MISSION CHINA ACCOMPLISHED!

The mission China team returned January 10th accomplishing all that was planned and <u>beyond</u>:



"You Are Special" was performed in eight schools located in the poor rural mountain areas of Yunnan Province (Southwest China). The team was always greeted by students, teachers and village people lined along the road shouting and banging drums. It was a great celebration for them to receive "foreigners" and they shared cultural dances, food, and customs with us.



Our team gave 8,900 bags with gifts of art supplies (below) to the students! Sports equipment was also presented to the schools. The team eagerly shared Christ's love.







English was taught in small groups (left) by the team in four of the schools. We had meals with the teachers which gave opportunity to become personal with them.

School officials accompanied the team. One of the highest officials of the district (right) came to three performances treating the team to meals. He warmly spent time with all of us and was moved by our visit. He was intrigued a family would bring a group to rural China. He said "You Are Special" was "for the eyes and for the spirit." Each time he saw it, he said he "saw something new". Evidently, for this particular official his actions towards the team were quite unusual.





The missionaries we

worked with invited us back desiring a date set for a return visit. They have spent many years cultivating relationship with the schools and officials as the Chinese do not trust government or foreigners. The missionaries have gained favor over the years. We could see since our visit two years ago improvements in

the schools. They continually commented our visit made the "doors wide open" and were enthusiastic about what was accomplished.



On return to Beijing, the dancers performed a contemporary dance at three services at the Beijing International Christian Fellowship. This church is not open to Chinese citizens. We received an answer to prayer as our family was invited to speak at a "3rd line" gathering (similar to the "house church") in Beijing. There were 60 young professionals between the ages of 25 and 35. They were very hungry for the Word not wanting the teachings to stop. Their humility and tears moved our hearts.

The team's efforts were impacting, bringing light into a dark place (Isaiah 9:2). As leaders we were blessed by the team's continual enthusiasm without regard for some of the difficult conditions we faced. Our schedule was packed. All went smoothly and we sensed God's hand moving us through the two weeks. It was an honor for us to share Christ's love among the Chinese people.

Thank you for your prayers and support! You have an inheritance in China. With gratefulness...

In the Light of Jesus-Dave and Pat Rollinson, Mission Leaders Ashley Rollinson, Performance Leader

