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Dear Friends of Judy Sutterlin,

Greetings from Judy and the Sutterlin Mission Partnership Team. The whole summer has passed since we sent our first letter. We want to update you on some of the things Judy has been doing, give you information about how to contact Judy and how to keep up with some of her activities, as well as encourage you to give to the World Mission Offering coming up in October.

UPDATES ON JUDY'S WORK: After spending an additional four weeks in the U.S. to help with some unexpected medical and transitional needs of her parents, Judy arrived in Hong Kong on July 11 to process her visa and continued on to Nanjing on July 22.

Supporting Amity Teachers: Judy's first responsibility has been helping with the orientation for sixteen new Amity teachers, who will be teaching English for two years to future Secondary School English teachers. The new teachers come from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, the U.S., the U.K. and the Philippines. Following the orientation, all 44 Amity teachers joined in a conference in Nanjing, learning about updates in Amity and in the church in China, learning about how to respond to students who develop psychological problems because of the high pressured competition they face, and sharing in worship together. Judy led the morning devotions and the closing worship service. These teachers are now beginning the new semester in 25 different colleges in 18 cities and seven provinces, with two thirds of them in the western part of China. Judy will keep in touch with each of the old and new Amity English teachers throughout the year through e-mail and telephone contacts, as well as by visiting some of them in their teaching sites.

Teaching at Xiao Zhuang College: On September 11th, Judy will also resume teaching American literature to two classes of junior English teaching majors at Xiao Zhuang College in Nanjing. Class A has 35 girls and four boys, while all 36 students in Class B are girls. This is a typical mix for teacher track foreign language classes in China. When the freshmen arrive on campus one month later, Judy will also be teaching oral English to two of their classes.

ABC International Ministries Liaison to Amity: In addition, she will continue serving as the ABC International Ministries liaison to the AIDS orphans, village clinics, and migrant workers children's schools. These are Amity projects that ABC supports. With the help of individuals, individual churches, One Great Hour of Sharing and STEP funds, we are now providing the support that enables 75 AIDS orphans in Henan Province to stay in school and to have their basic daily needs met. Watch for future information about opportunities for people in your church to correspond with one of more of these children. Through White Cross we are helping the village doctors in the ten clinics we helped to build in 2004 to have medicines available for patients who cannot afford to pay. In addition, we have helped provide some much needed equipment for three schools for children of migrant workers and we hope to build a deeper relationship in the future.

ABC IM Supports Chinese Christian Council Outreach Ministries: During the first week of this month, Judy has had the honor of representing American Baptist International Ministries in ceremonies for two projects of the China Christian Council that we have helped support. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the China Christian Council and the churches of Luo Ping in Jiangxi Province held the opening ceremony for a new primary school building that the churches helped build to replace a dilapidated structure that was no longer safe for the children's study. Through International Ministries we contributed \$15,000 to the building of this school which will help serve more of the educational needs of the young children in this area.

Then on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the China Christian Council's Social Service invited Judy to accompany their new mobile medical clinic to E Shan Township in Tong Lu County several hours east of Hangzhou to see this new work. Through International Ministries we contributed \$10,000 towards the medical equipment for mobile clinics like this one. Doctors who are top experts in their fields and who are members or friends of the churches then volunteer their time and talents to provide free examinations, diagnoses, and medical advice for the local people in the rural areas of the province. In this way, minor illnesses can be diagnosed and treated early enough to prevent them from becoming major health problems. The mobile clinic van is the same vehicle that is used in the distribution of Bibles throughout the Province. When it is used for the mobile clinic, it brings these doctors and the medical equipment to a local township clinic where the local people have gathered to receive their medical services.

**THE EXTENT OF ABC INTERNATIONAL MISSION:** Through Judy as a teacher of teachers, an ABC liaison to clinics and orphans, and a partner with the Amity Foundation, we as American Baptists reach out to a countless number of people in China. This Baptist outreach extends not only in China, but around the world. Presently, ABC International Ministries is invested in over 120 personnel, serving in 29 countries with 47 partner conventions and unions. IM also helps support global mission in 42 additional countries worldwide. In addition, IM has helped send out over 120 Baptist teams and volunteers, comprised of about 2,000 people, to do short-term and volunteer mission work in 35 countries.

**PARTNERS LEARN, PRAY, TELL, GIVE, GO:** Over the last several years IM has developed a system for supporting missionaries that allows churches, groups and individuals to become more directly related to one or more missionaries. As partners American Baptists can take a personal interest in learning about what God is doing through Judy and our partners in China and pray for the work and people there. You can tell others about what is happening and encourage them to pray as well.

Learn, Pray, Tell: Information about Judy and her work will occasionally be sent by postal mail. For those of you who have access to e-mail or the internet of your own, or through the church or a friend, short updates and prayer requests will be sent through the e-mail site [sutterlin@tds.net](mailto:sutterlin@tds.net). Judy's e-mail account is [jsutterlin@hotmail.com](mailto:jsutterlin@hotmail.com). A website has been established at <http://www.sutterlinmpt.org> which we hope to update

monthly. The website, still under development, will contain information about projects Judy is involved in or serves as liaison to. It will also contain resource materials that may be useful in mission education programs in your church. You can also go to [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org) for missionary journals. At the end of this letter is Judy's postal address in English and Chinese. You can make copies of the Chinese to paste on an envelope. This will facilitate arrival of the letter.

Give: Another vital way to partner with Judy is to support the World Mission Offering. The International Ministries core budget supports housing, utilities, education, work funds and other items for all the missionaries. A target goal has also been established for each missionary partnership team to help raise. These additional gifts, also given through International Ministries, will provide for the missionary's actual living allowance plus medical insurance, FICA and retirement benefit. Gifts toward that target come through the "targeted giving" line, or through "directed" World Mission Offering Gifts. This goal is set according to the living expenses where the missionary is living. For Judy the total target goal is \$36,931. If a missionary's target goal isn't reached, Valley Forge will supplement with funds from the core budget.

Another way to partner with Judy is to support United Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Women's Love Gift and White Cross. These offerings help support all of our International Ministries work as well as specific projects in China. Support can also be given to individual mission projects that ABC and Judy and our partners are involved in in China such as the AIDS orphans funding and village clinic funding. Information about these projects will be in our future letters and on the website.

Go: There may be partners who wish to become involved by going to see or help out in China. For example, someone might want to become an Amity teacher for two years or teach for the month of July in the Summer English Program.

FINALLY, thank you for all the responses you sent to the first letter. For those of you who are receiving this as your first letter, or who haven't responded yet, you can send your own, group, and/or church postal and e-mail addresses to: Sutterlin MPT, First Baptist Church 518 North Franklin Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705-3699 or to [sutterlin@tds.net](mailto:sutterlin@tds.net). Those of you with e-mail may want to put this address on your e-mail software's safe list to protect this site from being deleted by block mail filters.

Again, thank you for partnering with Judy Sutterlin.  
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