

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Build financial relief for missionaries-in-training and missionaries in the field. Grow a prayer lifeline to nurture their spiritual, physical and economic needs.

# The Birth of Harvesters Scholarship Foundation

This is a story demonstrating how God leads simple and non-dramatic lives on a journey to further His Kingdom.

### EDITH'S TESTIMONY:

od's vision for me occurred several summers ago. It was a perfect evening. The summer breeze had cleared away the midday heat and brought with it the fragrance of blooming flowers. My husband, Paul, and I were strolling through the restaurant garden during the intermission of a dinner show.

As we openly shared with the other our thoughts and feelings, we began to reflect on the blessing God has showered upon us throughout our lives and asked ourselves what we could do for God in return. Towards the end of the conversation, a mission was planted in our hearts. We intended to retire by 50 and establish a foundation that would help students with mission goal share the Good News of Jesus Christ to others around the world.

But God's plan was slightly different from my own. Though I wanted to establish this foundation with Paul, he joined our Father in heaven in 1997, at the age of 42, after a battle with terminal liver cancer. After this unexpected bump in the road, I continued to pray and ask God for His guidance in how I could best serve and glorify Him.

At roughly the same time, God revealed a similar vision to another family.

### GILBERT'S TESTIMONY:

very year, I am excited to receive visiting missionaries into my home as they came to host mission conferences at church. Most of them had reached retirement age, after thirty to forty years of ministry in a foreign land. I learned of their submission to the Lord and their faith to serve on the mission field. Living among underdeveloped tribes, one missionary couple created a written language, translated the Bible, taught the tribes ways of making a living and share with the needy the little that they owned.

From magazines and other correspondence, I learned that in recent years, after Christians are called to become missionaries, they are required to enroll in seminaries. Many students borrow money to cover their living and education expenses. Before they can be sent into the mission field, most missionary organizations require these students to clear their debts, which often delays their ministry.

The needs for these missionaries sharply contrasted with the rich blessings the Lord had showered upon my family. Though my wife is now with the Lord, I recalled her words to use our resources to support the Lord's work.

Later on, I shared with Edith this burden that missionaries carry. We discussed the Lord's leading in this area and began to pray for the opportunity to serve Him.

God's calling became clear after two years of persistent prayer and when Edith's career came to an end. Through further prayer, it was apparent that the time had come to execute the ministry that God had laid in front of us. In January 2002, the Foundation was granted a non-profit organization status. It was named after James 5:4b, "**The cries for the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.**"

### Board of Directors



Edith Lo, President & Co-founder 23 years membership at Chinese Alliance Church of C&MA



**Rev. John Shiau** Vice-President 20 years of pastorship at Chinese Alliance Church of C&MA



Elder Gilbert Chen, Treasurer & Co-founder 34 years membership at Chinese Alliance Church of C&MA



#### 1. The process of 2003 scholarship application

#### 2. Jay K. - Graduate, Master of Divinity

Long Term Mission Mission field: Asia Target: Church leaders Operation: Leadership training Pray for Short term mission opportunity in Asia, deeper love of the lost people in Asia and submission to His will.

#### 3. Chasook O. – Graduate, Master of Divinity

Long term mission

Mission filed: United States Target: Chinese foreign students Operation: Outreach ministry

#### Short term mission

Lead a student team to China

Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in Chinese ministry, sufficient funding, participants and leading of student team to China, granting of a religious visa and strength to do ministries effectively.

### 4. Timothy M. - Senior, Master of Divinity

Long term mission

Mission field: North Africa Target: Arabians Operation: Translation and church planting Pray for missionary-researcher opportunity in North Africa

#### 5. Deborah P. – Master of Divinity

Long term Mission Mission field: Colleges and churches Target: Students and church leaders Operation: Leadership training

Short term mission

Outreach college students and train three church leaders Pray for missionary opportunity for China, serving in campus ministry for Chinese international students, develop leadership capacity.

### 6. Jessie L. – Master of Divinity

Long term Mission Mission field: China Target: Chinese and Muslims Operation: Outreach ministry

Short term mission

Lead discipleship training and preaching on Sundays.

### 7. Nicci P. – Graduate, Church Education

Long term Mission

Mission field: Los Angeles inner city Target: Youth Operation: Youth ministry

Pray for strength to face challenges in the ministry. Build trust in the Lord of His provision financially, physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Expenses	
Scholarship distribution	\$20,000
Office expenses	\$860
Filing fee	\$2,045
Total 2002 expenses	\$22,905
Assets	
Cash	\$9,520
Stock	\$81,065
Mutual Fund	\$132,134
Total available funding	
as of Feb. 28, 2003	\$222,719

## 2002 SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION STATISTICS

Qualified seminaries on mailing list ......12 Scholarship recipients ......6

We thank our Lord for His guidance in this newsletter and ministry and we will continue to seek His help to make this foundation a glory to His Name. The foundation invites you to become prayer warriors. Lift up the needs of students and missionaries, and the foundation's future in your prayers. When you are burdened to sponsor their financial needs, your tax deductible contribution can be sent to Harvesters. Please make check payable to Harvesters Scholarship Foundation.

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二00三年春季刊





宗旨

為宣教士與宣教學生提供經濟的支持,建立禱告的網絡,澆灌神的工人,在靈性、肉體與經濟上的需要。

# 收割者獎學基金會的成立

以下的見證並非什麼神蹟奇事,而是提到一些既平凡,又單純的生命,藉著神的引領,能夠有份參與建立神國度的聖工而感恩。

### 婉貞姊妹的見證:

數年前的一個夏夜,我與外子保華一起 觀賞一齣話劇,在中場休息時,我們漫步於 劇場的花園中,微風吹散了炎陽的熱氣,帶 來一陣陣芬芳的花香味,真是一個舒適的夜 晚。

在閒談中,我們彼此分享神在個人及家 庭的恩惠與祝福,令我們深深感受主恩浩大,由衷的向神獻上感謝,並且彼此對問:「 我們該如何回報神在我們身上的恩典呢?」當 晚,神把一個意念放在我們心中,如果神許 可的話,我們將在五十歲時提早退休,成立 一個獎學基金,資助宣教系的神學生,以便 學成後能將福音帶到世界各地。這個意念常 常在我的腦海裡。

神的計劃有時不像我們所想的。在一九 九七年,外子保華患上急性肝癌,被神接回 天家,當時他只有四十二歲。至於我們受感 動想成立的獎學基金夢似乎已破滅。這段日 子,我們一家雖然行在死蔭的幽谷,但感謝 主! 祂一直與我們同在保守眷顧我們,靠主 渡過那段艱難的日子。

神的意念的確高過我們的意念,本來以 為無法實現的獎學基金,神卻有祂自已的安 排,帶領了羅省宣道會的另一個家庭來與我 同工,使我的禱告、我的夢想可以成真,感 謝讚美主!

經過兩年多的禱告,和在婉貞姊妹的事業到了一個終結,神的旨意愈見顯明, 我們迫切地為婉貞前面的去向禱告,當我們清楚神的帶領時,就決定成立這個獎學 基金會。

於二00二年一月,基金會正式成為非謀利機構,並定名為「收割者獎學基金會」(取名於雅各書五:4下「並且那收割之人的冤聲,已經入了萬軍之主的耳了」)

### 董事會



羅鄧婉貞 主席、創會人 羅省華人宣道會 會友(23年)



蕭振祥牧師 副主席 羅省華人宣道 會前任主任牧師 (20年)



陳大琮長老 財政、創會人 羅省華人宣道會 會友(34年)

### 大琮弟兄的見證:

每年教會(宣道會)的宣教年會,我都 懷著興奮的心情來接待到訪的宣教士,他們 大部份都已步入退休年齡,經歷了三、四十 年的宣教生涯,在異文化中擺上一生,從他 們身上學習到宣教士不只順服神的帶領,憑 信心走上宣教的路程,更要在比較落後的文 化、種族中為他們創造文字,翻譯聖經,並 教導當地人民謀生之道,把自已所有的與有 需要的人分享。

一位宣教士,蒙神呼召後,必須到神 學院進修裝備自已,不少宣教士必須借款進 入神學院就讀,畢業時欠下一筆金錢,而大 部份的宣教機構,要求宣教士把所有貸款還 清後才能踏上征途,以致宣教心被延滯一段 時日。

反觀神在我們身上的恩典,不單衹是 豐衣足食,更賜給我們一筆金錢,於一九九 八年內子離世返天家前曾囑咐把神所賜的金 錢,好好用在福音事工上。兩年半前與教會 鄧婉貞姊妹偶而提起宣教士所面臨的問題, 婉貞姊妹亦有同一心志,就開始為這個待奉 神的機會尋找神的旨意。





- 1、2003年獎學金申請過程。
- 2、Jay K.— 應屆畢業生,神學碩士
  •長期宣教計劃:工場 亞洲
  對象 教會領袖
  - 事工 一 培訓
  - •求神打開亞洲短宣工場之門,並賜一個順服的心志及愛亞洲人的心。
- 3、Chasook 0. 一應屆畢業生,神學碩士
  - •長期宣教計劃:工場 美國 對象 — 中國留學生
    - 事工 一 福音
  - •短期宣教計劃:帶領學生短宣隊前往中國。•求聖靈的大能親自在華人事工上彰顯,以至短宣
  - 隊有充足的人力物力,作有效的佈道工作,並能 夠順利取得中國入境簽証。
- 4、Timothy M.— 四年級生,神學碩士
  - •長期宣教計劃:工場 北非
    - 對象 一 阿拉伯人
    - 事工 翻譯及建立教會
  - •求神開未來北非宣教及研究工作的門。
- 5、Deborah P.— 神學碩士
  - •長期宣教計劃:工場 大學校園/教會 對象 — 學生/教會領袖
    - 事工 一 培訓
  - •短期宣教計劃:向大學生傳福音和培訓三位教會 領袖。
  - •求神帶領到中國宣教,在大學向中國學生傳福音 及作培訓。

### 6、Jessie L.— 神學碩士

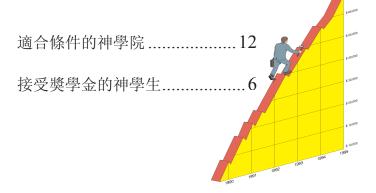
- •長期宣教計劃:工場 中國 對象 — 中國人和回教徒 事工 — 福音
  •短期宣教計劃:工場 — 福音 對象 — 教會會友 事工 — 主日學、領袖培訓、講道
- 7、Nicci P.— 應屆畢業生、宗教教育
  - ·長期宣教計劃: 工場 洛杉磯貧民區 對象 — 青年人 事工 — 青少年事工 ·求神賜力量面對事工的挑戰。
    - ·求神保守經濟、健康、靈命及感受。

# 財務報告

### 支出:

獎學金         辦公室支出         登記費用         二00二年       合計	\$ \$	860 2, 045
<b>資產:</b> 現 金 股 票 基 金 二00三年二月底 合 計	\$ \$	81, 065 132, 134

### 二00二年獎學金分配



我們感謝 神在這刊物與基金會的帶領。我們 繼續尋求 神的幫助,讓這個基金會成為神的 榮耀。基金會邀請您參與此項聖工,成為本會 禱告勇士,請為神學生及宣教士禱告,您若願 意在金錢上支持基金會的獎學金,請在支票上 註明為基金會奉獻,年終時基金會將寄上免稅 收據。

## 基金會聯絡處:

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