

Ganzhou Social Welfare Institute

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Zhou Bo from the Amity Foundation office in Nanjing traveled to Jiangxi province in July to meet with our Jiangxi coordinator. They visited four of the orphanages together and Ganzhou was one of these.

They visited our sponsored foster children in their foster homes and an individual report on each child was sent to their sponsor. This foster child is described as a lovely girl who likes singing opera very much. She can sing the Caicha opera and Yue opera. Since her grandma likes opera she has learned much from her. When we visited her, she did one Yue opera for us in the community where the neighbors gathered to see and to talk with us about her. She is famous for in the community for being a good singer. She practices singing opera every evening after finishing her homework. She is quite mature for her age. She also interested in dancing and her foster mother requested some extra support so she could take a class for dancing.



We have five “Hugging Grannies” working in the toddler’s room and the room with older children with disabilities. Every Grandma is quite familiar with the children they take care of. In the toddler’s room, Grandma Qi Hongying told us that there are three children there that were born with congenital heart disease. They need very intensive care, especially in hot weather. One has had surgery and her health is gradually improving. The other two children with severe heart disease have not yet been able to have surgery in the local hospital due to their complicated situation. The orphanage director and doctor have tried to see the doctors for them in the hospital in Nanchang. The Amity staff will also contact the doctor in Nanjing Children’s hospital to see if there is any way to get treatment for them there. The director also worried about if the children are able to stand the long trip from Ganzhou to Nanjing but Amity staff will work hard to find them the best care they can.





In the older children with disabilities room there were ten children that day. This was girl was excited to meet us. She showed us that she can walk with help with walker and Grandma Zhou Longxiao told us that this girl is able to walk to the balcony and go to the toilet by herself. It is really a great progress for her but she still needs help for the steps to downstairs. Her self-help skills are improving a great deal. Thanks to the Amity Grandmas' daily care and sustained effort for these children their lives are much improved. Although the children are

disabled they regard the children as their own grandchildren. They are proud to talk with people about the improvement of the children. The Grannies are happy and think it is worthy to be with these children.