small flats all over the city of Nanjing. The bakery occupies one of these flats. Growth of the Home of Blessings is stunted, limiting our ability to make a bigger contribution to local society.
Education and International Exchange

Amity Teachers Program

The 2007-2008 academic year saw 37 teachers invited to teach at 23 schools in the following provinces and autonomous regions of China: Jiangsu, Anhui, Jiangxi, Guangxi and Gansu. Twenty-seven of those teachers were placed in 15 colleges in the western provinces of Guangxi and Gansu. The teachers offered English language instruction and came from a total of 11 different countries: Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, the Philippines, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Ten of our teachers were new arrivals in 2007, and a three-week Summer Training Program was held in Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province for them.

Amity continued moving teacher placements toward western provinces in 2007. Nearly 80% of Amity teachers are placed in teacher training colleges in the west, and Amity has been more supportive to smaller teacher training schools with ethnic minority students.

Summer English Program

In July, 58 volunteers from Canada, the UK and the USA came to China for four weeks to conduct English workshops for Chinese middle- and primary-school English teachers. Grouped into teams, the volunteers were placed at 13 teaching sites in the following 10 provinces: Jiangsu (2 teams), Fujian, Shandong, Hebei, Jiangxi, Guangxi, Sichuan, Gansu, Inner Mongolia (2 teams), Anhui (2 teams). Priority was given to underdeveloped areas in middle and western China. Teachers focused on the improvement of trainees’ listening and speaking skills and organized a variety of cultural exchange activities.

Nine sending agencies sponsored most of 2007 SEP volunteers, while 4 volunteers came independently.

Service-Learning Exchange Program

In 2007, we had 24 people participating in service-learning/exchange programs. Volunteers came from Yale University
and Virginia State University in the U.S.A., and also from Hunan University in China, to carry out activities in Nanjing related to English teaching in migrant schools and/or to spend time working at the Amity Home of Blessings.

**Leadership Training Program**

The fourth Leadership Training Program was hosted by the Hong Kong Institute of Education from 23-26 October, 2007. There were 9 participants from Gansu Province and 7 from Guizhou, all academic deans from teacher training colleges. The training program focused on teacher appraisal, curriculum development and study/research methods.

**Service-Learning Study Tour**

In December 2007, Amity arranged for 8 student affairs leaders from higher learning institutions in Gansu and Guizhou to observe and study service-learning projects in progress at Hong Kong Chinese University, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Lingnan University.

**Young Adult Program**

2007 was the third year for Amity to carry out the Young Adult Program. We had two volunteers from Switzerland and one from Germany, teaching English in Lishui High School in Jiangsu Province. Throughout the fall term, each volunteer provided 10 hours/week of bonus English learning for the children. Besides these duties, the young adults benefited from regular tutoring in Chinese, as well as special outings that were arranged for them.

**Schools for the Children of Migrant Workers**

Tuition subsidies were provided for 110 students in 11 migrant schools.

Weekend English courses were organized during the fall semester of 2007. Twenty students participated in the course and two of...
our Amity teachers in Nanjing were invited to teach together with other volunteer teachers. The course was very well received by the students.

Amity worked as a liaison between the migrant schools and the international student community in Nanjing. The international students, most of whom were native English speakers, helped with teaching in these schools and their presence was greatly appreciated by the schools and the students.

### Supporting Poverty-Stricken High School Students in Lishui

In 2007, Amity provided a meal subsidy of CNY 150/month (for 10 months) to 30 high school students in Lishui. Also in this year, 13 out of the 16 students Amity supported in 2006 were enrolled by universities or colleges.

### Domestic Faculty Development

With support from the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia, Amity supported 85 young teachers from teacher training colleges in the west to study for degrees in key universities in China. These 85 teachers were from Guizhou (50), Gansu (20), Henan and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Each teacher received a subsidy of CNY 6,000/year.

### Overseas Faculty Development

Also with support from UBCHEA, Amity sponsored four teachers to study for their MA degrees in universities in the Republic of Korea and the Philippines. These four teachers were from Longdong University (Gansu), Qiannan Teachers College for Minorities, Kaili College and Guizhou Normal University.

Amity has sponsored two teachers from the Foreign Languages Institute of Guizhou Normal University to study in the U.S.A. Ms. Luo Hongyu is at Rowan University in New Jersey studying applied linguistics, and Ms. Ma Shuhong is at Johns Hopkins University studying English language pedagogy. They both started their coursework in September 2007.

### Lecture Tour Program

Upon Amity’s invitation, Professor Don Snow from Nanjing University went to Guizhou to give lectures on English teaching and academic thesis writing for one week in July, 2007. The 24 participants were all English teachers from teacher training colleges in Guizhou Province.

In the same month, Amity invited Professor Wang Shanmai from Beijing Normal University to give a series of lectures on educational finance systems at Northwestern Normal University and Hezuo Teachers College for Minorities in Gansu Province.

### HIV/AIDS-Prevention Peer Education

Working together with the Gansu Education Department and the school hospital of Northwestern Normal University, Amity sponsored eight teacher training colleges in Gansu Province to carry out a three-year HIV/AIDS-prevention peer education program. The program began formally in March 2007.
Supporting Substitute Teachers in Gansu Province

In 2007, Amity supported 14 independent substitute teachers in the Tianshui and Lanzhou areas of Gansu Province. Independent substitute teachers receive only about CNY 100/month, and Amity cooperated with local Education Bureaus to match that with a subsidy of the equivalent amount each month. Furthermore, on the Teachers’ Day holiday, an additional 100 Yuan was distributed to each of those teachers.

Cafeteria & Teaching Lab Construction

Fengle Middle School in Minle County, Gansu Province, was built in the 1970s. Thirty years on, the cafeteria and a few of the teaching labs were literally collapsing. The students had to eat in the open air, and teaching facilities were practically nonexistent. Amity has sponsored re-construction of these buildings, with the local government raising half of the funds needed. The construction is scheduled to be completed by September 2008.
Publicity and Promotion

New Developments in Domestic Publicity

In 2007, our domestic publicity and fundraising efforts really started taking off. Compared with the previous year, there was a 77% increase in funds raised from domestic sources. New, creative strategies are being developed to involve the general public in philanthropy and awareness-raising as well as to foster relationships with corporations and agencies so that we can build upon our project work all over China where there are needs to be addressed. At present, nearly all domestic donations are coming from sources within the Yangtze River delta region (Jiangsu, Shanghai, Zhejiang), with 54% from within the greater Nanjing area, where Amity’s headquarters is located.

Children and education are main concerns

The top 5 target projects for donations received have been ‘Action e 10,000’ rural orphan fostering (21.28%), Hopeful Heart (19.85%), church-run social services (12.14%), rebuilding of collapsing schools (10.71%) and the Back to School Project (9.2%).

Key publicity/promotion activities for 2007 included:

Redesign of our Chinese website and the Chinese language newsletter (爱德简讯). The newsletter’s circulation was expanded by creating a new e-version to share with our broadening Chinese readership. In 2007, 7 issues were sent to 300 people.

Postcard project: Again this year, the Bank of China collaborated with Amity to distribute 40,000 postcards with their bank bill mailings to raise funds for school books for rural students and school equipment at schools for migrant children.

More media coverage: We initiated more cooperation with Jiangsu TV Station, Nanjing TV Channel 18 and the Yangtze Evening Edition newspaper in order to broadcast appeals for public involvement in various charity emphases, such as collecting winter clothes to deliver to western provinces.

Sign language workshop: As part of Deaf History Month in March, a signing workshop was offered, with a follow-up course given to participants.

Health education seminar: On March 21, the Yurun Group Corporation invited Amity to give a training seminar on epidemic prevention and care.

Legal Aid for construction workers: Amity representatives visited construction sites on May 24 to distribute 1,000 copies of flyers giving Basic Law information and legal aid advice.

Environmental Awareness: On September 22, we organized a trail walking event to promote environmental protection, attracting 1,400 participants, which is a new record for participants in an Amity-related promotional event.
Project visits: Through the year, 9 project visits were organized for volunteers and donors, to destinations near and far. Orientation was provided, as well as coordination and follow-up fundraising. Of particular note was the June trip, which combined a massive book donation with a project visit. 3,000 books were collected in Nanjing, and then distributed in Ganyu County of northeastern Jiangsu the next day.

We received other material donations, such as 3+ tons of winter clothes to deliver to Qinghai Province, and 100 boxes of mooncakes.

Musical concerts: In March and in June we gained more experience in organizing charity concerts, with the Dexin Charity Concert on March 3, and the ‘One Yuan One Heart’ Concert on June 1. Total funds raised from the two concerts was CNY 78,560.15.

The “Action e 10,000” campaign was officially launched on November 17. This is an effort to use the internet as a tool to make more people aware of the situation of rural orphans in China and to raise funds for their support. Nearly 6,000 orphans have benefited from Amity’s work since 2002. The concrete aim of Action e 10,000 is to provide support for an additional 10,000 orphans in the Chinese countryside.
The main task of the Amity Hong Kong Office is to make Amity’s contributions to China’s social development known overseas and in Hong Kong and to expand links between Amity and the ecumenical community. Through its publicity and networking activities, the Amity Hong Kong office encourages the ecumenical sharing of resources and generates more support for Amity’s work among Christians and non-Christians alike.

Publications and websites

Under new editors, Beate Engelen and Elisa Nousiainen respectively, both the Amity Newsletter (ANL) and the Amity News Service (ANS) underwent face lifts. The use of photos and color brought changes that were very well received by readers. The circulation of the ANS printed edition has expanded and moves are being made to increase it further. In January, the ANS editorial team visited churches, seminaries and church-run projects in Shanghai, Hangzhou and Nanjing, carrying out interviews. The ANS also covered the Christian Art Exhibition organized by the Amity Christian Art Center in Nanjing.

John Strong continued to produce issues of the Amity Echo for Amity teachers which were circulated in print and electronic form. He also edited Amity’s Annual Report for 2006.

Tong Su produced and distributed 6,000 copies of the Chinese quarterly Amity Messenger to local Hong Kong churches through the various denominations, raising the level of awareness of Amity’s presence and work in China. The dissemination and sale of publications from the HK Office were undertaken by Helena Chan.

Three websites – Amityfoundation.org, Amitynewsservice.org and Amitynewsletter.org – provide updates on church development, seminaries and Amity’s development work. There are more hits now on the Amity Foundation English website, and church media groups are picking up more items from the Amity News Service website for circulation on the web and in print. Website maintenance was carried out by John Strong and Oliver Engelen. The China church directory continues to be updated on the ANS website and is an increasingly popular reference site. The latest issue of the Chinese Theological Review was made available online. Changes and improvements were made to the Amity Foundation website and it is now possible to donate online. Plans are underway to add a Chinese-language website in traditional characters for readers in Hong Kong.

Education Division Support work:

- Amity HK Office staff were involved with the Teachers Winter conference in Chengdu, Sichuan in February, helping in programming and implementation work related to the conference.
- Kim Strong, Amity’s Education Consultant, provided support for the teachers program through teacher visits and consultation on teaching-related issues.
- The Summer English Program enjoyed a high rate of participation in 2007, with 14 teams and a total of 56 teachers.
- The HK Office continued to be involved in recruitment, orientation, teacher visits and website maintenance for the Education division.

### Exposure Tours

The number of exposure tours organized by the Hong Kong Office has grown and in 2007, staff organized and led at least 5 different groups to China.

- An exposure Easter Tour to Henan for a Hong Kong Rhenish Church group took place in April. The annual Amity Easter Tour in 2007 attracted 21 participants from 7 countries in Asia, Europe and North America. It focused on church-run projects in Henan and the church’s response to AIDS.
- In September, Theresa Carino, the Amity HK office coordinator, helped ATESEA organize a seminary tour for 10 women Theological Educators from 6 Asian countries. The tour covered 4 cities, where participants met women seminary faculty, pastors and lay workers and engaged in wide-ranging conversations on women’s roles in the church and on feminist theology.
- In November, Tong Su brought 20 members of the Sheng Kung Hui Women’s League to Guizhou for an exposure visit.
- In December, a group of 24 youth related to the American Baptist Mission Swatow church in Hong Kong went on an Amity exposure tour to Guizhou over Christmas.

### Volunteers

Service-Learning: the Yale-China Association provided an intern, Faith Lin, to serve at the HK Office over the summer. She helped produce an issue of the Chinese *Amity Messenger* and a brochure for the Summer English Program. She also spent time in Hong Kong and Nanjing, learning more about Amity’s work. A few volunteers from Hong Kong also helped in fundraising and other activities.
Networking and representation in HK and overseas

- In January, ANL editor Beate Engelen participated in the international workshop on HIV/AIDS in Henan, co-organized by Amity and the United Evangelical Mission.
- In March, Amity was represented by our office coordinator at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Christian Conference of Asia in Tomohon, Indonesia.
- In May, the office coordinator and Tong Su participated in the Third Amity Roundtable Meeting that was held in Nanjing.
- In June, the coordinator made a presentation on Amity to more than 20 Asian scholars attending the summer fellowship program of the United Board for Christian Higher Education.
- Tong Su made a presentation on “Diakonia in China” to a workshop on the topic held by the ELCHK (Evangelical Lutheran Church of HK).
- In November, the coordinator attended the Golden Jubilee of ATESEA (Association for Theological Education in South East Asia) in Singapore. The same month, Tong Su participated in a workshop on “Family Issues” organized by the Anglican Communion in Seoul, Korea.

In 2007, many Hong Kong churches celebrated the 160th anniversary of Christian missions in Hong Kong. HK Office staff represented Amity at numerous ecumenical church gatherings and events in Hong Kong. Briefings were given to groups/delegations on their way to China and many overseas visitors were received at the HK Office. Presentations on Amity projects were made to Hong Kong churches, especially pastors and youth groups, enabling Amity staff to network with a wide variety of media, church and social service organisations in Hong Kong.

Role of facilitator

In general, the Hong Kong Office continued to play a role as facilitator for the Amity headquarters in Nanjing. It facilitated the flow of information, communication and funds from Hong Kong and overseas to Amity. To a more limited extent, the Hong Kong Office also played this role in relation to some churches and seminaries in China.

The Hong Kong office also helped coordinate visits for Amity staff to Hong Kong. In January, Amity’s general secretary, Mr. Qiu Zhonghui, visited Hong Kong. Meetings with various Hong Kong church organizations and NGOs were arranged. The office also assisted the Education Division in arrangements for the seminar workshop on education at the HK Institute of Education. This was for top administrators from Teacher Training Colleges in Guizhou and Gansu.

Fundraising

Apart from identifying funding sources overseas and facilitating communications with partner organizations, the Hong Kong office has begun fundraising activities in Hong Kong, especially among churches and schools. With the encouragement and support of local volunteers, it has begun raising funds for Amity’s social service, health and education projects.

Staff

Staff of the Amity Hong Kong Office for 2007:
Theresa Carino (Coordinator), Helena Chan (Office Management and Finance), Beate Engelen (Editor of Amity Newsletter), Oliver Engelen (Websites and Public Relations), Elisa Nousiainen (Editor of Amity News Service), John Strong (Websites, Publication Design and Office Support), Kim Strong (Education Consultant) and Tong Su (Hong Kong Awareness Raising Project).
On the 11th of September, 2007, the 50 millionth Bible rolled off the press at the Nanjing Amity Printing Company. By that time, an additional 9 million new testaments had been printed as well. 43 million copies of the complete Bible were produced for mainland China, among them copies in Braille and eight minority languages, while the remaining 7 million were exported to over 60 countries around the world. Zhang Liwei, Amity’s associate general secretary, called this event a “miracle which God has made possible in China”.

Speaking at the celebration event in Nanjing on December 8, Mr. Ye Xiaowen, Director of State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA) announced that Bibles printed at the Amity Press will be made available at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Immediately preceding the ceremony was the signing of an agreement between the Amity Printing Company and the United Bible Societies (UBS) to extend their close cooperation as a joint venture for another ten years. The current agreement lasts until June 2008. The joint venture between APC and UBS started in 1987.

Next year, the Amity Printing Company will move to a larger site, where state-of-the-art printing equipment will ensure higher output while quality standards remain as high as before. Qiu Zhonghui, general secretary of the Amity Foundation and chair of the board of APC, said in an interview, “We are grateful for the ecumenical partnership with Christian brothers and sisters around the world forged by this joint venture between Amity and UBS”. The Amity Printing Company is the only enterprise in China which prints Bibles.

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Networking and Capacity-building

February
InterAct Asia Partnership Conference in Thailand
HIV/AIDS Conference in Henan, sponsored by UEM and Mission 21

March
Visit to counterparts in Norway as colleagues, scientists and authorities on Deaf Education
Nanjing-ICU (International Christian University) Academic Partnership Conference in Japan

April
Invited to seminar on “HIV/AIDS in China” by Swedish Mission Council in Stockholm, Sweden
The Amity Easter Tour
Consultation in the UK on Climate Change and Development

May
Conference: “Healing the World 2007- China: Partnerships for Mission and Learning”, visit to local churches and partners in USA
ECLOF (Ecumenical Church Loan Fund) Eurasia/Pacific Regional Workshop in Armenia
Third Amity Roundtable Meeting in Nanjing

June
Kirchentag, conferences and partner visits in Germany

July
Regional ACT Development consultation in India

October
Norwegian Missionary Society’s Church Leader’s Network Conference in Norway
CWM/Nethersole Fund 10th Anniversary in Hong Kong
Training for leaders of teacher’s colleges held in Hong Kong

December
CWS/Asia-Pacific Forum meeting in USA
Communications

Books
Learn Sign Language, Study Chinese Characters

Calendar
2007 Amity Calendar
2007 SigAm Bilingual Deaf Education Calendar

Newsletters
Amity Newsletter (ANL, Chinese, Bimonthly)
Amity Newsletter, (ANL, English, Quarterly)
Amity News Service (ANS, Bimonthly)
Amity Messenger (Chinese, HK Edition)
SigAm Bilingual Deaf Education Newsletter (one issue)

Journals
Community Eye Health
Nanjing Theological Review (overseas edition in traditional characters)

Websites
Three separate websites were maintained and upgraded:
www.amityfoundation.org.cn (Chinese and English)
www.amitynewsletter.org (English)
www.amitynewsservice.org (English)

Others
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