

## A New Tool

Can you imagine trying to:  
roll out pie dough without a rolling pin?  
nail a board without a hammer?  
paint in the dark?

Tools come in a variety of shapes and sizes and are useful in many different ways.

Yandong was sitting at our kitchen table talking about our newest tool, *Cornerstones and Core needs of Growing Kids*, when she said, "I wish I had read this book 20 years ago."

Growing up in China, where the communist government tells you what to believe where to live, go to school and work and what to buy she said, "I thought I always had to do what I was told. It has been life changing to realize I have always had the freedom to make choices in my life."

Yandong is directing an after school program that ministers to the kids of new Chinese immigrants. We have been working with her for the past two years. She has been growing by leaps and bounds both in ministry and her personal life, but Sheryl and I often remarked that there was a piece of the puzzle still missing.

With a PhD in early Childhood Development she certainly is intelligent. Culture is not a problem and her desire to serve the Lord is amazing, but we felt like we were painting in the dark.

Last week she had been reading the chapter from our book that explains *The Third Cornerstone*. It says,

Life is full of choices,  
and even though I have not chosen  
all the circumstances of my life,  
I alone determine its qualities, because  
life is full of choices  
and the choices I make today  
will determine the qualities of my life  
both now and in the future.

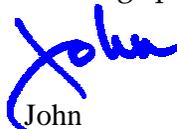
The light went on. She could see the past did not determine her future. She had been allowing the frustrations of her past choices to color the qualities of her present and future life.

Having a new tool with which to work shed new light into Yandong's life. She had heard *The Three Cornerstones* many times but seeing it in a book made sense to her. Her past will no longer have the control over her that it did.

What she experienced and what she sees now in the lives of immigrant kids is, "They have no concept of the consequences that come as a result of the choices they make. The Chinese government told them what to do, it also took responsibility for their actions. Now, as they adjust to this new life, they need to realize this newfound freedom is the freedom to choose the consequences."

Thank you for making it possible for us to work in Yandong's life and to watch God light up their lives and use *Cornerstones and Core Needs of Growing Kids* to color her life and the lives of the immigrant kids.

In His grip,



John  
for John and Sheryl Emra

### Answered Prayer

Last months training was a great experience. Thirteen people attending representing four churches.

*Cornerstones and Core Needs of Growing Kids* was used as an additional Text Book and made training much easier.

### Prayer Requests

Sheryl is having great success working with ladies in Ministry and teaching them how to practice the presence of Immanuel in their lives.

Pray that she would not be overwhelmed by these times

We are starting to plan our travel schedule for this next year. We have some dates already confirmed in the Northwest.

Please pray that the people we will see will choose to respond to His good news.