

KATHLEEN HALL COTTAGE HOSPITAL

In 1939 in Songjiazhuang Village, Hebei, North China, Kathleen Hall's cottage hospital was destroyed by the Japanese. In June 2000, with help from the NZ China Friendship Society and the NZ Government, it was rebuilt.

The first set of pictures show the events held in Songjiazhuang and the neighbouring city of Baoding on June 22nd 2000 to mark the completion of the rebuilding project.

Since then there have been considerable difficulties regarding staffing, equipment and administration. These have now all been solved and the clinic is up and running. It is operated as a women's co-operative by the International Committee of Chinese Co-operatives (Gong He). The second set of photos show the official opening of the hospital on July 1 2001. Honoured guests were Kathleen's nephew Bob Hall, and his wife Margaret.

June 22nd 2000

7.30 am. People's Square, Baoding



Martial arts display for the assembled gathering



Tom Newnham (NZCFS) with students of Baoding No 13 Middle School



The Deputy-Mayor of Baoding



Vic Percival, Member of the International Committee of Gung Ho, addresses the gathering. Michael Crook(Gung Ho) is behind him

10.30 am. Songjiazhuang Village



Senior and Junior bands of Kathleen Hall Primary School welcome the busload of visitors.



In the distance, the new Primary School can be seen on the right, the new hospital in the centre.



Dr. Wu Wei (Rewi Alley's doctor) speaking at the ceremony. In the front row from left Michael Crook (Gung Ho), Liu Geng Yin (Youxie), Tom Newnham (NZCFS). In the background to the right, Victor Percival (Gung Ho) and Wang Shuang Lin (Youxie)



Songjiazhuang schoolchildren perform at the ceremony



Michael Crook (Gung Ho) speaking. His mother, Isobel Crook (Gung Ho) is in the foreground.



Tom Newnham with young drummers. The wall slogan is from Marshall Nie Rongzhen's tribute to Kathleen Hall and reads: "To heal the wounded and rescue the dying..."



Rewi Alley's Doctor, Wu Wei Ran, being interviewed about Kathleen Hall. Victor Percival and Tom Newnham look on.



Outside and inside views of the hospital



Official re-opening - July 1st 2001



Margaret and Bob Hall with Ma Bao Ru approaching the village.



The opening ceremony at the hospital.



Mme. Lu Wan Ru speaking at the opening.



The village children's band perform.



Margaret and Bob Hall with the clinic's medical staff.



Visiting doctors and officials outside the opened clinic.



A group on the hillside above the village where Kathleen's ashes are spread.