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SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- What's going on with tca youth?
- How are the college kids doing? Where'd they all go?
- What is the status of our NEW BUILDING?

Amy Xia with some friends in China Town.

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# tca youth group

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## The college kids...

We had seven kids leave for college this fall! Among the seven are Amy Xia, Pearl Chen, Pam Dui, Janet, Chris, Deborah and Lily. They all appear to be having a blast!



Amy Xia writes from Parsons, "Hi TCA youth! New York has been amazing. I have found all the cheap

necessary places for food/art supplies/deals on sushi/sweets/clothing and all that. My classes have been great. Everything is really easy thus far. I get along with my section and everyone is friendly with each other. I have met a great group of friends who I get along with extremely well. We often have cooking parties and make delicious foods together (all of which I will definitely try to make for you guys during winter break!) I have also met a group of Christians with whom I attend different churches with. We are all still trying to find a church that fits us personally, but it's been great being able to have spiritual relationships with people who are going through school and life in the same steps as me. I feel truly blessed to be here."

Chris has been able to meet a lot of really great Christian friends and is enjoying himself and his



Chris with some friends at a game new college life! He asks that we please pray for him to continue making the right decisions to live a Godly lifestyle while at A&M.

Pam Diu is having an awesome time at the IHOP internship in Kansas City, Mo. She is spending a lot of time in the prayer room and also taking quite a few Bible classes. She is experiencing such a "freedom" in her relationship with the Lord and is learning a lot each and every day. Her encouragement to us is, "Keep your hearts up, keep getting in the Word because it is your only source of life." She asks that we keep her in our prayers as she seeks direction during this next step in her life. (Pam & Pearl both wrote letters to TCA youth that will be posted in the youth room for all to read; we couldn't fit it all in the newsletter).

Janet Zhao is studying at Tufts University in a suburb near Boston. She says she is not sure what she is going to major in yet, but this semester, She is taking Intro to Economics, Intro to Comparative Politics, English writing seminar and Chinese & Music at Tufts.

As we all know she is very athletic and has decided to try rugby. But after playing a few games, decided that she had gotten "beaten up too much." She's decided to stick with ultimate frisbee and ballroom dancing this season.

As for Lily & Deborah, they just started school as of Tuesday, September 23! They were fortunate to have a longer summer than most of the other youth.



Pearl's Desk

The lovely Pearl Chen writes, "Greetings from Ithaca, New York!"



The transition to Cornell has been rather challenging. Authentic spiritual community is difficult to find and the academic "culture" here is very intense. More and more, I see how limited I am even in the face of my greatest efforts. God reminds me over and over that life is a process and I am not defined by what I can "conquer"; that he alone is the sure foundation upon which I am able to stand. In his love, I am beginning to discover that being is more important than having, and that we are worth more than the result of our efforts. I love and miss all of you. May all of your dreams be realized as you walk in the light of his countenance!"

## The building project...



Breaking ground!

In the past few months, the church building construction has been under full speed. So far, we have connected our new sewer line to the City sewer system and installed two fire hydrants at the front entrance. Many of you must remember a huge hole excavated during the summer. The hole has been filled with better soil and underground utilities are now being installed. Once the foundation is done, concrete slab will be poured and a steel frame will be erected. When you come back for the winter break, the building should be completed. Don't worry if you miss all the

excitement; you can view all construction activities online!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/29811513@N08/2841104037/>

Praise the Lord! God has done a wonderful work in blessing this project. We've hardly had any rain since the construction project began. We also have raised about \$765,000 for the building fund to date. Your prayer support is most important at this time. Pray that:

1. We raise an additional \$280,000.
2. The project will be finished before the Winter Retreat.
3. The building will be filled with

new seekers and worshipers.

The church building project reminds me that our life is just like a construction project. We will encounter obstacles and may need to replace bad soil with better soil. The important thing is to build a solid foundation just like we are doing now. You are at a critical point in building your life's foundation at this time. Treasure it and enjoy it. May God bless your relationship with Him and your study.

By: Eddy Lin

*"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for other believers in your speech, behavior, love, faithfulness, and purity.."*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

## What's going on at TCA?

We've had some new additions to our youth group. Jed, David, Julie, Charles, Felix and Judy have joined our youth services on Sunday now! They have done an awesome job serving as TCA Children Leaders and they continue to work with the kids while transitioning into the youth

group.

Saturday, September 20th TCA had a celebration for the Chinese Autumn Moon Festival. We invited friends and neighbors from around TCA. The youth had the privilege of serving the kids. The youth did such an awesome job coordinating our activities.



Amy Wu & Joann Chen

They planned crafts, songs, stories, snacks and games for all the kids that attended. We had a great turn out! Thank you Annie, Amy Wu, Jessie, David, Jed, Felix, Julie, John, Isaac, Chase, Joann, and Joseph.

Job well done!

## Upcoming Winter Retreat

We would love to see you at our 2008 winter retreat! This winter our focus is "Overcoming the World"—What it sounds like, what it looks like, and what it will do for your relationship with God

We will have a guest speaker from San Jose, California named Quoc Nguyen.

He is currently the Youth Pastor of Vietnamese Christian Community and Inner City Church there in California. He is tremendously funny and gives powerful messages.

We encourage you to be at our Winter Retreat! It's going to be great!

Dates:  
December 25-  
December 28, 2008

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Overcoming the World