

# HOUR OF POWER

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In the early years of the 20th century, Uncle Henry Beltman, (my mother's brother), was an ordained pastor in the Reformed Church in America when he answered a call to do missionary work in Changchow, China. It was when he returned from China that he tousled my hair with his big hand, and said, "Robert, you're going to be a minister someday." No one could have imagined what seed God had planted in my mind almost 80 years ago.

Today that seed continues to bear fruit that impacts the lives of perhaps some of the most challenged young people today. It is exciting

to introduce you to this first "China Update" newsletter from our Crystal Cathedral Ministries. We want to keep you up to date on our ongoing mission to China so that you see first hand the way in which your prayerful and financial support is changing lives in China.

Thank you for all you have done to make the outreach in this newsletter possible; I invite you to share it with friends and family and we will continue to update you as the ministries' seeds continue to bloom in China.

ROBERT H. SCHULLER



## Dr. and Mrs. Schuller to Visit China this Fall

Dr. Schuller has been invited to be a keynote speaker at the Nishan Forum in Qufu, China, **Sept. 26-27, 2010**. Please pray for Dr. and Mrs. Schuller as they make this important international visit and share the Good News with their hosts, the Chinese people!

## Dr. Schuller's Library Project for China

Throughout China, 20 seminaries and many Christian lay training centers urgently need help to expand their libraries with books that students may use to prepare for positive Christian ministry. Dr. Schuller has personally received many requests from seminary students and libraries in China eager to receive

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## UPDATE ON DR. SCHULLER'S "CHINA DREAM" CHARITY PROJECTS

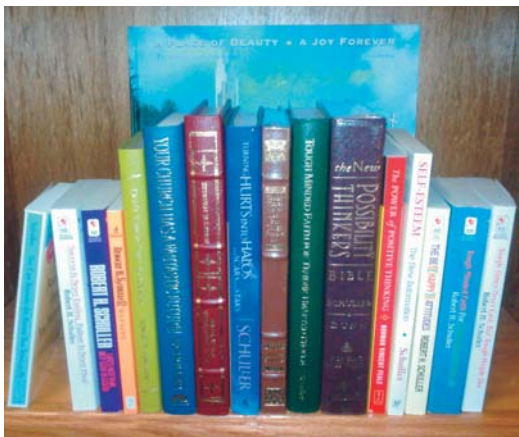
***"An angel passed in his onward flight, with a seed of love and truth and light, and cried, 'Oh where shall the seed be sown...that it yield most fruit when fully grown?' The Savior heard and He said, as He smiled, 'Place it for Me in the heart of a child.'"*** *-Author unknown*

### SPECIAL THANKS TO DONORS

Thanks to the Crystal Cathedral congregation, as well as *Hour of Power*

supporters from around the world, "possibility thinking" is lighting a candle and making a positive difference in the lives of disabled orphans, as well as children in rural Gansu Province who lost their school in the devastating Sichuan earthquake on May 12, 2008. Possibility thinkers in the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong, The Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand and other countries and regions where the *Hour of Power* is broadcast joined forces to help Dr. Schuller and the televised *Hour of Power* plant seeds of faith, hope, encouragement, and the spirit of "love thy neighbor" in the hearts of children in areas of need in rural China. *DREAM continued on 2*





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## VISION FOR CHINA

We pray that one day, when the Chinese government allows either domestic or foreign religious programming on national or regional television, to broadcast the Hour of Power across China. In the meantime, Dr. Schuller, the Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power*, and the Chinese government are continuing to build reciprocal friendships and create positive

***"To Jesus, every problem is a possibility in disguise...every person is a goldmine of uncovered hidden possibilities."***

*-Dr. Robert H. Schuller*

to China nearly a century ago, Henry Beltman shared Jesus Christ's love by helping to build schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout the country. Today, that Schuller family legacy is still burning

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his unique books on "Possibility Thinking" for academic research and training.

In response, Dr. Schuller's Library Project in China has just been launched with 50 libraries containing sets of 17 of Dr. Schuller's previously published and best selling books in both English and Chinese languages to be donated to universities, seminaries, Christian lay-training centers and Christian Councils in China and key government. We plan to officially present these library sets during Dr. Schuller's September 2010 visit to China.

**Your prayers and support are much appreciated as we continue to acquire resources to complete this exciting ministry outreach. Watch the next issue for more details about this project.**



opportunities for better understanding and relationships between our two countries.

As Dr. Schuller's Uncle Henry did many years ago, we are already taking practical "possibility thinking" concepts to the people in rural China, "lighting one candle" at a time.

Long-time missionary

brightly in the spirit of "love thy neighbor" in China, thanks to YOU, and other *Hour of Power* supporters around the globe!

## MULTI-FAITH INVOLVEMENT

The Daxing Orphanage is located in a community that is populated by many Muslims. Our efforts to work together with all sectors of Chinese society are serving as an inspiring model in China, illustrating how various faiths and sectors in Chinese society can come together for the common good to care for the "least among us"—these disabled orphans.

One of China's greatest needs is for the government to find a way for the different religions in China—including Christianity—to come together in a positive way to create a "harmonious society," as Chinese President Hu Jintao has called it. "Possibility Thinking" is lighting an important candle in this great challenge for China and the world as different religions, sectors of society, and



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nationalities come together to dream things that never were and ask, "Why not?"

### “POSSIBILITY THINKING” SCHOOL

At the Daxing Disabled Orphans Center, the *Hour of Power* through its “Possibility Thinking” School has also been financially supporting two small educational training classes for orphans, including disabled orphans, in the Daxing area. Each class has between 8 and 10 students, mostly of preschool or kindergarten age. The *Hour of Power* has been providing funds for two part-time Chinese teachers. Seven disabled orphans in this rural community have been accepted into the local community’s regular public school system for the first time.

There is also a special need for training and education in many other areas once the disabled orphans are older or in their teens. The quality of life for these disabled



orphans may be better served by learning other useful life skills—such as computer, art, music, and handicrafts—where they could tap into their God-given passion to learn and become the person God knows they can be.

### GENEROSITY BUILDS DREAMS

When Eve Hall, an *Hour of Power* supporter visited Daxing Orphanage in 2008 she was deeply moved and gave a \$500 donation to help. How God multiplies one gift is a miracle. Eve’s gift was used to buy a Dell computer for Qin Wen, a 15 year old who was stricken by polio when she was just 2 years old. Having never been able to go to school, her foster grandfather had taught her to read and write to about 4th grade level at home. He had also taught her to do the traditional Chinese art of paper cutting. Qin Wen’s dream was to learn how to create art via a computer.

That dream came true with Eve Hall’s gift;

then God turned it into a miracle. Earlier this year Microsoft China donated 16 rebuilt computers to the Daxing Orphanage and today Qin Wen is teaching other 15 and 16 year old orphans afflicted with polio or brittle bone disease who were also denied public schooling to use computers.

disabled orphans on computer skills.

### A TIME FOR FUN

Thanks to a special donation by *Hour of Power* supporters, two busloads of disabled orphans, foster parents, and social workers from the Daxing County Orphanage were given a special day of



*The local community at the opening of the Daxing County Hour of Power Disabled Orphan’s Training and Rehabilitation Center. This center serves the 350 disabled orphans and their foster families in this farming community. The Canadian and Dutch ministries helped pay for the building renovations, and equipment needed to perform essential physical occupational therapy exercises for the children with cerebral palsy so their muscles don’t harden and lock before the age of seven.*

Inspired by this Possibility Thinking life changing initiative, 8 brand new computers were donated by a Chinese woman based

**“God never just fulfills our dreams... He always transcends them.”**

*-Dr. Robert H. Schuller*

happiness that they’ll never forget. God provided the sunshine and blue skies, and Grace and Simon Yeung sponsored a special trip for the disabled orphans to the Beijing Zoo and Beijing Aquarium in the summer of 2009. This was the first experience for almost all of these children to enter a new world of lions, tigers, giraffes, elephants and dolphins.

in Beijing, and this past month a local international school has donated 20 used computers for disabled orphans to use in their homes. As these computers arrive, China Association of Social Workers staff are donating their free time to help train the

***These are examples of how Hour of Power Possibility Thinkers around the world are lighting candles, and planting positive “Possibility Thinking” seeds.***

*-From David Rathbun*



## HAIDIAN CHURCH IN BEIJING

*Beijing* - People in China are enjoying "much better" religious freedom than before with over 70 percent of those attending services at the Beijing Haidian Christian Church being young people, says Pastor Wu Weiqing of the newly-built church. Rev. Wu recently began his Doctorate of Ministry studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.



*A general view of Beijing Haidian Christian Church built in 2007*

The stunning all-white Haidian Church building looks more like an art museum rather than a religious institution, with slender white pillars encircling the structure. A slender majestic tall white cross stands in the covered stairway to the entrance to the church, while a sign on top reads: "Christian Church." Off to the side is a tall bell tower, also in white.

It is located close to China's top institutes of higher learning, like the Tsinghua University and Peking University. It is situated among grand commercial buildings for China's leading IT companies, like Sina.com. As a result, most of the churchgoers are young people, explains Wu.

Church visitors appreciate the design of the church a lot. A middle-aged migrant worker surnamed Zhao, with gray hairs on his thin face, shares that he turned to Christianity in 1997 while working as a farmer in his hometown in North China's Hebei Province. Now he works in a furniture factory in suburban Beijing where he asks for a leave on weekends to go to the church. "It normally takes me two hours to come here by bus," said Zhao, who says the church's beauty inspires him.

Dr. Schuller said: "We used world class Gold Medal winning architects to design all of our church structures at the Crystal Cathedral--our intention was to inspire the attention of the unchurched in our society.

## Sending Word of a Great Need

The *Hour of Power* international office recently received a request that reminded me of when Paul heard from a Macedonian man, beseeching the apostle to come and help (Acts 16:9-10). In this instance, Rev. Peter Wu, senior pastor of Haidian Church in Beijing, has asked our ministry to help sponsor two pastors from his church to visit Garden Grove to learn about Crystal Cathedral Ministries, in particular the *Hour of Power* program and leadership development. Rev. Wu contacted our ministry because he admires Dr. Schuller's Possibility Thinking message and the Crystal Cathedral's long history with, and warm heart for, the churches in China.

God has abundantly blessed Haidian Church with significant growth in the last ten years, increasing atten-



*The old Beijing Haidian Christian Church built in 1933*

dance from 500 to 6,500 church members. Haidian is the first church to have special outdoor worship,

and this year its congregation and local friends have celebrated Christmas, Easter, and Holy Week outside their church in a central, downtown public square. Recently, Haidian Church began a new English serv-

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ice, attracting more than 700-800 young people to worship the Lord including university students and well-educated young CEOs.

Rev. Wu strongly believes that leadership training is very important for the church's growth. He would like to increase the leadership development opportunities of his pastoral team through a 10-day visit to the Crystal Cathedral, September 1-10. This pastoral study program at the Crystal Cathedral would be a significant step in Haidian Church's capabilities to meet the ever-growing challenges of church ministry in the heart of Beijing.

Please pray with us about this need and how we might respond.

*-From Meilin Chen*

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*Mission Statement*

“TO BE INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED THROUGH POSSIBILITY THINKING TO GROW IN A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST SO THAT WE MAY BECOME THE PERSONS GOD DESIRES, DREAMS AND DESIGNED US TO BE.”

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