

July 24, 2009 Gao'an Social Welfare Institute Trip Report

1. General Information:

1. Head of Institute: Huang Zhiyong
2. Vice Head of Institute, Foster Care Program Coordinator: Ao Chunjing
3. Orphan Population: This institute has more than 20 children. Within these 20, Amity gives sponsorships to 13 of them; the institute gives sponsorships to more than 10 of them. 2-3 children stay in the institute itself. (Often varies.)
4. Medical Check-up Status: On the 20th of every month foster mothers will bring their children to a set medical place to receive check-ups and vaccines.

2. Overall Impression:

1. Foster Families: The foster families in Gao'an are situated inside the city and also in the surrounding suburban area. The living conditions of foster families are pretty good, foster parents and foster family's every member are wonderful to foster children; they give great care to their needs. When some of the older foster children have some emotional changes, foster families always understand. Foster families are also attentive to children's education and periodically report to Director Ao each child's progress. Every foster child gets along well with her foster family and have very close relationship with it. Foster parents love the children and adore them greatly.

3. Interviews:

1. Foster Family Visits: Met with 13 children and their families. The report on each child (with a photo) will be sent individually to their foster sponsor and school sponsor.
2. School-Sponsored Children (not in foster care. For example:
 - i. GCH goes to Gao'an's Special Education school. She lives in the school's dorms so she only comes back to the institute once a week. Gao Chenhua is the class president; there are 10 kids in her class. All the children in her class have large age differences. Because she's taller and older than most, she can control the class well. Also, her grades are pretty good so the teacher always appoints her as the class president. She's a helpful and caring student and works hard. Her hobby is basketball. GCH gets along well with her classmates. (see Pic. 1)



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