



## CHRISTMAS 2012

**“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 4:14-16**

**Dear Friends,**

From across the miles and a vast and wide ocean, Bo Ai sends to you and to your family our warm greetings for a Joyous Christmas Season and a Happy New Year! May God's abundant grace be with you and with your family this Holy Season and through the days to come in 2013!

## LOVE NEVER CEASES

You are the lights of Bo Ai! So many of you have played an absolutely indispensable part in the success of the Bo Ai Mission and in the construction of our Bo Ai Middle School: professional consultations freely given, wise counsel shared, love and encouragement dispensed, information relayed, lessons freely taught, medical & dental care proffered, mission details passed to others who hadn't known the mission, recruitment assisted, supplies, equipment & clothing donated, finances regularly and sacrificially given and intercessory prayers repeatedly offered. How can we express adequately our thanks? We simply can only say “Xie, Xie very much.”

## THE MISSION CONTINUES



In 2012, on **forty two separate occasions**, a total of **370** persons, singly or multiple persons at a time, came to visit our Bo Ai, including **153** overseas mission team members or expats, **194** teachers, specialist teachers, students or government official from China, who came to give seminars or to learn about our teaching methods and administration and 23 from overseas or from China ministering in the construction of the Middle School. Detailing each name and individual accomplishments and service isn't possible in this short letter, but suffice to say the Bo Ai Mission could not have been accomplished without them and they have our eternal thanks. We would be remiss if we do not mention **David Yau** who came to Bo Ai five times in 2012 to inspect and advise on our Middle School construction, the 65 person Hong Kong & Beijing Easter Mission Team under the able leadership of Chairwoman **Dr. Eilly Lau, Michael Tse, Benjamin Chang, Dr. Matthew Lau & Juliana Wang**, the 40 person mission team from Fort Bend Community Church of Sugar Land, Texas led by **Kenneth Woo** and **Dr. Kin Lock**, the 12 member team from Chinese Evangelical Church, Vancouver, Washington led by **Sam Yang**, the teams led by **Jenny Tong** of Beijing who came during Thanksgiving holidays, making Christmas Season decorations and giving a talk on the meaning of Thanksgiving and again will come during the Christmas Holidays holding a Fun Fair.. **William Chua**, the professional Singaporean photographer, came on two occasions taking beautiful photographs of our darling children and the school. Several large **school teams** from **Taiyuan, Changzhi and Beijing** led by their principals came to

acculturate with our school. In our litany of thanks, two deserve special mention: **Dr. Y.T. Wan**, who has a PhD degree in Education, has volunteered his services for a year at Bo Ai and **Kevin Huang** is teaching English at our school for close to six months. We pray that **Dr. YT** will answer our call and stay at Bo Ai. All have our love, admiration and fervent thanks for their labors of love! Here is an excerpt from a letter that **Mary Yang**, a youth from Chinese Evangelical Church of Vancouver, WA wrote of her experience at Bo Ai. *“We put on an English summer camp for the students who lived nearby, and though I hope that our short time there helped them improve their English. I think that I learned so much more than they. For many of us who have been so fortunate to grow up in a country as comfortable as the United States, we have little chance to experience first-hand the less fortunate world. Going to Bo Ai helped me to understand God, the world, and myself in a more bounteous manner. I can never forget the bubbly energy and beautiful smiles of the children there, nor will I forget the lessons that their innocent dispositions taught me.”*

## ONWARD & FORWARD

Our three organizations have been busy at work raising funds for the Middle School. **Bo Ai Foundation of Hong Kong** held a successful fund raiser at the beautiful Aquarium Restaurant in November of 2011. In February 2012, our **Overseas Helping Hands Texas Chapter** held a fund raising event at the Sugar Land Fort Bend Community Church. In May, seeing our needs, **Evergreen Love and Care Services of Portland** held a banquet fund raiser for our building program. Then **Juliana Wang** held a fund raiser in Beijing on September 8<sup>th</sup>. On two consecutive nights, September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, **Overseas Helping Hands**, led by **Chi-Wu Cheng** and **Shirley Yee & Committee**, raised funds with a total attendance of 400 attendees. **Touching Lives Overseas of Canada** under the leadership of **Ida and Ivan Fok** put together a successful event in Toronto. Our **Hong Kong Organization** will again be holding a fund raiser on Dec. 16th in Hong Kong. We are happy to report that **Beijing friends** headed by **Richard Tin, Wilbert Woo, Danny So and Juliana Yang** will be forming a Beijing Bo Ai Subchapter. God has been guiding us all along. A lady who is not wealthy by all standards donates half of her commission to Bo Ai. Another lady, seeing our needs, loaned a substantial amount of her pension to the Building Fund. We rest in the knowledge that He is in control and will lead us as we depend on Him for faith, strength and wisdom. We want to also thank **Joanna Yee** whose company donated laptops to our school and **Marilyn Chua and Christopher Chen** for mounting the beautiful photos that **William Chua** took.

## AT THE HOME FRONT



GRADUATION CLASS 2012

Here at Bo Ai, the first group of elementary school graduates who had gone through all their school years at Bo Ai graduated in June 2012. We negotiated with the Education Ministry that our graduates would continue their Junior High Seventh Grade at our premise even though our Middle School was not ready. By the time we had the OK, some students had already signed up and paid their fees at the City High School and therefore would not be attending our Middle School. Here is the report from **Dr. Y.T. Wan**: “The number is 33...This semester we have our first batch of **Middle School students**. Though the middle school compound is still under construction, we use the laboratory in the primary school

building for our junior high school students. There are 10 girls and 23 boys and they are being cared for by no less than 10 teachers...The name is **iPAD**...With a generous donation from our friends in Canada we’re planning to set up a new kind of **Language Lab**! After consulting with IT experts, we’ve decided to make use of the latest electronic gadgets to help our students learn English better. This language lab will double as a multiple-purpose room for learning in other subjects via a sundry of educational software....**New Friends from Beijing**...More and more volunteers are coming from the capital. In September a group of former officials of the **Haiding District Education Department** came to BoAi to train our middle school teachers. In October eight young professionals came to interact with our students. They also donated much needed sport



CHRISTMAS SEASON CRAFT

equipment to our school. In November, **several members from Beijing International Christian Fellowship** came to give a talk on the meaning of Thanksgiving and to help make Christmas decorations. Around Christmas time there will be another 16 person group from BICF to hold a Fun Fair for our students!" We also want to thank the **Sisters Group from Fort Bend Community Church, Texas** who knitted the beautiful scarves for our entire student body and staff.. "Wow!!!"

## CUI & FONG

Like Manna from heaven, Bo Ai is showered with love and donated services. We are indebted to **Dr. Sik Kuen Chan, Dr. Chi Wai Chan and Dr. T.C. Ng**, doctors in Hong Kong who are donating pro bono surgical care for our teacher, **Cui Wei Juan** and our student, **Fong Minh Yen**. Cui has disfiguring facial scars from burns that require plastic surgery and Fong has a hemifacial hemangioma that requires laser surgery. They already have been to Hong Kong three times already for the surgeries and a total of six or seven surgeries are required. 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.



CUI WEI JUAN



FONG MINH YEN

## LEARNING OUTSIDE OF FENG VILLAGE



This is the fourth year that the **Holmglad Mission Schools** in Hong Kong have invited four 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. Besides the educational and cultural exchange, our teachers had the opportunity to see how outside metropolitan people live their daily lives.



For a week during early summer vacation our teachers were able to visit the Hainan Island. This was the biannual benefit that we gave to our teachers so they could see the outside world. For some, this was the first time they were able to see the ocean and wade in its waters. We thank our OHH board member, **Daniel Lau**, who underwrote the expenses for the fourth time. .

## THE BO AI FUTURE DEPENDS ON US



ADMINISTRATION BLDG



EDUCATION BUILDING



DORMITORY-STUDENTS & STAFF

President Ronald Reagan once said: America is a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom people everywhere. In our region and at this time of history, Bo Ai is a beacon of hope, a source of

inspiration and a station of unrivalled learning for our children from the FaZhong County. We have seen many times when a Bo Ai child grabs hold of you, he or she takes hold of you forever. Some of you have been to our school six, seven times. Each time the love deepens. Now we have the great responsibility of building the Middle School to provide a good middle school education to the students of FaZhong County. We take this responsibility to heart and we value your support and your prayers on our behalf. We are happy to report that the Middle School is 90% completed. Construction started in July of 2011 when summer vacation began. Now with weather permitting next April, we will lay down outside cables, pipes and lay the large quadrangle concrete pad. There are still inside electrical, plumbing, internet, telephone etc. works that need to be done. Then there come inside furnishings for the school buildings, classrooms, laboratories, library, offices and dormitories for eventually 350 students and 30 staff. The cost of the entire program is 25 million RMB. We have raised 19 million RMB and we need 6 million RMB which is equivalent to US \$ 900,000. Much still need to be done and big challenges lie ahead as we endeavor to raise funds to complete the Middle School. The School is scheduled to take in students on September 2013. We pray that you will donate generously for our Middle School.

**As the End of the Year Draws to a Close, We Wish You a Joyous Christmas Season and May God Bless You and Your Family Abundantly!**



Christine Chan  
Executive Director  
Bo Ai School

The following organizations are tax deductible non-profit organizations in their respective countries. All three organizations are conducted for the benefit of Bo Ai School. Donations to Bo Ai Middle School Building Fund or Student Sponsorships through the respective organizations are tax deductible to the extent fully allowed by law. Please see the respectively web sites for donations.

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OHH donation Form inside <http://www.overseasHH.org>







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## BUILDING FUND & STUDENT EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP FORM

- YES I would like to donate to the Bo Ai Middle School Building Fund or sponsor a child's education through Overseas Helping Hands.

Title (Mr. Mrs. Ms Other)	
First Name	
Last Name	
Street Address	
Address (cont'd)	
City	
State/Province	
Zip/Postal Code	
Phone	
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I would like to donate to Overseas Helping Hands  
 \$420 – Full-year sponsorship for one child's tuition plus room and board  
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 \$35/month for \_\_\_\_\_ months (please specify)  
 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month OR \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year (please specify)  
 BUILDING FUND \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:

Overseas Helpings Hands  
 P.O. Box 91004  
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Please note on your check: Memo: Building Fund or Student Sponsorship

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