

# FROM CHINA TO COLORADO: NEW HOPE FOR EYES

”Everything old is new again!”

In Old Colorado City, just west of Colorado Springs, a slender, laughing, 40-year-old Chinese woman is seeking to give hope to those suffering from certain eye problems.

When Dr. Nawei Jiang left China in 1999 to come to America, she was nationally acclaimed. How did this remarkable woman attain such fame?

Her story begins in the province of Jilin in northeast China - close to Mongolia and Russia. The oldest of three children - one sister, one brother - she was reading and being taught music by the age of four. It was the time of Chairman Mao, and her parents were obliged to work on a farm, but Nawei continued to study music for the next five years.

Her parents found increasingly good music teachers for her and, at the age of 14, she passed the national test for professional music and art. Her studies took her to Chang Chun, the largest city in Jilin Province. Within six months, her father arrived to discuss her future with her. Chairman Mao had died, and choices needed to be made. She would no longer have to work a mandatory three to four years on a farm when she became 18.

Each year, a nationwide test was held on July 5, 6 and 7 to determine the studies for which students could apply. These tests were held under the strictest conditions. Body checks were done, and doctors were available to treat those who fainted from stress(!). Subjects included Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Language, etc. (She chose Russian !)

Ten business days later, scores were announced. She and her father debated about her direction: pure Western Medicine? Architecture? She chose a combination of Western and Chinese Medicine and, at the age of 17, began six years of study.

A prize student, she continued on with three more years of study, receiving a Master's degree in 1990. She was one of only five students attaining that degree. She then moved on to the University Hospital for another five years. During that time, she married and had a son, David.

By the time she had received a Ph.D in the very “European” city of Harbin, she had begun to search for the “best teacher”, feeling that she could move beyond all of her studies. She found Zhang Jin, Chairman of the Acupuncture Society and, also, a western surgeon. His knowledge was vast, and he was an acknowledged master in his field. He initially refused to teach her, believing that a woman with a family could not fully devote herself to his method. She convinced him.

What he taught to her was Shao Shan Huo - SET FIRE TO THE MOUNTAIN - an ancient method of healing. He believed that, while the basic technique might be taught, the practitioner had to also have a gift - had to have a certain strong power in the hands. He refused to give students a key to this, laughing that they had to find it in themselves - or not! (Many believe that this practice is non-existent. Nawei Jiang, however, became the only known practitioner).

Mastering her practice, Dr. Jiang joined the Ophthalmology Department at the University Hospital of TCM - Hei Long Jiang Province. While there, she began to use SET FIRE TO THE MOUNTAIN. Several practitioners from America began to follow her, and launched a campaign to bring her to America to teach.

Meanwhile, news of her work spread. Articles began to appear in Chinese newspapers (notoriously strict in their journalistic codes). Those seeking her help telephoned newspapers and journalists in an attempt to locate her. Finally, some would actually appear on her doorstep, having flown in from such places as Mongolia. By 1997 and 1998, people were seeking her out from all over China.

In October of 1998, she received her American visa. She and her family arrived in Colorado shortly thereafter. She had been convinced to give seminars at the Colorado School of Chinese Medicine in Denver. She soon found a home in Colorado Springs, and began practicing acupuncture from her own clinic.

Nawei Jiang's particular use of acupuncture and herbal therapy offers good health and hope to those who may not have had either!

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Nawei Jiang is an M.D. in China, a Licensed Acupuncturist in America, and the first female Ph.D. in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Acupuncture in China. She was the Vice-President of the Chinese Acupuncture Society - and has a Bachelor of Chinese Medicine degree, a Master's degree, and a Ph.D. in Special Acupuncture Techniques.

She has practiced acupuncture since 1987. Her discoveries have been published in “The Chinese Single Point Treatment with Acupuncture”.

“Dr. Jiang is the first Doctor to use this special technique (called “Set Fire to the Mountain and Cool the Heavens”) for ocular degeneration....with this treatment, when the needles are inserted, a warm feeling radiates out from the needle point to the entire body....Dr. Nawei uses this technique combined with the direction of the body's energy to heal....”

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