

Cliff's Notes

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August was an amazing month at GBF. We averaged 151 people a week with an all time high of 180 folks one Sunday. We added a record 12 members this month: Sosho Chang, Cindy Tsau, Joanna Lai, Robert and Deloris Saams-Hoy, Jason and Allison Ng, Jennifer Pung, Nick and Kim Jones, Bryan Lee and Matthew Ho. We continue our summer special of what the Bible says about various issues of the day like Tongues, Election, Government, Homosexuality, Environmentalism, Anxiety, Singleness, Islam, Catholicism, and the Tribulation. We look forward to celebrating our 3rd year on September 13.

Congrats to Jeff and Jenny Plaza on the birth of their new son, **Michael James!**



This summer Dr. Ralph Winter went to be with Christ. In 2005, TIME magazine recognized him as one of the 25 most influential Evangelicals in the US. Sadly, most Christians have never even heard of him. He was one of the most innovative Christian missionaries of the 21st century. He served as a missionary and taught thousands of others to become missionaries. He founded the William Carey Library and developed the concept of Theological Education by Extension which has become a model of ministerial training by colleges and seminaries worldwide. He



was the older brother of David K. Winter, the former President of Westmont College, where I became a Christian in 1985. Winter has left an amazing legacy for Evangelical world missions and will be dearly missed.

“God works all things together for good” (Romans 8:28)

In May, 2008, Maria Sue Chapman was killed in a tragic car accident. She was only 5 when she died. She was adopted by Steven Curtis and Mary Beth Chapman from China in 2004. Her death was devastating for the family and yet in God’s grace became the catalyst for ‘Maria’s Big Blue House’ that opened its doors this summer.

About Maria's Big House of Hope

Maria's Big House of Hope is a healing home dedicated to saving the lives of special needs orphans in China. The house provides for orphans throughout the country who are in desperate need of surgeries and special medical attention, offering them the highest level of care and enabling the children to thrive. In turn, there is hope that this necessary medical attention increases the orphans chances of being adopted. The facility is named in loving memory of the Chapman's five-year-old daughter, Maria Sue Chunxi Chapman, who they adopted from China in 2004 when she was just one year old.

Luoyang, located in the Henan Chinese province with a population of approximately six million people, is one of the poorest provinces in all of China and is the chosen location for this caring facility that will be a beacon of hope to the people of China and the world.



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