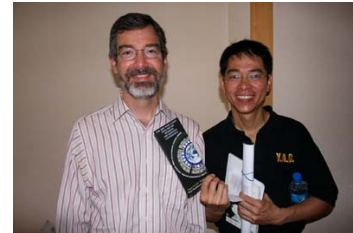


Day 6 May 23, 2007

Dr Tan Lai Yong dropped by for team devotion this AM. We presented the conference brochure and poster to him. He will be joining us in Pasadena as a plenary speaker!



Drs Yorgin and Tan Lai Yong

Our third and last morning on the Neonatal ICU and Pediatric units was, as Andy said, the highlight of the trip for him. By now we are really clicking as a united team of Chinese and American healthcare professionals, caring for the babies and children and exchanging ideas freely. Cross-cultural medicine at its' best. Smiling faces, relaxed interactions and joy abounds. They want to know when we are returning.

I walk by a classroom on the Peds unit which is bursting with people, excited voices. It is a parents' lecture on oral rehydration fluids. Lori Bajkiwicz taught the nurses the oral rehydration technique the previous day and they wanted her to "come back next year and teach the parents, too." She decides to encourage one of them to teach the class with her as back-up. One of the brave nurse

agrees to do it, and is now having the joy of teaching the parents herself. One mom said she was going to teach some of her friends. Lori has begun the chain of knowledge that saves lives.



Patient reviewing his own CT scan

It has saddened us to see that the infants in the NICU have so little contact with their parents. Just one hour twice a week. So Jan, Dorothy, Veronica and Peggy all address the importance of early, consistent physical nurturing by the mom for the baby's emotional development. They use skits and lecturing and the nurses are all ears. We are praying that they will utilize this knowledge to literally "open the doors" to the parents.

The Pediatric Team rounded on the Oncology floor where they listened to the treatment plans and asked questions. Talking with the mother of a

young child with recurrent ALL and brain bleeds, causes the team and the mother to tear-up. The teaching today was regarding asthma (Eve Dick and

Carter Tong) and head trauma (Lori Warzecki). As the respiratory “toys” were brought out there was a real buzz in the room.

We are invited by the staff to a thank-you lunch fit for a king. I don't think I've ever had so many dishes served at one meal ever. They present each of us with



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a gift and gracious thanks. Ron got a purse. Perfect for you, I tease him.

Our work completed in Kunming, we leave the hotel at 4:45 for the long bus ride to Mengzi. Out of the city, the countryside is like out of an old Chinese movie. Rice paddies, terraced hillsides, rugged mountain passes.

Farmers planting rice, stooped over like you could feel the pain in their backs. Villages as ancient as the Chinese culture. We pass through a few cities, but mostly countryside. We arrive late in Mengzi and are amazed at this modern city, the capital of one of the Prefecturates of the Yunnan province. The Hong Da Hotel is quite nice, with large rooms and the usual too-hard beds.

We fall into bed, tired and full of gratitude for the privilege of being here, serving our Lord and seeing Him at work. We are eager to see what He has planned for our stay in Mengzi. We know for sure it will be a much better plan than just ours

Our love to all,

Sally and the whole team