

# 12/8/2009 Fuzhou City Social Welfare Institution Interview

## Report

### 1. Background Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Zhou Ling (周凌)
- b) **Institution Vice-Directors:** Zhou Youping (周幼平)
- c) **Head of the Children's Department:** Fu Suhua (付素华)
- d) **Heads of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Wang Lao (王芳) and Huang Qing (黄青) interview foster families once a month.
- e) **Number of Children:** Amity sponsors 16 children for foster care, the Holt sponsors 40 children for foster care, and 50 children live at the Institution (this number often fluctuates)

### 2. Overall Impression

The Fuzhou Social Welfare Institution built a new building on their grounds in 2007. In 2008, all of the children living at the Institution were moved into this new building. Amity Grandmas work in the physical therapy rooms on the first floor. (See pictures below.)



### 3. Interviews

- a) Interviewed 16 foster children and their foster families. A report and photo of each child will be sent to their individual sponsors.
- b) Interviewed scholarship child FWH This is a deaf boy attending a special education school. He is a cheerful, lively, smart boy. He gets along well

with his classmates at school and participates actively in various school organizations. He is also rather mischievous and likes to roughhouse with his friends. He was held back a grade this year and is re-taking second grade. His teacher says that his grades were too low to allow him to advance, mainly because he plays too much and doesn't pay attention during class. If he would only apply himself more to studies, his grades would surely improve! Right now his grades are mediocre; he usually scores about 80 points on his exams. His sign language is quite good and he's much more fluent than before and can express himself quickly and accurately.



- c) We were unable to meet FHZ another scholarship child, as she was doing an internship at a hospital in Shenzhen. The Institution did not have a recent picture of her.
- d) Met with the two Amity "Hugging Grannies". Both work half days on Monday through Friday.

Wu Fangni works to rehabilitate disabled children and also to develop their cognitive abilities. In this photo she is working with a girl who has cerebral palsy. She can talk to people using simple words and expressions and has full use of both of her hands; however, she cannot stand or walk. Grandma Wu massages her legs everyday and has her practice standing up. After a long period of massage therapy, the muscles in her legs are no longer as tight as before. Grandma Wu is also teaching this child how to count and recognize colours and she is always very interested in these sessions!



Liu Pinghua also works to rehabilitate disabled children and to develop their cognitive abilities. In her photo she is also working with a girl with cerebral palsy. She cannot speak and doesn't really understand everyday conversation, and last time we saw her she could only walk along a railing or wall. Now, after therapy with Grandma Liu, she can walk on her own (though a bit unsteadily). This girl likes to play with toys like brightly-colored wood blocks and she especially likes it when Grandma Liu plays with her.

