

# GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

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An international Good Samaritan Day was created in order to honour Good Samaritans, promote the acquisition and maintenance of first aid skills, and further the introduction Good Samaritan laws worldwide, and in so doing help create strong communities where people help each other - friends, relatives, neighbours and strangers alike.

We believe the right attitude is summed up by our slogan: "Do small things with great love."

Good Samaritan Day was founded by Richard Lutz as a result of seeing video from a security camera of an incident in

China on October 13th, 2011, in which a young girl named Wang Yue was run over by two vehicles in a market street in Foshan, Guangdong province, and ignored by 18 passersby until an elderly woman named Chen Xianmei, a recycler, came to her aid.

The little girl, known as "Yue Yue", had wandered away from her home while her mother, Qu Feifei, had rushed outside to collect washing during a thunderstorm. Ms Qu arrived on the scene soon after Ms Chen stopped to help. Yue Yue died of her injuries eight days later.

## First Aid Training

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies provide first aid training and sell a wide range of first aid kits.

## Emergency Kit

1. A small first aid kit available from the Red Cross and Red Crescent (add six Jelly Babies for diabetics).
2. A rescue tool like the Spyderco Assist is ideal for quickly and safely cutting seat belts, rope and clothing. It also has a tungsten carbide glass breaker for breaking car windows and an emergency whistle built into the handle.
3. A small 'AA' battery powered flashlight with an SOS flasher function like the Fenix LD12 is ideal for emergency use.
4. A mobile phone with GPS like the Nokia C5-00 helps the emergency services quickly locate the user in an emergency.
5. A road map helps you direct emergency services to your location or find a nearby hospital.



Wang Yue with her mother, Qu Feifei.

"There is no better way to thank God for your sight than to give a helping hand to someone in the dark."

- Helen Keller

## FURTHER READING

*The American Red Cross First Aid & Safety Handbook.*

*The Courage to Care: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust,* Carol Ritter and Sondra Myers (editors), New York University Press, 1986.

## AIMS OF GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

1. Honour Good Samaritans like Chen Xianmei.
2. Promote the acquisition and maintenance of first aid skills.
3. Further the introduction of Good Samaritan laws worldwide.
4. Create strong communities where people help each other.



Painting: 'The Good Samaritan' by Stephen Sawyer.