Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital 120th Anniversary Celebration
Unveiling Dr. William E. Macklin Bronze Statue and Dedicating Hospital’s New Wing
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Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital was founded by the first Disciples’ missionary, Dr. William E. Macklin, in 1892. The 120th anniversary celebration took place on Dec. 15, 2012, with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his in attendance. This group picture was taken in front of the statue of Dr. Macklin. The Disciples, United Church of Christ and Global Ministries had a delegation including Todd Adams, Bing Tso and Janet Gwilym, Cathy Nichols, Xiaoling Zhu, Tom Morse, and Rev. Richard and Linda Hull. Mrs. Marjorie Hancock, Dr. Macklin’s great granddaughter (4th from the left) and relatives also attended the celebration.

At 8:15 AM, President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter arrived. After hearing a story shared by Mrs. Marjorie Hancock, the President greeted her.

The new bronze statue of Dr. Macklin stands in front of the historical building built in 1892 and faces the new wing with another 1,500 patient beds. Dr. Macklin’s statue looks out from the old building toward the new one. After unveiling the statue, President Carter stood awhile, looking upon Dr. Macklin, seeming to thank him for his service and commitment.
At the 120th Anniversary Celebration and the Inauguration Ceremony, held in the lobby of the new wing, the President gave a great speech. "When I was a little child, just this big, I gave 5 cents each week to help create hospitals and schools for Chinese children to the Christian missionaries who visited our region of Georgia. My hope is that some of my pennies went to expand this hospital that Dr. Macklin and his wife Dorothy established."

President and Mrs. Carter were accompanied by Hospital President Yitao Ding visiting the Hospital Memorial Hall (Left), and chatting with Global Ministries delegates (right).

The celebration and ceremony concluded at 10:30 AM. Bing Tso, Co-Chair of Global Ministries Board, and his wife Janet Gwilym came forward to greet the President and Mrs. Carter. Tom Morse, former mission personnel to Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, thanked the President for his great contribution on religious freedom in China, so that he and his wife had the opportunity to work with the hospital as staff for two years. The President kindly asked, “How is your wife doing now?”

Cathy Nichols, Vice-President of the Division of Overseas Ministries and Executive for Mission Personnel, shook hands with Mrs. Carter and thanked her for her presence and encouragement to women in mission. Xiaoling Zhu, Area Executive for East Asia and the Pacific, thanked the President and Mrs. Carter for accepting the invitation to attend the Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital’s 120th anniversary celebration and ceremonies. The President and Mrs. Carter were very pleased with the events they attended.