

# Missionary Conference

October 12-19, 2008

The Fields Are Ripe for Harvest!

*"My food" said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:34, 35*

We need help with housing and meals for our missionaries.  
If you can help, contact Terri Piganelli 368-7275, or Lynda Rook at 362-2995.



## Jan and Charlie Shearer

Charlie is currently serving as Radio and Field Representative for China Outreach Ministries. Charlie has toured, ministered and taught in the Far East and Southeast Asia. Charlie trains pastors, mission committees and local churches how to develop mission awareness, mission conferences, faith promise giving and other mission related matters. Jan and Charlie live in Harrisburg, Pa and have 2 daughters and 3 grandsons.



## Randy Datsko

Randy is the Missionary Director of Prison Outreach Ministry of Western Pennsylvania. He will open our conference on Sunday, October 12 speaking at both services and during Sunday School for youth and adult classes.

The mission of Prison Outreach Ministries is to empower inmates to grow in discipleship through an interactive Bible study, and to provide the opportunity to build healthy relationships through God's Word as they prepare to re-enter society.

Our Vision includes the following objectives:

1. To provide interactive prison ministry in 18 classes in at least 5 Districts in Western PA in the fall of 2008.
2. To help come against the detrimental forces that the men, women and youth in prison have to deal with, and to help them grow spiritually and socially.
3. To continue working on designing shorter term programs for the County, State and Youth prisons.
4. To gain access to even more facilities for Women, Juveniles and Hispanics in Western PA.
5. To involve trained laity, pastors and inmates as Volunteers Leaders in the prisons.
6. To address the literacy and language issues in choice of Bibles and study materials.
7. To involve the Districts, local churches, and individuals in prayer, financial support, and in providing volunteers to enter the prisons on a weekly basis who will study and pray together with the inmates.
8. To continue to assist in providing relational after-care and clothing and information on churches for inmates preparing for release.



## Karen Sherwin

The Twin Tiers Pregnancy Care Center exists to empower women, men and families encountering the issues of pregnancy, including grief over past abortions and to promote premarital sexual abstinence.

Our core values include:

- Commitment to demonstrate Christ through witness of our lives, service and words.
- Compassion for women and men encountering pregnancy.
- Determined to offer accurate and factual information concerning abortion.
- Provision of healing to those affected by abortion.
- Promote a lifestyle of premarital abstinence.

## Ben and Cathy Bidelspach



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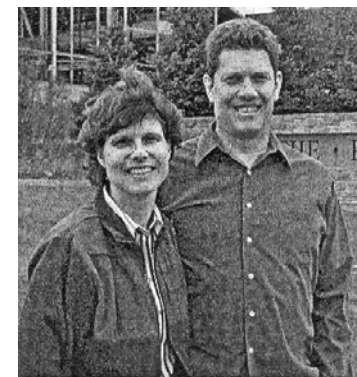
Ben and Cathy have been ministering to the over 2,000 Chinese on the Penn State Main Campus since 1996.

Cathy writes in their September newsletter:

July was family vacation time. Celebrating my sister's 25th anniversary with my mother, brother and sisters in the Canadian Rockies was great, and then visiting with our own children and grandchildren here at home was wonderful, but then it was back to work before the end of the month! During the past 7 weeks, we took groups of Chinese to 5 of our supporting churches, taught VBS for 60 Chinese children, picked up 15 new Chinese students at the airport and provided temporary housing for 6 of them, helped many find mattresses and desks and moved many

more to their new apartments, had farewell dinners, welcome parties and our big international welcome picnic with almost 400 people, took 17 Chinese to our Labor Day retreat and then started our new English classes and Bible

## Joe and Laura Sullivan



Our summer has been good and fruitful.

We usually work with the scholars and post-doc. researchers during summer months, helping with Bible studies. This was a great year in that regard, again the Lord answered prayer and brought to us those who are genuinely interested and grateful for the good news.

We picked up some spouses & new scholars at the airport, helped people move (the lease year is mid Aug to mid Aug. around here) Many new arrivals coming in the 1st half of Aug. had to find temporary housing for some days before they could move into their places where they will be for the next year.

We had a big international welcome party/picnic in mid Aug to get acquainted with the new folks.

We also help Penn State with one of their welcome events the same week and give out new student gift bags we made up and let them know what we offer, ie., English, moving help, Bible Studies, shopping transportation etc.

The big Labor day retreat was a great success this year too with over 200 Chinese from campuses around the Eastern US coming to Summers Best 2 Weeks camp to hear the gospel in their native Mandarin. About 17 accepted Christ and 70 recommitted their lives to Him.