



Rotary Club of Hawthorn

Aid for Schooling Support for Migrant Children - China

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International Aid in China - review

During a trip to China, arrangements were made to look at a number of worthwhile humanitarian projects.

- David Rush became aware of some international aid activities being undertaken by Oblates of Mary Immaculate in China.
- David and Robert Ball visited Beijing on 21 July 2014 to look at projects first hand, related to:
 - Child development
 - Education and literacy
 - Community development.



Which Project?



Different projects located near the Beijing Capital International Airport were investigated. The most appropriate for RCH was working with a local organisation (De Mazenod Inter Cultural Exchange) to support migrant families.

- "Migrants" came from other Provinces no registration, no free school, no medical care. They are very poor, live in villages (one room house for family) and struggle to survive.
- DMICE rented a property and setup after school activities a homework area including involving local mothers.
- School holidays activities program including teaching English.
- Plans to teach English to mothers which will lead to jobs working in expatriate homes. Mothers to be trained in cooking, hygiene, child minding and first aid.





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RCH Board approved a donation of \$6,000 to assist with the program.

| Item | Purpose |
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| Wall projector | As a visual aid for learning and presenting |
| Sound system | As part of the equipment required for above |
| Library bank of applications and visual aids for PCs and presentations | Visual learning aids |
| Library books | Both Chinese and English story books |
| Regular after school teacher | Chinese teacher to assist with other areas of homework |



