



## ***Sutterlin Missionary Partnership Team***

***supporting Judy's missionary work in China***

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Greetings from the Sutterlin Missionary Partnership Team

We want to celebrate with you this season of the birth of good news into our world.

This month our American Baptist missionary to China, Judy Sutterlin, celebrated with the Amity Foundation, the China Christian Council and the United Bible Societies (UBS) on their printing of the 50 millionth Bible to come off their presses in Nanjing since 1987. At the same time, she witnessed the signing of the next ten year extension agreement between the UBS and the Amity Foundation in this ministry to share God's word in China and around the world. Yes, of the 50 million, more than 41 million in Chinese and in languages of minority nationalities in China were printed for people right in China, while the additional almost nine million were printed for Bible Societies in other countries around the world. Judy also had the opportunity to see the new, larger printing plant that will soon be completed and will double printing capacity in the future. Through the Amity Printing Company, China may, in fact, become the largest printer of Bibles in the world, both for the people of China and for the people of the world. The good news is continuing to spread.



*Judy visiting a clinic last summer  
when supplies were being delivered*

Christmas will also be an active time of sharing the good news in Nanjing, with churches and seminary having many services and activities. There will be a program with gospel skits and Christmas music at the seminary on Friday night, a candlelight service of Christmas music at a local church on Saturday evening, regular Sunday services (2-4 services at each church), a massive outdoor Christmas Eve program at the seminary and huge Christmas Eve services at the local Churches on Monday evening, and services at the seminary and at the churches on Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve in particular, many who have heard that something special takes place will come "to see this thing that is happening." Judy says that it is indeed an exciting time to see the Holy Spirit at work!

In July Judy visited the medical clinics we helped to build in Ningxia Province. Many American Baptists have helped fund these clinics through the One Great Hour of Sharing, by raising donations in their regions. AB Women have also helped with medicine through their White Cross donations. In fact, a new distribution of medicines has gone out to the clinics this month, good news for those who are ill and especially good news for those who would not be able to afford the medicine they need on their own.

Judy will be completing her first semester of teaching at the seminary in mid-January. Developing skills in Biblical and Theological English gives students access to theological and Bible study resources in English, as well as opening avenues for in depth theological dialogue with other believers and theologians around the world. In addition, some of these seminarians will also have opportunities to share the gospel in English with young Chinese initially simply seeking to improve their English by attending English worship and bible study activities in local churches. So, bringing language to the students also helps them bring the good news.

Seventy-eight of the thousands of children who have lost parents through the AIDS problem in Henan Province have the good news that American Baptists will help fund their school fees, provide some clothing and extra food. Judy will be visiting many of these children from January 27 through February 4, to share the warmth of your love and care with them personally in the coldest season of the year.



*Judy visiting with an AIDS orphan last May*



*Six volunteers from Madison, WI spent the month of July in Jinan, Shandong province, working with 126 Chinese teachers to improving their oral English skills.*

You can share further in bringing good news by volunteering for the Summer English Program in July. You can read on our website, <http://www.sutterlinmpt.org>, the experience of six volunteers from Madison, WI who taught last July in Jinan, Shandong Province. Program information is on the Amity Foundation website, <http://www.amityfoundation.org>.

The good news is that Jesus has come to bring healing to the sick, clothes and food to the poor, and communicate love and peace to his people around the world. May you celebrate this good news with joy.

Love and Peace to all,  
Judy

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