



Woman-to-Woman Worldwide 2012
China Service Project
Minnie Vautrin China Fund

**The Minnie Vautrin China Fund (MVCF) is a memorial
to her work and ministry in China.**

Your gifts will be used to fund projects for poor and marginalized women and girls from the rural areas in China, including education, support of the poor, medical care, and small loans for women starting small businesses through the Zhoukou Lay Training Program (Henan Province) and the YMCA in Shanghai.





Biography

Miss Wilhelmina (Minnie) Vautrin, a Disciples woman, was born in Secor, Illinois, graduated from the University of Illinois in 1912. She was sent to China by the United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples of Christ) in 1912, where she first served as a high school principal in Luchowfu and then became head of the education department of Ginling College when it was founded in 1916 in Nanjing (formerly Nanking).

She served as acting president of Ginling College from 1919 to 1922, when President Matilda Thurston returned to the United States for fund-raising. With the Japanese army advancing on Nanjing in 1937, Vautrin was called upon to take charge of the college campus, as most of the faculty fled Nanjing and established a refugee campus in western China. Her diary and reports provide a detailed account of the situation in Nanjing under Japanese occupation, especially the atrocities known as the Nanjing Massacre, which continued into the late spring of 1938.

In the last entry of her diary; April 14, 1940, Vautrin wrote, *"I'm about at the end of my energy. Can no longer forge ahead and make plans for the work, for on every hand there seem to be obstacles of some kind. I wish I could go on furlough at least once."* Two weeks later she suffered a nervous breakdown and returned to the United States. A year to the day after she left Nanjing. She ended her own life.

Learn more about her life story at www.discipleswomen.org/MinnieVautrin

The movie "Nanking" is a 2007 Sundance documentary about this WWII-era tragedy. Mariel Hemingway reads excerpts from Minnie Vautrin's diary. It is rated R and is available on DVD.

Ginling College and students, circa 1920s.



Zhoukou Lay Training Program



- \$10 can provide water to help establish a new tree.
- \$20 can plant and nurture a tree.
- \$100 can provide a week's labor.

Over 90 percent of the Christians in Zhoukou come from rural villages and have little education and few opportunities. Under such circumstances, there is a need for pastors to be better equipped in order to provide necessary pastoral care. The scarcity of pastors is a serious problem with sometimes only three pastors available to lead the 700,000 believers in Zhoukou City. The church conducts lay leader training for women and men all year round. All of these lay leaders receive one-week of training once a year. There are normally 600-700 lay leaders in attendance for a week in the training class. While they are receiving the training, the participants also get advanced agriculture technology classes. They are encouraged to become preachers for the local churches and to provide pastoral care, as well as functioning as an agriculture development technicians. Growing wheat is necessary for food in this region of China, but does not provide family revenue, since farmers must spend a lot of money on fertilizer and pesticide. The training helps this cultivation activity to be more viable and bring more income for the women's families.

Another project of the Zhoukou Church is a tree project. This sustainable agriculture project aims to educate seminary students, lay leaders, and villagers (men and women) about the techniques of multi-storied agriculture, and also helps the church to be financially sustainable. Of the revenue generated, half is used to sustain the church financially, and the other half is used to fund the training of pastors.

With the training received, villagers will have an improved standard of living.

With the funds generated from sales, the area will have more pastors to further grow the church.

YMCA — Shanghai



The Shanghai YMCA was established in 1908. Service was interrupted during the Cultural Revolution. Since service was resumed in 1984, the Shanghai YMCA and YWCA cooperate in their efforts to be a vibrant organization with an international Christian background. As a non-profit social service organization, the YMCA aims to promote the volunteer movement and contribute to social development while maintaining the principles of equality, justice, love, and peace.

With social development and changes in China, the Shanghai YMCA, has continued to keep pace with society and with the times, by dedicating themselves to social services, education, and training. They offer services on environmental change, public interest, and social development.

One of the areas they are working on is early childhood development. They start from the first day of birth to early childhood, teaching parents to listen to the experts. Parents are trained to teach their children to do synchronized games under the guidance of the instructor. They offer one-on-one consulting services for parents giving them access to a full range of scholars, experts, social workers, and child protection practitioners. Their focus is on personality development with an eye to behavior formation and family interaction. Another area is the children's rehabilitation center which was established in January 2008. The program focuses on autistic children providing them with early training and early intervention in order to lay a good foundation for future integration into the community.



Zhoukou Lay Training Program trains women of the Henan providence in ways that lead to a better life and helps children to be healthier.



Statue honoring Minnie Vautrin at the Nanjing Mas-sacre Museum.

Ms Vautrin's brave actions in the late 1930s saved the lives of many Chinese women and children. Can you follow her example and help to-day's poor and marginalized women and children?

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Improving the
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