

## This Week in Asia: *Do-Gooders*

Let's face it, we all want to do some good before we're gone. Creating opportunities for others helps you as much as the other. Some do it by praying for others, while some write checks, others volunteer, and still others advocate for those who have no voice with powerful decision makers. Bethyl was an advocate for her disabled brother for 17 years before he died. We weave in and out of all these roles, but now we're mostly volunteers, receiving the benefit of seeing the faces of folks we help. We're at home as volunteers. Being next to the people you help is heart-healthy, builds your immune system, keeps you kickin' longer.

I'm reading a collection of stories from evidence-based approaches to doing good: *A Path Appears* (by Kristof and WuDunn). If you're living a life of giving, this book will take your game up a notch.

This week we'll reconvene with Chinese graduates with whom we've worked over the past two years in the Marriage Training of Trainers project. Our topic: [Pre-Marriage Counseling](#).

We'll try to put the help-station at the top of the cliff, before marriage, rather than at the bottom, where marriages fall into dis-repair.

Pray for accurate translation, receptive hearts, practical learning, as well as exercises that are relevant to the villages where the trainers live.

If you'd like a copy of our power point (the English one :), drop us an email. Happy to share.



A recent wedding we attended after Maggie and her husband both received some pre-marital counseling.

Those of us who have won the birth lottery carry the heaviest judgment lottery. If you are reading this, you're a winner in both. The Word spoke: when we know the right thing and don't do the right thing, then this carries the weight of judgment: *"You knew me, but you didn't do me."*

In our future Face to face meeting, our Master of Remembrance will fairly judge all we knew and didn't do. "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts and feet to wise choices". Vance & Bethyl Joy