

Future Looking Bright

It's been a wonderful first month for CCS in our new Minhang Center. Here's a look at what we've recently accomplished:

- We have a phone now. Call **5226-3717** during our operating hours on Mon, Tues, Thur, and Fri from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Several **volunteers** have come forward to help us expand our operating hours, setup a library and establish an English Conversation Club.
- Local historian and author, Tess Johnston, presented Shanghai's Jewish History at our **first Coffee Connection**.
- We launched our **first group class**, Chinese Beginner 1, filling all available seats
- Various **community members** and school representatives have stopped by to learn about us, share their thoughts on what services are needed and help set priorities.
- **Counselors** began holding private sessions.
- The **Community Gift Shop** opened, featuring gifts produced by local community outreach groups. Jewelry, teddy bears, helpful books, aprons, elegant bags, and other excellent gift items are now available for purchase. These are truly gifts that give back to these wonderful organizations and those they serve.
- To keep you updated, we plan to print the Minhang **newsletter** bi-monthly thru Apr/May 2010. Volunteers needed to help distribute.

Coffee Connection

Join us Friday, Oct 23rd from 10 a.m. – noon at CCS Minhang for a fascinating presentation on **Life in the Mountains of Bolivia**. We'll gain insights on the culture as we hear personal stories of a childhood on an alpaca farm, view images of the beautiful and amazing mountains, and hear how a family business has expanded its reach around the world including Shanghai. Our featured community outreach group will be **Home Sweet Home** (HSH.) Come discover the great work of HSH, who trains and houses the homeless.

New to Shanghai?



If you've been in China for less than 1 year, make sure you get to a Shanghai 123 event. This intensive 3-hour presentation covers all the bases to ensure you have a successful assignment. Community experts present on: working & living in China, managing the medical environment, adjusting & much more. As one attendee wrote "Shanghai 123 is the ultimate cheat-sheet. It gives you all the answers before you've encountered the issues... Thank you for sparing me from some serious frustrations." Offered only once at Minhang Center on Sat, Nov 14th 9:00 a.m.

Giving Tree Season Starts

Can you imagine a child getting nothing for Christmas? Neither can we, which is why CCS is reaching out to community groups, schools, and businesses to fill **10,000** gift bags for underprivileged children. Donors are given a bag with a profile of their child. Each donor fills their child's bag with newly purchased cloths and toys and returns before the Christmas holiday. Bags are then distributed for the Chinese New Year holiday. We encourage community members to work with your local international school, church, company, or social clubs. Group leaders may contact ml@givingtree.org. Bags will also be available at our CCS Centers.

Schedule Snapshot

- Oct 20 – First Aid for Ayis (also Nov 24)
- Oct 23 – Coffee Connection – Bolivia Mt. Living
- Oct 27 – Using Color in Interior Design begins
- Oct 27 – Jewelry Making - Stretchy Bracelet Set
- Oct 28 – Mosaic Workshop begins (4 sessions)
- Oct 29 – Digital Photography begins (7 sessions)
- Oct 30 – Chinese Beginner 2 begins (14 sessions)
- Oct 31 – River of Hearts Sorting Party @ SCIS HQ
- Nov 10 – Jewelry Making – Bracelet, Earring Set
- Nov 14 – Shanghai123 – The essential orientation for New Arrivals @ Minhang Center
- Nov 14 – CCS's 10th Anniversary Gala "Reaching New Heights" @ JinMao Tower
- Nov 19 – First Aid for Internationals (English)