



Dear friends,

In the spring of 2010, as I was getting ready for the move from Hong Kong to Shanghai to begin my work with CWF, there were so many unknowns about the year ahead. I would be working on my own (without a local team) and would be expected to get volunteer programs up and running at a local migrant school. I wasn't sure how this was all going to work out.

"Lord, what are you getting me into?" was a common question on my heart.

Words spoken by a good friend in Hong Kong helped remind me to stop worrying and start trusting: *"God has called you there, so you can be confident that he has gone ahead of you and is preparing the way."*

Wow, was that ever true. I can really see now that God has been preparing the way for me in Shanghai all along, both personally and professionally. Of course, this year has not been without its hardships and setbacks, which so easily send me back to doubt and insecurity: *"Lord, why did you get me into this? What am I doing here?"*

But God's story is one of grace in spite of my faults and failings. He has provided abundantly and I am confident that He'll continue to do so, just as He promises:

*"Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in Him, and He will act."*
Psalm 37:4-5

As I mentioned earlier, I was tasked this year with setting up opportunities for volunteers to serve at a migrant school on the outskirts of Shanghai. In His grace, God has allowed this work to progress on a level I hadn't expected.

During the 2010-2011 school year, we were able to take 10 groups of volunteers to teach English at the Jinshan migrant school, with an average of about 20 volunteers per trip. Additionally, we have made improvements to the school's library and have provided scholarships for 20 of the school's

neediest students, helping their families pay for their school lunches.

So, why are we doing these things? The obvious answer is that we are seeking to help give these kids a chance for a better education and for a better life in the future.

But on a deeper level, what these kids really need the most is not just a better education. Migrants in Shanghai are generally looked down upon and face discrimination and segregation by the wider society. These attitudes can infect the minds of young migrants growing up in the city, so that they view themselves as unimportant or useless.

I believe one of the main goals of our service in the migrant community is to say to these young people:

"You are important. You have value. You have a hope and a future. There are people who love and care for you. There is a God who loves and cares for you."

In addition to the work in the migrant community, God has blessed me with some great friends who asked if they could help organize several fundraising events to support the work of CWF. Through the selfless efforts of these friends and the generosity of Shanghai businesses and donors, we were able to raise over \$6,000 and raise awareness for CWF.

Through my work at the migrant school, I have been able to build trust and strong relationships with the principal, Mr. Zhou, as well as several Christian leaders in the local community. These relationships will be crucial for the growth and success of our work. I hope to build some long-term partnerships with these Christian leaders for projects in the future. We hope to expand our current work to additional migrant schools, but we are also praying about the possibility of setting up a community center in one of the migrant communities in the future.

Thank you for yet another year of generosity. Your gifts, kind words, and prayers continually build me up, and I'm so grateful for them and for you. Please continue to pray for all the things you read about here, but especially that God would use our work to bring glory to His name.

感谢, -Josh