

# 11/8/2010 Fuzhou Social Welfare Institute Report

## 1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Zhou Ling (周凌)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Zhou Youping (周幼平)
- c) **Head of the Children's Division:** Fu Suhua (付素华)
- d) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Wang Lao (王劳) and Huang Qing (黄青) visit the Institute's foster families once a month. They make note of any special circumstances they discover.
- e) **Number of Children:** Amity sponsors 11 children for foster care, while Holt International provides infant formula for almost 40 other foster children. Approximately 40 children reside at the Institute itself (this number often fluctuates).

## 2. Foster Care Overall Impression

There are more than 50 foster children in the Fuzhou welfare institute, and two NGOs (Amity Foundation and Holt) are providing support. There are now more children with disabilities, the mildly disabled children are sponsored by Holt and some severely disabled children are cared for in institute. This is because their disabilities will bring many difficulties to a foster family and few of them could accept the children with this severity of disabilities.

## 3. Interviews

- a) Met with the deaf boy we are sponsoring in school (his individual report will be sent to his sponsor):



b) Met with 2 Amity Grandmas.



Amity Grandmother Wu is responsible for the rehab and cognitive ability of the children with disabilities. She works frequently with this girl (in photo above) who is very attached to Grandma Wu and loves her attention. This girl has made progress on body and hand dexterity and the ability to hold things. Her language development is progressing and she can have some simple communication with people and she especially likes to tell grandma Wu things. She isn't able to walk and needs ongoing physical therapy. With Grandma Wu's help, on the day we visited, we could see that she could stand for a longer time. Grandma Wu will keep encouraging her when she feels tired so she can continue to improve.



Amity Grandmother Liu Pinghua works together with Grandma Wu in helping the children's intellectual development and daily rehab practice. The child in the above in the above photo often works with Grandmother Liu and likes her very much. Whenever Grandma Liu comes, this girl goes to her and grabs her hand. With the help of the Granny this girl can now walk independently (although slowly, faster if she has a hand to hold). When she is bored or tired and not cooperating well with her rehab

Grandma Liu will play with her and figure out some new way to make the rehab practice more fun. With these fresh and interesting methods she has made much more progress compared to the beginning. Now she can take steps on the stairs with Grandma Liu's encouragement which she was afraid to even try at the beginning. We believe that she will keep making progress on rehab with the support of Grandma Liu.

- c) Met with 11 foster children and their foster families. Individual reports with a photo of the child and foster mother will be sent to each sponsor.

Here's one of our foster children who was premature and initially weak and getting sick frequently. Now because of her foster mother's "very thoughtful care and good feeding, she is much better than before and seldom gets sick, she likes smiling and is not afraid of strangers."



And here is another girl thriving in her foster family (she has cerebral palsy):

