

# Starkey Hearing Foundation China 2012

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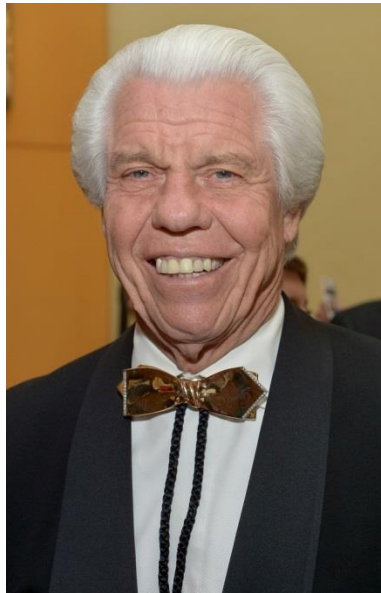
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# China 2012

- Starkey Hearing Foundation mission in China, August 2012
- First sanctioned charitable mission recognized by the People's Republic of China
- Concept of mission began in 2011, developed by Ms Tao and Bill Austin

# China 2012

- Bill Austin: Founded Starkey in 1970 in his garage in Minneapolis
- Starkey now employs 3500 world wide, \$1billion sales annually



# Starkey Hearing Foundation

- Starkey Hearing Foundation: Est. 1984
- 1 million children within the first 10 years
- Currently fitting 100,000 children / year
- Associated with: Pros for Africa, World Serve International, Clinton Foundation, Look to the Stars

# Robillard Hearing Centres

- Est. 1958 by John H. Robillard
- 1989 – began working w/ Starkey Hearing Technologies
- 2007 – RHC & Starkey relationship developed with the emergence of Destiny circuitry
- Why Starkey? Starts with ownership, Bill Austin

# Starkey Hearing Foundation

- Canadian team: Jason Toone, Executive Director of Starkey Canada
- Only team made up of Clinicians
- Bill's "Go To Team"



# China Mission

- 2011 meeting between Ms Tao & Bill Austin at the Starkey Hearing Foundation Gala



# Starkey Hearing Foundation

- Starkey Mission to China realized in July 2012, officially recognized by the People's Government of China
- Canadian Team, originally scheduled for Palestine, was recruited, with several new additions: myself, Julia, Dallas Austin, Mike Popp & Family and Kent Taylor and his wife



[www.Starkeyhearingfoundation.org](http://www.Starkeyhearingfoundation.org)

- August 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, Hong Kong, Excelsior Hotel



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- Officially received August 16<sup>th</sup>, Beijing by the Chinese Government at the Westin Hotel
- First fitting day would begin 2 days later in Xian, and then Chengdu
- 6400 people mainly children fitted with hearings

# Videos

- <http://www.hearingisbelieving.com/2012/10/video-china-hearing-mission-2012-starkey-foundation/>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmE8dIIXLLk>