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# The nations are *here*



**Traveling may not be necessary.** 130 nations are in our university. 50% are Chinese, and 80% are Asian. 100% are out of their element and trying to adapt to our home. Much like real travel, this mission will require cross-cultural communication. Whether this is natural for you or not, one thing is for certain: the individuals on the other side of that cultural barrier in the Twin Cities are well worth the effort. Let's run into the nations here and now.

-Hannah Varberg, HCC Communications Coordinator

## Words from our International Friends

**D**ear HCC and volunteers,  
I and my son spent one year at the U of M as visitors. During that period, HCC and volunteers gave us much more kindness and useful help. Also, we are impressed by many volunteers' spirit and action. We appreciate that very much!

Last August, we came back to China to live in Wuhan city. My dear dad was confirmed with rectal cancer. The four months felt so long for me at that time. Yet, life has to go on. Thinking about the warmth, the spirit, and the relief from volunteers I met with at HCC, I feel a little better and will be full of hope and thanksgiving. Now, my father is trying hard to recover. My son and I are working and studying hard. Our family is still together and this is better than anything.

Lastly, I want to say again "thank you" HCC and HCC volunteers. My son and I will remember you and the year we had in Minnesota. I hope all is well!

-Visiting Scholar

I'm writing to let you know that I have finished my visiting program at University of Minnesota and gone back home in China smoothly. I'm glad to have the opportunity to have known the HCC.

I vividly remember the first day I arrived in Minnesota six months ago. I was a total stranger with no family and no friends here. As I had applied on HCC website in advance, my huge luggage and I got picked up by Phyllis from MSP airport on time. After a few days, I took part in a variety of activities hosted by HCC. I started to recognize HCC as another home and you guys as my family here.

Also I learned a lot from you in the unforgettable six months. Thank you for being friendly and helpful during my stay in Minneapolis. You bridge the gaps between Chinese visitors and Minnesotans, even between Chinese and American cultures. I will always bear that in mind and miss you all.

-Visiting scholar



## Easter Updates

Our Easter weekend had profound significance. With Friendship Meal and Easter hosting, many students went to church and discussed the gospel with Americans. That's a win in our records!

**50** students hosted by **20** families

*"I think it was amazing how quickly we all connected and felt immediately comfortable. They were truly a joy to have in our home!" -American host family*

**64** students who heard the gospel at the Friendship Meal!  
**1** life-changing Resurrection of Jesus Christ



# Roger Ose's Legacy on The Nations

By Jennifer Gerth, Former Executive Director

I write this tribute on the 1-year anniversary of Roger Ose's passing. Roger Ose was one of HCC's most dedicated and loving volunteers, and I hope the following memories of Roger inspire all of us to serve as wholeheartedly as he did. I had the privilege of knowing Roger when I was the Executive Director of HCC.

Roger had a knack for finding gifts and distributing them to those he came across. He gave HCC yearly calendars, boxes of apples, hats, and furniture, so we could distribute them to our Chinese friends. Roger had the unique ability to make you feel totally loved, and his cheerfulness was contagious. You always had fun when you were with Roger. The picture is of Roger picking

up stacks of single mattresses that were donated by the University of Northwestern. I love this memory of Roger because it captures what Roger would do every day - cheerfully serve in BIG ways. Roger later donated his trailer to HCC where his furniture delivery legacy lives on.

What can we learn from Roger? Here are a few things he did so well that I hope I can emulate:

- Roger always remembered my birthday and anniversary and sent cards to celebrate.
- Roger and his wife, Janet, hosted numerous Chinese students. The Chinese were treated like family, not just guests.
- Roger shared his love of the farm and tractors with

Chinese students.

- I could always call Roger, knowing he wouldn't be too busy for me.
- Roger's love for Jesus and others was UNMISTAKEABLE. His life verse was

"I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:17, 24

As we head into this summer season, please consider ways you can love our Chinese friends, just as Roger did.

Written in loving memory of Roger Ose

June 6, 1934 - May 9, 2018

## Engage in the Nations from Home

We have a full summer, and much of it is defined by arrival season: *airport pickups and hosting*. If you would like to help with these needs or other listed volunteer opportunities, please contact [kim@hchinese](mailto:kim@hchinese).

### July

-  7: Top Golf Fundraiser
-  10: China Trip
-  17: Volunteer Training
-  19: Grand Portage Trip
-  27: Valleyfair

### August

-  2 - 3: Webster Weekend
-  7: Volunteer Training
-  10: Stillwater Outing

### September

-  7: Welcome Picnic
-  14: 5K Fundraiser
-  20 - 22: Itasca Trip



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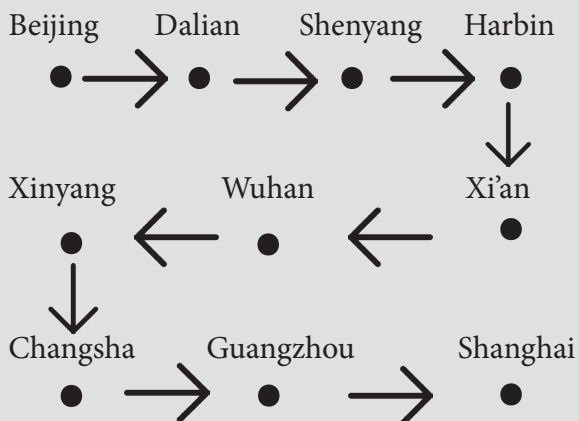
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## China Trip *with Jon*



To do ReEntry well, we schedule regular China trips to invest into past HCC connections. That's exactly what ReEntry Coordinator Jon Nesvig will be doing from July 10 - 31. **Check out their scheduled city route below**, and keep your eye out for China communication!

If you have connections in these cities, email jonathan@hcchinese.org. Jon could schedule your connection into the trip!



To receive regular prayer updates about the China trip and other requests, please email jdriver@hcchinese.org.

## When World Change Outgrows Funding

HCC's fiscal year ended May 31 with a flurry of fundraising campaigns and wonderful response from our donors. A special thank you to all who responded to the needs of our 4th quarter. You have generously brought in more support in the final month of the fiscal year than ever before, and many lapsed donors have come back to support the mission. As we celebrate this display of support, I must also face the reality that HCC has grown faster than I have been able to keep up with as the primary fundraiser. In the past 5 years, we have increased our weekly staff hours from 114 to 250. You have bore much fruit in supporting our staff, yet the additional fruit has a financial cost. Our total annual expense has increased \$170,000 in the past 5 years with 73% of our entire budget being my dear staff. **To avoid a deficit, I face the reality of cutting staff hours and some programming for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Your support is more important than ever to help us be fully staffed to help you fully reach the nations here in our own backyard.**

Changing the world together,  
 Executive Director Tim Grunditz



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