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Local Family Housing Orphans in China

A Cherrybrook couple, together with their six year old son, have given up everything they owned to work on a project building foster homes for street children who have to live in below freezing temperatures in China.

Julie and Andrew Colquhoun and their son Tyler, are involved in the Qitaihe Project in northern China where they will be saving and changing the lives of at least 100 homeless children. The foster homes, two of which are currently being renovated, will provide these children with shelter, heating and food as well as care by foster families.

"I've always wanted to help the children in China. There are almost 1000 orphans aged between four and 11 in the region without food and shelter," says Mrs Colquhoun. "These kids don't have anything at all, not even their own names!"

Mrs Colquhoun says the project would not have been possible without the support of the Fox Valley Seventh-day Adventist Community Church in Wahroonga, where the family attended church before moving to China. "They helped us raise part of the initial funds which are currently being used to renovate two existing buildings," she says. "However, we still need to raise funds to build more housing, as well as to pay for the sponsorship of the children and the foster families. It's a difficult task, but the lives of these children need to be saved."

The family moved to China in January this year, after selling their possessions, including their house and car. Mr Colquhoun also gave up his position as the global human resource director for Creaa Promotions for the project and their son Tyler has just started his first year of schooling in China.

Julie Colquhoun is in Australia to raise funds for the project and is available for an interview on 22 March 2006 (Wednesday) at 10am. Alternate interview times between 21 and 22 March 2006 may be arranged.

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