



CHRISTMAS 2013

**“And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is LOVE.”
1 Corinthians 13:13**

Dear Friends,

DONA NOBIS PACEM. We send you our Best Wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR with Peace, Joy and Good Health! May God's grace be with you this Holy Season and the days to come!



If you had come to our Bo Ai, you would have noticed that beside our gate is the large Motto painted on the wall in Chinese calligraphy **“Love Never Ceases”** Xie Xie for your love and support. Many of you came to teach our students, played with them, gave seminars to our students, teachers and villagers, held dental and medical clinics or just came to shower your love and care to our children and to the maintenance of our school. **XIE XIE**

THANKS TO YOU

At this Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings from Above! The biggest highlight of the year is that our **Bo Ai Middle School** is finally finished and up and running. On September 1st, our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students literally ran up to our school buildings, peeked into the classrooms, yet to be equipped labs, dorm rooms, conference room, library, reading room, the shower cubicles with doors, the washrooms, the lavatories. **Many of the upper grade boys and yes even some girls** came early to haul the Beijing New World Hotel donated furniture to their respective places. We also assembled the much needed school desks and chairs, tables, bookshelves, library bookshelves etc. In August, our grandchildren, Malia, 10 years old and Maile, 7 years old, came all the way by themselves from Germany and helped to assemble the furnishings. Our many thanks go to the **villagers** as scores of them, mostly women, as the men were away at work, came and hauled the



heavy furniture up the stairs to the rooms. The window curtains, internet connections, projections, sound systems, telephone connections were belatedly finally finished several weeks ago.



During the summer while the school is out, **Touching Lives Overseas** remodelled the First Floor of the Elementary School, relocating the Kindergarten to the First Floor, rebuilt the Medical Clinic at the previous Kindergarten Classroom, and also rebuilt the front railing. This really gave us a new facelift as we enter into eight years at the present Elementary School premise. Thanks TLO/

Another big Thanksgiving blessing of the year is that my husband, **Patrick**, has finally retired and he now works side by side with me since the beginning of this year. And now we don't have to SKYPE each other any more.



THE BO AI MIDDLE SCHOOL

I am right now still at the School and hope that I will be home in time for Christmas. Patrick has already left for home the beginning of December. The umpteen building documents, papers, permits have to be in before the end of the year or else new 2014 regulations will come the beginning of the year and more unnecessary dollars and time will have to be spent to satisfy the new regulations. In addition, we have only paid 80% of the building costs. 20% of the building costs remain to be paid. The final cost accounting still needs to be negotiated upon. We are so grateful that so many angels came to help us. Our special thanks go to **David Yau** of Hong Kong who came in October for the Eighth time at his own expense to inspect and to advice on the buildings. Our kudos to **Mr Joe Leung** of Hong Kong and to **Mr. MingJing Yuan** of Guangzhou, China who are experts in their fields and are familiar with building costs in China and are helping us tremendously in the final cost payments.

OUR FRIENDS WHO CAME

During 2013, **307** friends, on thirty nine separate occasions, single or multiple persons at a time, came to visit our school. This included **138** from overseas Hong Kong, the United States and Canada, who came to serve, **102** from China mainly from Shanxi Province who came to learn our administration and teaching methods, **40** from China who came to give seminars to our teachers, **19** government officials and **8** from China or Hong Kong pertaining to the Bo Ai Middle School construction. Space does not permit me to name all the visitors but I would be remiss if I do not mention the leaders of the Hong Kong Easter Mission Team, **Dr. Eilly Lau**, **Benjamin Chang, Esq.**, **Michael Tse**, **Dr. Mathew Lau**, **Director Zhao XiaoYan** and **Juliana Wang**; **Kenneth Woo** of the Texas Mission Team in June; **Simon**

Jiang who organized the University of Toronto summer camp; **David Li** and his friends from Portland, **Juliana Wang** and her **BICF** group, **Professor Wu** from Beijing; **Professor Yu Ping** from Wuhan, **Frances Lee** and **Suvan Law** from the Soong Zing Ling Foundation, four principals from the **Hong Kong New Territories Retired Principals Assn**, our Beijing ambassador Mr. **Wang Chang Ji**, **Francis & Catherine Ho** who brought along three of his Elementary friends, our Portland friend **Craig Llewellyn** who came two times within a period of six months and **David Yau** who came on two separate occasions this year to advise us on the Middle School construction. We are indebted to all **307** for sharing their talents and love.

HAPPENINGS AT BO AI 2013

In June 2013, **39** 6th grade students **graduated** from our Elementary School. We held an enrollment for 7th grade students. About **150** applied and we took in **eight** students.. As far as we know, so far in Bo Ai grade school history more than ten of our students went on to the universities. We are aware of two who are studying medicine and one is now in Beijing studying Broadcasting. This academic year, we have **398 boarding students** and **62 staff**. We have hired **13 new teachers** mostly for the Middle School as new subjects: geography, history, physics, biology and politics need new teachers. New

buildings also need new maintenance staff and an additional campus guard.

In late October, Bo Ai formed its first ever **Student Council**. I am proud to tell you that **34** 6th, 7th and 8th grade students stepped forward to vie for the position of President and two Vice Principal positions. They presented themselves very well at the election with speeches, Power Point presentations and even dance to let the school know what they would do if they had won the positions. The President and two Vice Principals then decided that those who lost would fill positions in the five committees. Listening



GRADUATION CLASS 2013

to what they would do if they had won give me hope that these kids will be the able leaders of tomorrow.

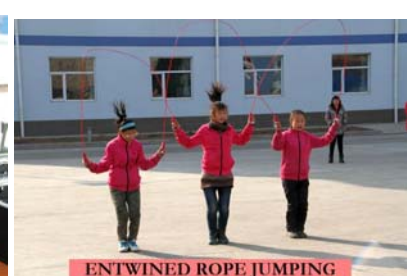
Recently in the last two months, we had two competitions: 1. A dismembered desktop **computer reassembly competition** for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. 2. School wide **Jump Rope Contest**. These two events were held for the first time at our school. Seeing how the students were able to know each part of the computer and reassemble them together tells me how illiterate I am with IT. I am also amazed at the number of ways that one can jump rope in groups or singly. Bo Ai also entered into a **Regional Middle School English Competition**. The final results are not back yet but through the grapevine, we are told that Bo Ai scored First in the Qinyuan County.



JUMP ROPE CONTEST



COMPUTER REASSEMBLY CONTEST



ENTWINED ROPE JUMPING

Our school is embarking on a **new teaching method**. Bo Ai will be teaching with the team approach in classrooms. More student-prepared discussions in groups and less didactic teaching by the

teachers. The education department has exempted us from school classification by scored points in exams for a couple of years while we go through this new method of teaching. Stay tuned.

On Friday afternoons, Bo Ai continues its **enrichment programs**. We now have 13 programs, namely in part wind organs, flute, choral, embroidery, dance, calisthenics higher/lower level English, higher level/lower level art, basketball, ping pong, badminton, reading, Chinese calligraphy, English calligraphy. The students love the enrichment programs as these relaxes them from the hustle and bustle of classes. If they so wish, they can rotate to another program after two months. Hopefully we will have **debate** and **public speaking** for the higher grades in the next round.

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF FENG VILLAGE

This is the fifth year that the **Holmglad Mission Schools** in Hong Kong have invited three of our



teachers to visit their schools to learn how education is carried out in Hong Kong. We are indebted to **Simon Yeung**, Executive Secretary of HK **Mission Covenant Church**, who arranged this continuing education for our teachers. Curriculum Director **Zhang Wei**, BookKeeper cum Physics Teacher **Wu Yen** and Maintenance Director **Yin Xin Feng** had the privilege to go to Hong Kong this year. We have learned much from Holmglads' experiences and will implement some into our school. Besides the educational and cultural exchange, our teachers had the opportunity to see how outside metropolitan people live their daily lives. While I was in Hong Kong, I had the providential opportunity to sit down with professional and experienced counselors, **Carrie Lee Hor Yan** and **Kai Fong Chan**, who spent hours

to counsel me on how to deal with teenage problems.

Cui & Fong



So many time that I have lost count how many times our burned teacher, **Cui Wei Juan** and student **Fong Minh Yen** have traveled to Hong Kong. Cui went there for facial plastic and hand surgeries and Fong Minh Yen with hemi facial hemangioma for facial laser surgeries. We are indebted

to **Dr. Sik Kuen Chow**, **Dr. Wai Hong Wong**, **Dr. Chi Wai Chan**, **Dr. T. L. Chan** and **Dr. T.C. Ng**, and **Mr. Ngai**, doctors in Hong Kong who donated pro bono surgical care for our teacher and student, Grateful thanks to the surgeons and to our friend, **Ning Heung Mak** who provided 24/7 care for them while they were in Hong Kong and to **HK Bo Ai Foundation** for funding the travel expenses. Their appearances improved 100% and Wei Juan's hand functions improved tremendously.

Fund Raisings

As Bo Ai is a charity school, its buildings and operations are funded mainly by overseas non profit organizations. This year the **Bo Ai Foundation of Hong Kong** www.boai.org.hk held a successful Fund Raising Event at the prestigious Hong Kong World Trade Centre Club on November 29th, 2013. The event was festive. Patrick and I were honored to be able to attend and made many new friends and renewed old friendships. On October 19-20, Bo Ai Foundation also held a successful **Charity Sale** of Name Brand Apparel, Handbags and Accessories at the Shangri-La Hotel.

On Sunday October 6, 2013, **Touching Lives Overseas of Canada** www.tlocanada.org successfully hosted the Third Annual Charity Dinner in Toronto with 184 friends and families joining them in this happy occasion. The guest speakers were **Simon Jiang and Vivian Yang** (members of the **University of Toronto Touching Lives Overseas**) who shared their experiences on their 2013 trip to Bo Ai School where they and other students had conducted a summer camp. Donor generosity has helped raise over \$24,000. Thanks for all the support.

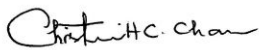
LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

PTL that the Bo Ai Middle School has been built. Bo Ai is very appreciative and thanks you for standing head and shoulders with us as we planned, watched and built the school. Right now, the labs still need to be equipped, the athletic field still need to be built. We have paid 80% of the cost and 20% of the cost still need to be paid. We welcome your prayers and support.

The Middle School is built with enough room and space that Bo Ai can use in the future for an Occupational/Trade School if the Lord so wills us. We hope that we can give the students a trade or a skill that they can use for their livelihood because for many that is what they really need. .

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR MAGNANIMOUS PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.

Blessings.....and from Bo Aiwith Love and Thankfulness



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