

Rejuvenate!

RenKang's greatest gift – new life at Christmas

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh...

It's Christmas Eve at RenKang Hospital in Dongguan, China, and despite it being a foreign holiday in this part of the world, there's a very real Christmas party on the go – not to mention an equally real sense of peace, joy, new life and goodwill sweeping through the establishment's rooms and corridors.

That's not surprising, either, as so-called Western patients – from as far afield as Australia and the USA – at the renowned cancer treatment hospital in the country's south-west take time out to celebrate the feast of Christmas, reflect on their lives and look ahead to a 'new birth' characterised by brighter and healthier times.

They come together as kindred spirits, all having experienced the 'death sentence' that comes with a cancer diagnosis and the failure of traditional chemotherapy and radiation treatments to arrest the disease.

There's Andrea, who has her husband, daughter, son-in-law and two adorable



Staff, patients and their families celebrate the true meaning of Christmas – a new life filled with love, hope and joy.

little grandchildren by her side, the family members having flown in from Australia to fulfil her wishes of "a happy life ahead, with every Christmas spent with those I love the most."

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Then there's Philippe, a quiet and contemplative IT professional who is beginning to see his prayers for a healthy body being answered. Before coming to RenKang, he'd been crippled with advanced stomach cancer that made eating and digesting real food impossible – now he's snacking on Christmas fare and both he and his taste buds couldn't be happier!

Another patient, Will, encapsulates the spirit of Christmas and the nativity with his dream. While eternally grateful for the people of RenKang and his recovery, he hopes for a world where every boy and girl, across every nation, enjoys a loving and happy childhood.

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They greet each other warmly, engage in heartfelt conversation and share a good many laughs. They've all walked through the valley of death and emerged with the miracle of life intact – and all are filled with new hope.

And they all credit just one special treatment for their newfound zest for life – RenKang's famed Sono-photodynamic Therapy – or SPDT – therapy.

As the world's latest cancer treatment, RenKang Hospital's SPDT combines traditional and centuries-old Chinese medicine with small doses of chemotherapy and a number of interventional therapies in the fight against all kinds of tumours.

Indeed, it is fair to say that the advanced science and technology that lies behind today's SPDT treatment is delivering astounding results in combating even the most invasive and aggressive forms of cancer.

Christmas, as we all know, is a time of giving – and RenKang Hospital has just given Andrea, Philippe and Will the greatest gift of all...

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