

# *Partners in Mission*

*A CASE STUDY BASED IN  
NOTTINGHAM UK*



**LOCAL  
CHURCHES**



# Background Information

- ✧ Nottingham University has a campus in Ningbo, China, so many exchange students
- ✧ Exchange programmes with variety of other Chinese universities

- ✧ University Chancellor  
(Professor Yang Fujia) is Chinese
- ✧ Chinese students & scholars  
drawn to English speaking churches

- ✧ local churches located in key areas near student accommodation
- ✧ Leaders in local churches lend valuable support to work with international and Chinese students

# Introduction of the Model

# **Friends International's vision**

- ✧ for every international student to have a Christian friend**
- ✧ for international students to hear the gospel**

✧ **for those who are Christians  
to be equipped as disciples  
ready for when they return  
home or for their next  
destination**

# Friends International - Strengths

- ✧ Staff workers in local churches popular with international students including Chinese students
- ✧ Staff workers may also be involved in university chaplaincy team

- ✧ Large body of volunteers from local churches running
  - Globe cafes
  - hospitality programmes
  - introduction to Christianity courses



***COCCM***  
***Mandarin Ministry***  
***(China students)***

# ***Mission Statement* 異象宣言**

**To reach the Mainland Chinese intellectuals (scholars and students) in UK and the rest of Europe for Christ to equip them for witness and service especially for the furtherance of God's kingdom in China,**

**in partnership with Chinese and non-Chinese churches and Christian organisations**



## **COCOM'S Strengths**

- ✧ Staff workers who are Chinese & able to communicate the gospel in Mandarin
- ✧ Staff workers who can particularly facilitate the discipleship of new Chinese Christians

- ✧ Access to large range of resources in Mandarin Chinese
- ✧ Mandarin Speaking conferences
- ✧ Mandarin speaking guest speakers

# COMMON AIMS

*Amongst the international students  
are thousands of Chinese students*

*This is where the visions of the  
two organizations converge*

# ***The Mission Field* 對象**

- Scholars

(Ph D, researchers, post-docs)

學者 (博士生, 教研人員, 專業者)

- Students 學生

(post-grads, undergrad, secondary

schools, language students

碩士, 學位, 中學生 語言學校)

- **their families**

他們的家眷

- **New challenges 新的挑戰**

- **tourists 遊客**

- **China firms in the UK**

中國公司員工

# *Students/Scholars from mainland China* 中國大陸在英的留學生



2000's – annually

6,000-10,000(new comers)

2008 - one year

45,355(total)

13.33% of international students are Chinese

## **In addition to this population:**

- ✧ students who've ceased studying but have not formally de-registered
- ✧ incoming visiting & exchange students

- ✧ students whose programme of study is outside UK but visits are made here
- ✧ students on sabbatical
- ✧ PhD students still writing up

# ***Problems & Issues***

- ✧ many Chinese students need input from people with experience of being in China
- ✧ issues facing returnees

## ✧ Students at different stages:

-initial enquirers

-serious seekers

-new believers

- more mature believers

## ***Addressing the issues:***

- ✧ Training for local volunteers in English speaking Churches (e.g. Globe café team training)
- ✧ Bible study groups for varied levels of understanding and commitment

- ✧ Bible Courses in English at local churches plus Mandarin speaking fellowship group
- ✧ Evangelistic outreach events in English and Mandarin

- ✧ Visiting Chinese pastors & teachers for outreach events and for discipleship training
- ✧ Hospitality in homes of local families
- ✧ Visits to returnees

## ✧ **Conferences:**

- COCM
- New Word Alive

## ✧ Weekend Away

## ✧ Returnee workshops

# Working together effectively

- ✧ Staff workers from both organisations meet regularly to pray, plan & encourage
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- ✧ Be involved together in the Globe cafes

- ✧ Plan events together e.g.
  - visiting Mandarin speaker at guest event
  
  - Mandarin mission for Chinese students
  
  - weekend away

- ✧ work together in following up Chinese students who are:
  - interested in the Bible
  - new Christians
  
- ✧ work together on pastoral care & counselling issues
  
- ✧ work together in following up returnees

# Outcome and evaluation

- ✧ Chinese students and scholars becoming Christians and being baptised

- ✧ These believers growing in their walk with God
- ✧ Enthusiasm for sharing faith with family & friends

- ✧ Students inviting friends along to church and events where the gospel is proclaimed
- ✧ Lifestyles and attitudes changing
- ✧ Greater sense of community

- ✧ People getting involved in churches back home
- ✧ Relationships with local churches at different stages
- ✧ Growing potential for further local church involvement

✧ Need for further awareness-raising amongst British Christians about the needs and opportunities for reaching out to Chinese students and scholars

# Plans from today onwards:

- ✧ Continue to expand and improve what we're already doing
- ✧ Develop returnee ministry further

- ✧ Encourage more local people to keep in contact with returnees and even to visit
- ✧ Extend involvement to Nottingham Trent University and with city centre churches

**RESOURCES** 资源

# COCM Bookroom

(books, tapes, magazines)



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**bookroom**

**Location:** COCM Bookroom  
2 Padstow Avenue  
Fishermead  
Milton Keynes  
MK6 2ES  
U.K.

**Opening hours:** 9:00am - 6:00pm (Mon to Fri)

**Tel:** +44-(0)1908-234100

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**Email:** [bookroom@cocm.org.uk](mailto:bookroom@cocm.org.uk)

**Web:** <http://www.cocm.org.uk/bookroom>

# Overseas Campus Magazine

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# **Friends International website resources:**

**[www.friendsinternational.org.uk](http://www.friendsinternational.org.uk)**

## CHINESE CHRISTIAN WEBSITES

### ARTICLES + MATERIALS ONLINE

NAME OF ORGANISATION	WEBSITE	LANGUAGE	DETAILS
LIVING WATER 4 U	<a href="http://www.livingwater4u.com">www.livingwater4u.com</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Devotional Bible study aids Various helpful materials
DIGITAL BIBLE SOCIETY	<a href="http://www.digitalbiblesociety.org">www.digitalbiblesociety.org</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE TRADITIONAL CHINESE	Bibles on-line in Chinese and other languages Information about New Chinese Treasures
BIBLE GATEWAY	<a href="http://www.biblegateway.com">www.biblegateway.com</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE TRADITIONAL CHINESE OTHER LANGUAGES	Bibles on-line in Chinese and other languages Commentary in English + Spanish Reading plan in various languages
WALKING WITH THE LORD □□□□	<a href="http://www.cbible.net">www.cbible.net</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Devotional Bible study aids Various helpful materials
CHINESE CHRISTIAN INTERNET MISSION	<a href="http://www.ccim.org/bible">www.ccim.org/bible</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Bible Commentary Various helpful articles & materials

LIVING WORD	<a href="http://www.cclw.net">www.cclw.net</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Devotional Bible study aids Various helpful materials
LIVING WORD CHINESE CHRISTIAN LIFE WEB	<a href="http://www.cclw.net/Bible/LAB/index.htm">www.cclw.net/Bible/LAB/index.htm</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Whole Bible commentary on-line
OVERSEAS CAMPUS	<a href="http://www.oc.org">www.oc.org</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Articles, testimonies Books: online version of Song of A Wanderer (《流浪者之歌》) in Chinese and English
STREAMS OF PRAISE	<a href="http://www.sop.org">www.sop.org</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	Worship songs
CHINESE BIBLES & CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE (LIBERTY HOUSE COMPANY)  Liberty House®	<a href="http://www.chineseholybible.com">www.chineseholybible.com</a>	SIMPLIFIED CHINESE TRADITIONAL CHINESE	Bibles & books for ordering on-line. A very big range
AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST IN CHINA	<a href="http://www.afcinc.org">www.afcinc.org</a>	ENGLISH	Bibles, books, CDs for ordering See Literature Ministry to download book list in Chinese



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**YOU are the  
KING of Kings**

普通话 (附英语) 南英春令会 2006  
South England Easter Conference  
Mandarin (with English) 2006

9<sup>th</sup> (7pm) - 12<sup>th</sup> (4pm) / 4 / 2006  
Luckley-Oakfield School  
Wokingham (near Reading)

**Conferences 春令會**

# South England Easter Conference – Mandarin with English

9 – 12 April 2006

1 – 4 April 2007

April 2008

3-6 April 2009

**New Word Alive**  
**Easter Bible Conference with**  
**International student track**

**Year-end camp**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Dec-1<sup>st</sup> Jan every year**

# ***Seminars***

- ✧ **Returnees training eg:  
Dr Edwin Su - April 2009**
- ✧ **Discipleship training**
- ✧ **Outside speakers**
- ✧ **Consultations**

# Chinese mission teams



# Prayer points

★ **Thank** God for raising up Chinese staff Workers with COCM. Pray for more such dedicated brothers and sisters

★ **Pray** that more cities would have a co-operation with COCM staff, Friends International & local churches

★ **Pray** that we would be very effective together in presenting the Gospel

★ **Pray** that many Chinese students & scholars will become Christians & true disciples