

Dear Friends of the Center,

I am writing you this afternoon to ask if you might prayerfully consider helping with a specific hosting need we have this summer during July and August. If you read through the note you will see our need. We have been approached by an agency working with the Chinese Government regarding Chinese educational tours. We have worked with this company over the last couple of years helping to do educational activities and one tour, and this year they approached us about doing four major tours. We have started by asking a smaller group of families to consider this, as we need to be sure that we can honor the wishes of the Chinese Government, while maintaining our mission.

We are very excited to be working with four groups of Chinese Middle and High School students this summer. The students will be visiting places of interest in Harrisburg, Baltimore, New York, Boston, and Washington D.C. An additional experience for the students will be to share an evening meal and stay overnight with an American Family. We are asking local families to consider being a part of this experience in July or August. Will you consider hosting a pair of Chinese students overnight in your home?

The students will need to be picked up at our building in Donegal at approximately 4:30 PM and be returned there for breakfast about 7:30 AM. The idea is for them to eat dinner and do some sort of evening activity with your family. They will eat breakfast here at the school before going to camp for a few days. There is \$100 reimbursement to help cover the cost of dinner and travel for each pair of students that stay in your home.

Because these tours have to be approved by the Chinese government on an educational basis only it is important that we do not use this opportunity as a time to actively minister to the students. We have agreed to do that, and are focusing on a silent witness kind of experience. That means we cannot take them to church or talk openly about being a Christian. However, it is our prayer that the student will remember this experience and notice a difference in how we live and treat each other in our home. We are going to work to be very intentional in trying to allow God to shine through our acts, and have lots of references (like websites available that kids can find more if they are interested, etc. on their own) and trust that those experiences will become evident. For example although we cannot pray for the trip on the bus we are going to have the staff step off the bus, join hands, bow their heads, pray, etc. Perhaps they will notice your Bible on the table or wonder about a plaque that is hung on the wall. This can be an opportunity for us to show the generosity of Christ's love for others. It is very possible that some of these students will someday come to America to study and have the opportunity to learn more about God's plan for them.

The dates we will need families to host are as follows: Tuesday, July 19 overnight, returning to the school on the morning of Wednesday, July 20. (Middle School Aged Students) Wednesday, July 20 overnight, returning to the school on the morning of Thursday, July 21. (High School Aged Students) Friday, July 29 overnight, returning to the school on the morning of Saturday, July 30. (Middle School Aged Students) Sunday, August 13 overnight, returning to the school

the morning of Monday, August 14. (Middle School Aged Students)

Please contact Mrs. Lane at [belinda\\_lane@champion.org](mailto:belinda_lane@champion.org) or call the school office if you are interested in being a part of this exciting opportunity. You can also visit the information page at [www.champion.org/ccs/internationalstudents/hostfamilies](http://www.champion.org/ccs/internationalstudents/hostfamilies) to learn more about this endeavor.

Thank you for your prayers and consideration,

Mrs. Lane

Jeremiah 29:11