

## 2009 COGS Service Committee Year-End Report

Since its inception, the Congregation of the Good Shepherd has placed extremely high priority on spreading God's love and doing God's work through service and charitable giving. The COGS Service Committee, guided by a Mission Statement adopted in early 2008, is charged with allocating funds, collecting and distributing goods, organizing service trips, and communicating with and managing the many projects COGS supports. This brief report, prepared by the Service Committee for the Congregation, summarizes COGS' 2009 service activities.

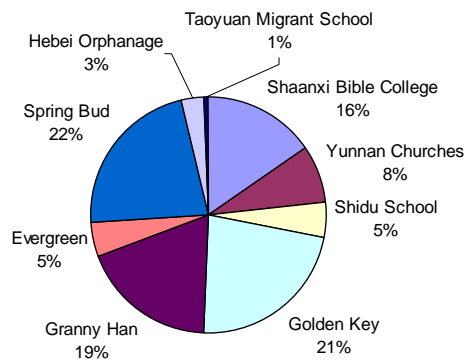
### 1. Financial Giving

In 2009, COGS financially supported nine different projects. Brief descriptions and percentage allocations are presented below.

| Project                | Brief Description of Funds Supplied   | 2009 Budget Allocation (%) |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Shaanxi Bible College  | Textbooks and computers for a Bible College in Xi'an training pastors for the Three Self Protestant Chinese Church. | 16%                        |
| Yunnan Churches        | Financial support for the reconstruction of two churches in rural Yunnan destroyed by a blizzard.                   | 8%                         |
| Shidu School           | Financial support for 30 elementary school children in Shidu.   | 5%                         |
| Golden Key             | Purchasing of educational materials for blind and visually impaired children in rural China.                        | 23%                        |
| Granny Han             | Financial support and purchasing of medicine and fruit for special needs children in Xuzhou.                        | 19%                        |
| Evergreen              | Health, education, and agricultural Christian charity operating in Taiyuan.   | 5%                         |
| Spring Bud             | Financial support for 30 girls in high school in Zhushan and 30 girls in vocational school in Gansu.                | 23%                        |
| Hebei Orphanage        | Purchasing of coal for an orphanage in Hebei province run by nuns.  | 3%                         |
| Taoyuan Migrant School | New water filter system for the Taoyuan migrant school in Beijing.  | 1%                         |
| Remaining              |   | 0%                         |

The Mission Statement guides the Service Committee to aim to commit one quarter of the donated funds to, "support Christian theological education within the Patriotic Three Self Protestant Chinese Church, as well as provide support for local congregations facing acute or critical need situations," with the remainder, "dedicated to supporting projects that promote human development and alleviate suffering." In 2009, COGS giving in the former category (to the Shaanxi Bible College and Yunnan Churches) totaled 23%, just short of the goal.

### COGS 2009 Service Budget Allocation



Outside of the committee's annual budget, the committee voted to give the Christmas service offering to the Daming Sigao Orphanage in Hebei Province for the purchase of heating coal, and also collected over 5,000 RMB through the alternative Christmas giving program. Additionally, a COGS member coordinated a donation of 100,000 RMB to Granny Han from the British Ball.

### 2. Other Giving and Hands-on Service

In addition to financial giving, in 2009 the COGS Service Committee organized four campaigns for the donation of goods. First, an oil and rice collection was held at Pentecost to benefit the 7 Colours Migrant School. In October, a clothing drive was held, with the collection delivered to the Renqiu Home for disable children in Hebei Province. Also that month, the Sunday School prepared over 100 Christmas gifts which were delivered to the Renqiu Home in November. Lastly, an ongoing collection of toiletries benefited the Starfish Refuge for Vulnerable Street Girls.

Throughout the year, several COGS members participated in hands-on service by tutoring at the Bainian Migrant Vocational School in central Beijing. In November and December, COGS members took several day trips to paint rooms at the Agape home for children with brittle bond disease in Langfang, just outside of Beijing.

### 3. Service Trips

Although most of the projects COGS supports are outside of Beijing, visiting these projects on service trips is an important way for COGS to maintain communication, ensure transparency, share experience, and, just as importantly, to learn and grow through the witnessing of God's work in action. In 2009, COGS members participated in four trips outside of Beijing. In August, one service committee member traveled to visit the churches in rural Yunnan and is planning a larger congregational trip in 2010. In September, COGS members visited the Shaanxi Bible College over a long weekend. In November, several COGS members visited Granny Han's school in Xuzhou. Also in November, COGS members drove outside of Beijing to deliver Christmas presents to children at the Renqiu orphanage. A November Shidu trip was, unfortunately, canceled due to snow.

### 4. Congregational Seminars

As part of the ongoing effort to inform the Congregation of the service committee's work, the committee in 2009 hosted four service seminars after worship: Evergreen in May, Golden Key in June, Shaanxi Bible College in September, and the Yunnan churches in October. Also, Granny Han visited COGS twice in 2009.