



Gift of Sound



Part I: Description

Gift of Sound program was started in August 2008 with the purpose to serve hearing disabled and deaf children. This program has provided help to the hearing disabled and deaf children in many aspects including hearing test, hearing aid fitting, education and trainings to audiological professionals and technicians, speech and language educators and parents of the children. This program also collaborates with and provides supports to a number of hearing rehabilitation and speech training organizations. So far, the program has executed:

- ✧ Collaboration with and providing financial support to four special education schools and one rehabilitation center for the deaf in Luoyang, Henan Province in 2008-2009.
- ✧ Cooperation with Soaring Hope Inc., a US non-profit organization, coordinating and getting involved in Soaring Hope 2010 and 2011 China missions. In the 2010's mission service in Liaoning Province, more than 300 hearing disabled children were provided with free services including hearing test, hearing aid fitting, and hearing aid batter supplies by American audiologists; teachers in the local schools were trained by the American language and speech educators. In the 2011's Mission service in Luoyang, Henan province, a broad range and integrated service was provided to the infants, toddlers, children in a local rehab center and a local special educational school, teachers and educators in the local schools and audiologists and technicians in a local city hospital, which including hearing test and diagnosis in infants, toddlers, and children, hearing aid fitting and adjusting, cochlear implant mapping, speech and language education in toddlers and children, etc. .
- ✧ Inviting Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, one of the world top and most famous audiologists, and her colleague Dr. Abbott Gabbard visit Luoyang and provide training to teachers and parents, Henan Province in June 2010.
- ✧ Financial support to Jiujiang Boai Deaf School in Jiangxi Province.
- ✧ Sponsorship to Angela Xiao, director of Gift of Sound Program in HuaQiao Foundation, taking training in early intervention for hearing disabled children at University of Colorado, USA, host by Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano.
- ✧ Cooperation with Soaring Hope Inc. in planning and scheduling 2013 Soaring Hope Lanzhou Audiology Mission and Luoyang Mission. Proposed services include training to professionals, teachers and audiologist from five provinces in northwestern China and hearing aids fitting and adjusting for hearing disabled children in Luoyang Rehab Center.



Part II: Photos

✧ Hope of Sound Program:



Hope of Sound team serviced for deaf children at Yiyang Special Education School in Henan Province



Hope of Sound team serviced for deaf children at Luoyang Rehab Center for the deaf



Hope of Sound team donated books for deaf children

✧ 2010 Liaoning Audiology Mission



Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano is checking a fitting a hearing aid



Audiologist is doing hearing test in 2011



Group picture with Mr. Frank Yih, Drs. Yunghai Chen and Ada Chen and other volunteers.
Mr. Frank Yih is chairman in HuaQiao Foundation.
Mr. Yunghai Chen & Mrs. Ada Chen are Founders of Soaring Hope Inc.

美国昇望公司义诊团莅临建平县博爱学校全体成员与师生合影
US Soaring Hope Audiology Mission Team Members Jianping BoAi School Teachers and students

2010年6月3日



2010 Audiology Mission group picture

✧ **Jiujiang Boai Deaf School**



Deaf students in Jiujiang Boai Deaf School

✧ **Training to Teachers and Parents**



Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itnao and Dr. Sandra Abbott Gabbard were giving trainings to deaf children's parents and teachers in Luoyang Rehab Center for the Deaf

✧ **2011 Luoyang Audiology Mission**



Some team members in 2011 Audiology Mission at Luoyang



Audiologists are training a teacher in Luoyang Rehab Center for the deaf in 2011.