

Report on Sichuan Earthquake Sites Visit, May 26 – June 1, 2013

Participants –

Melvin Wong, Connie Wong, Paul Wong, May Wong, Brandon Wong, Ivy Cheuk and Cindy Kwok.

Itinerary –

May 26: Arrived at Chengdu in the afternoon.



Gifts to give out

May 27: Visited Ganlin Counseling Center and Sichuan Benevolence Medical Foundation. We had conferences with the leaders of both organizations.

Ms Liu Tong, Licensed Counselor and Trainer of Ganlin Counseling Center shared that people are now in the state of constant fear. The people were told that the earthquake in 2008 was rare but they experienced another big shake in just 5 years that made them lost sense of security. The parents who have another one after losing the first one 5 years ago in the earthquake tend to spoil the kids, afraid of losing them.



Mr. Lewis You of Sichuan Benevolence Medical Foundation inspires people with his animation drawings and monthly newsletters. May Wong presented gifts with financial contribution to Lewis.



May 28: Visited Ya An Earthquake site and Guo Zhang High School (國張中學). We held a conference with Ms Chen De Rong, the principal of the school, (陳德蓉校長). Ms Chen shared their school was the first one to resume classes on April 24. In 2008 earthquake, their school building had reconstructed to make it stronger. However in the 4.20 earthquake, the school was in collapsing condition and could not be used. A lot of buildings had the same problems in this earthquake that need to work on.



Visited 一天公益社會工作服務中心, conferenced with Ms Li Suqing, Secretary-General. Suqing introduced their ministries and said that volunteers are expected to stay in the site for 2 – 3 years. May Wong and Ivy Cheuk presented gifts with financial contributions to Suqing.



Dinner with Nick Hung of Lifestyle Ministries International

May 29: Visited Southwest University of Nationality, conference with 陳勇, 西南民族大學社會學與心理學學院黨總支書記)、馬伯忠, 西南民族大學社會學與心理學學院副院長、何主任和海老師。 Secretary Chen expressed their focus to nurture the students of minority tribes and to serve the disasters areas. The University will organize 2 teams to Lu Shan (廬山), one of the disaster areas, during the summer vacation. 3 couples from our team will sponsor their students. We appreciate their kindness and caring hearts to the students.



May 30: Visited Lei Gu Zhen Primary School (擂鼓中心小學), conferred with Mr. Xiong, principal of the school. The school building and the dormitory were newly constructed. The leaders of the school design different kinds of events to encourage students.



Visited Bei Chuan Earthquake Site (北川廢墟).



Dinner with Ms Jia You Chun, author of the casebook 向死而生. Ms Jia accompanied us to visit Lei Gu Zhen Primary School, shared her testimonies throughout the years of serving in the disaster areas. Cindy, on behalf of the team, presented monetary gifts to a local volunteer.



May 31: Visited Wen Chuan First Primary School (汶川第一小學), Lunch with their principal and teachers. We were invited to participate their drawing exhibit.



Visited Wenchuan Yingxiu Primary School (汶川縣映秀小學), conferenced with Mr. Su of the school. The school was collapsed during the earthquake in 2008 and was rebuilt with sponsorship of Shenzhen Securities Sector. Mr. Su expressed his thanks to all parties who had helped in rebuilding the school and the spiritual health of those who suffered in the earthquake. The leaders of the school design varieties of events to build up the unity and confidence of students.



June 1 Left Chengdu.